

Eton Porny C of E First School

Newsletter 11– Autumn Term 2

25th November 2022

We are all created unique and special.

He made us all perfect having our own uniqueness.

1 Peter 4:10-11 "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

Dear Parents/Carers,

As November draws to a close, we are embracing the festive cheer arriving at school. The children had a fabulous time wearing their Christmas jumpers and photos will be available to purchase in support of the PTA next week. We are also preparing for Christingle to be held on Wednesday 14th December at 2:15pm - further details to follow soon. I hope the children enjoyed their trip to the pantomime and Reception sounds like they had a great time in their theatre visit. As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your children have a coat to wear everyday so they can take any opportunity for some important fresh air and exercise during the day to revitalise their minds and keep their bodies active! Wishing everyone a restful weekend.

Emma Stanford-Smith (Headteacher)

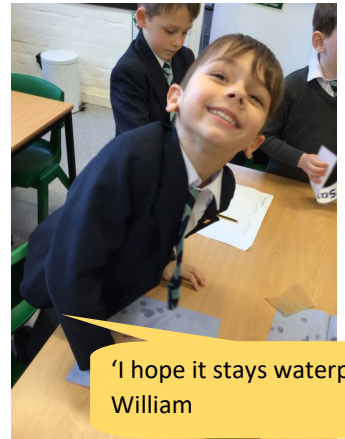
LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

Year One have been working hard on their 'Uses of Materials' Science project. Their final challenge was to create some bunting that was rainproof and would flutter in the breeze. The children tested a variety of different materials and put their findings on a venn diagram to help them decide which materials to use. They decided that greaseproof paper, tinfoil and laminated paper would work best. The children have hung some bunting in the classroom and some outside. They will be observing the bunting over the coming weeks and comparing how the different materials hold up. **Ask me: How do I put information into a venn diagram?**

'I liked testing the materials'
Thomas



'The bunting looks pretty'
Olivia



'I hope it stays waterproof'
William

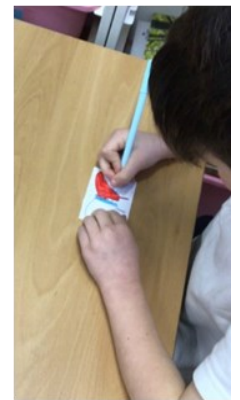
In **Year 2** we have been learning about animal adaptations in Science this week. We learnt about why adaptation is so important to different animals to ensure their survival and the different ways they do this. We then spent time decorating some moths, we decorated some that were not camouflaged and some that were. After we hid them in the garden, some Year 4 'predators' arrived to see how many moths they could hunt! **Ask me: what are some of the different ways animals have adapted?**



'We made 64 moths,
but they only found
48!' Mila



'Some animals have bright col-
ours to warn other animals that
they are poisonous.' Nivaan



'We made lots of
moths, some with
bright colours.' Rafi

Year 3 have worked hard to complete their 'Bell Beaker' inspired clay pots this week. They used the clay skills practised last week to mould their creations. Then they peer-assessed their creations considering form and pattern, and gave feedback on what worked well. The children are looking forward to bringing them home next week! **Ask me: What are the steps to creating a clay pot?**



To make the pots we made coils and pinched to make it smooth. **Zeb**

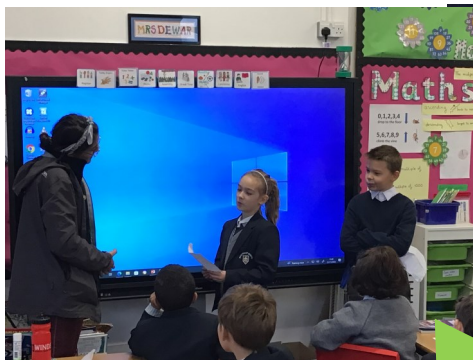


'Art was enjoyable because I was good at it!' **Gabriel**



I really enjoyed making our pots, even though mine didn't work out as I planned! **Bertille**

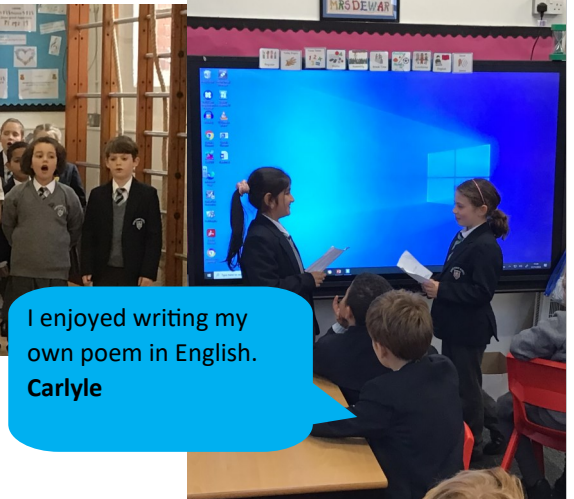
Year 4 have been learning about climate zones in Geography this week. They have used the atlas to learn about climate in North and South America. In Healthy Minds, Coach Fizz talked to the children about good and bad listening and they were able to role play and work on their good listening skills. In English the children listened to the sound track of a story and tried to guess what the story was about. They enjoyed writing their own stories to match the sound track. **Ask me: What are the different climate zones?**



I like working out area in Maths. **Archie R**



It is frustrating and exciting guessing what is going to happen in the story in English. **Archie M**



I enjoyed writing my own poem in English. **Carlyle**

This week **Reception** have been inventing their own marvellous machines using the junk modelling materials that parents kindly donated. We have also been reading the book 'Rosie Revere, Engineer' by Andrea Beaty. On Wednesday, we went on a train trip to observe moving machines and discuss how they help us. **Ask me: What does and inventor do?**



The dispatcher at the station showed us all of his equipment and told us about his job **Raye**



We went on a train trip! **Arishe**

We saw lots of things on our journey **Jasleen**



The trains went really fast! **Emmery**

FORTHCOMING DATES

Thur 1st Dec	Christmas Wreath Making
Thur 8th Dec	PTA School Christmas Disco (for pupils)
Mon 12th Dec	Express Events all year groups 2:45pm
Wed 14th Dec	Christingle - 2.15pm (more details to follow)
Fri 16th Dec	Last day of term finish at 1:15pm



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Latest news from the PTA – A note from your new Co-Chairs

The PTA held their AGM on 3rd November. It was really well attended, and it was great to see some familiar faces and quite a few new faces, thanks to everyone that attended. Susie Kelsall has held the position of chair since 2019 and after 3 years she has decided to step down. The PTA, and I'm sure the whole school community, would like to express their sincere thanks to Susie for all of the hard work that she has put into this role, the PTA is thriving, and this is largely down to her leadership. Jaz Brar and I have agreed to share the role of Chair, we are really looking forward to working together and continuing the great work of the PTA.

Jaz has two children at school, Alyssa is in year 1 and Amelia in year 3. I also have two children at the school, Dylan is in year 1 and Charlotte in year 3. The PTA is planning to meet once a term, the next one being in the first 3 weeks of January, exact date TBC. These will be informal, social meetings, if anyone is interested in joining the PTA or just volunteering on an ad hoc basis, or if you have any suggestions for fundraising or how we can improve as a PTA, please let us know. Feel free to speak to us at drop off / pick up or you can contact me on 07931 537232 or simply turn up at one of the meetings.

That's all for now, we will be sending out some regular updates which will include details on how much the PTA raises and what we spend it on. Finally, thanks for all of your support to date, whether that has been baking cakes, volunteering to help out at an event, buying raffle tickets or preloved uniform, paying for your children to attend a PTA event etc etc – all monies raised gets re-invested into the school which enhances the experience that all of our children receive at Eton Porny.

Best wishes
Pete Lewis & Jaz Brar

CELEBRATION

The results of this week's celebration awards

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Reception: Elisa and Aliza
Year 1: Olivia and Róisín
Year 2: Alice and Holly
Year 3: Henry and Zahra
Year 4: Amelia and Hannah

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Reception: Emmery
Year 1: Jacob
Year 2: Nivaan
Year 3: Gabriel
Year 4: Rennel



**A huge well done to all of these children.
We are really proud of you.**



Spotlight On.....

Children's Mental Health

Mental health is discussed openly with the children at Eton Porny. We know that good mental health is as important as good physical health. We understand that when children are stressed or fearful, they are least able to learn and think clearly.

It's a worrying statistic that 1 in 6 children aged 5-16 are likely to have a mental health problem (The Children's Society, 2021). Good mental health helps children develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into well-rounded, healthy adults.

Things that can help keep children and young people mentally healthy include:

- being in good physical health, eating a balanced diet and getting regular exercise
- having time and freedom to play, indoors and outdoors
- being part of a family that gets along well most of the time
- going to a school that looks after the wellbeing of all its pupils taking part in local activities

Other factors are also important, including feeling loved, trusted, understood and safe. Children who are optimistic, and resilient, have some control over their lives and feel like they belong are more likely to have good mental well-being.

At Eton Porny, work around mental health is completed through various areas of the curriculum and through assemblies and discussion. All staff at Eton Porny have completed a 'Mental Health Champion' training course. Mrs Bergin, is our Mental Health Lead and she completed her Senior Mental Health training last year. We are also lucky enough to have a small group of Year 4 children who are our Mental Health Champions and support other children by offering a 'listening ear'.

For practical advice from child mental health experts, please visit:

[Place2be Parenting](#)

For support, please visit:

[Young Minds](#)

[Anna Freud](#)

Key School Dates 2022-23

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September 15 th Y1+2 teacher/parent coffee morning (9am) 16 th Y3+4 teacher/parent coffee morning (9am) 20 th KS1 curriculum meeting (3:30 and 5:00) 21 st KS2 curriculum meeting (3:30 and 5:00) 29 th EYFS parent workshop (3pm)	October 5 th flu immunisation 17 th Express Event: R, Y1, Y2, Y4 (2:45pm) 18 th Y3 Express event (2pm) 18 th PTA movie night for children (5pm-7pm)	November 2 nd individual school photos 8 th and 10 th Parent consultations 17 th Eton Christmas Lights switch on (year 3 and 4 sing in chapel and parade) 24 th PTA quiz night for parents (The George Pub – Hop House) 25 th Pantomime for Y1,2,3,4	December 1 st 7pm-9pm Christmas Wreath Making for parents 7 th Children's Christmas Dinner 8 th PTA Christmas Disco for children 12 th Express Event: all year groups (2:45pm) 14 th Christingle Lower Chapel 2:15pm parents welcome
January	February TBC PTA Film Night 9 th Express Event: all year groups (2:45pm)	March 2 nd World Book Day – Optional Dressing up 7 th and 9 th Parent consultations wk beg 13 th PTA Event 'Great British Bake Off' 30 th Express Event: all year groups (2:45pm)	April wk beg 17 th PTA sponsored event 26 th – 28 th PGL residential Y3 and Y4
May Yr2 SATs (date TBC) PTA Film Night 25 th 24 th Express Event: all year groups (9am)	June Yr1 Phonics Screening (date TBC) 28 th Sports day and PTA Summer Fair	July Wk beg 3 rd Summer Disco Meet the teacher/transition day(for children – date TBC) 14 th Express Event: R-Y3 (2:45pm) 17 th Reports to Parents 17 th Yr4 fair (for children) 17 th Yr4 leavers dinner (for children) 19 th Yr4 leavers assembly and picnic	Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. It may be added to as the year goes on. Dates and times could change and we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible.



Free Stay and Play sessions for
children under 5 accompanied by
an adult

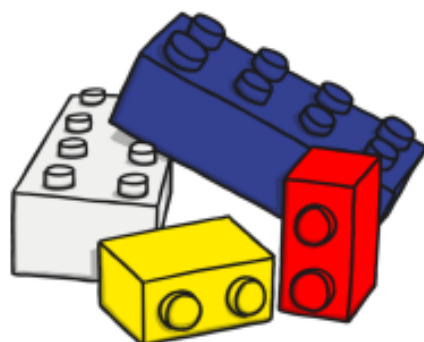
Craft



Music



Toys



Stories



Sweet Treat



Tea & Coffee



9-10:15am in Eton Porny school hall
Last Wednesday of the month:
30th November, 25th January, 22nd February



Eton Porny C of E First School



Are you looking for a Reception place for September 2023?

Eton Porny is a small, friendly mainstream state school, in the heart of the historic community of Eton. We believe that every child is unique and special and we strive to enable each child to achieve their potential.

Ofsted October 2018: *GOOD* Overall

**with *OUTSTANDING* 'Effectiveness of Leadership Management'
and *OUTSTANDING* 'Personal development, behaviour & welfare'**

Open Mornings 9.30am:

Wednesday 28th September

Friday 14th October

Thursday 3rd November

Tuesday 15th November

Thursday 1st December

Monday 12th December

Friday 6th January

***We would love to welcome you to our school - please contact the
School Office to book any of the sessions listed above
on 01753 861995 or office@etonporny.com***