



Eton Porny C of E First School

Newsletter 13 – Autumn Term 2

8th December 2023

*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, It has been another extremely busy week full of lots of excitement in the build up to the Christmas holidays. It was so lovely to welcome so many of you to our Express event, we hope you enjoyed seeing what the children have been up to and I know the children enjoy welcoming you in to school to see the great work they have been doing. The Reception children were joined by other children from Eton Wick first school to enjoy a festive pantomime. The children were buzzing with excitement and from the cheers and laughter I could hear from the hall it sounded like they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Only one week to go until the Christmas break and the festivities will continue next week with our whole school Christmas lunch on Wednesday the 13th and the Christingle service on Thursday the 14th at 2.30 at the Lower Chapel.

Please take a note of the new PE days for next term further down in the Newsletter.

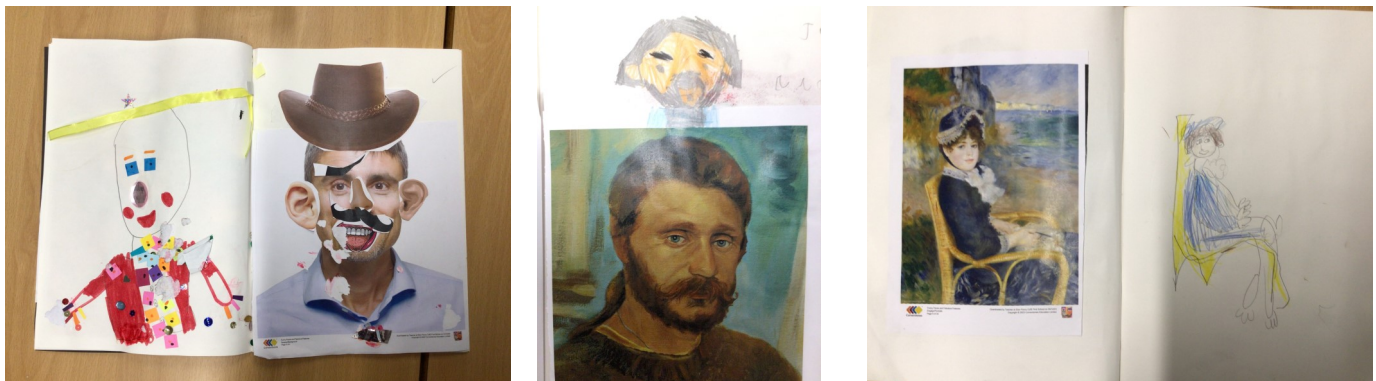
Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Emma Stanford-Smith (Headteacher)

LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

Year 1 have been enjoying their Art topic 'Funny Faces, Fabulous Features.' They have been learning all about portraits and have had the opportunity to use collage to create some portraits as well as pencil sketches for self-portraits. The children have learnt about some famous portraits and have had the opportunity to compare portraits and recreate them.

Ask me: Can you name any famous artists?



Year 2 have been learning about the features of 3D shapes including edges, faces and vertices. In art, children continued practising their still life art skills by sketching a range of objects in their chosen composition. We concluded our Movers and Shakers topic by creating a memorial for Florence Nightingale and considering more widely what we had learnt over the course of the last few weeks. Children have really enjoyed their learning this half term and they should be proud of their academic progress.

Ask me: can you describe the properties of some 3D shapes?



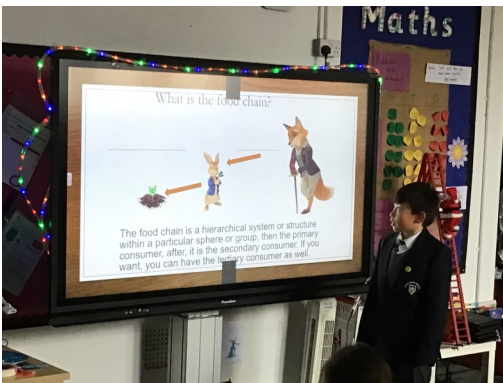
Year 3 have been solving multiplicative and division problems, from calculating 2's, 5's and 10's to 8 times tables. We have been using counters, drawing bar models and number lines to support our answers in Reasoning questions. We have also really enjoyed Geography this week, recapping what we knew about countries and capital cities in Europe to understanding how different types of land are used. In French, we learned how to pronounce and understand the different colours in French.

Ask me: What are the five main types of land use?



Year 4 enjoyed their marble jar treat, visiting Windsor Castle to see the Christmas tree. Whilst at the castle the children went behind the scenes to see the grand kitchen. On the way up from the kitchens the children met a lady called Rachel who was busy putting the plates back after the recent State Banquet at Buckingham Palace. Each plate was decorated with a bird and all the plates were different. In the classroom the children really enjoyed their healthy breakfast taste test. They will be making their own smoothie and porridge next week.

Ask me: How many plates are needed for a state banquet?



Reception have been on their first school trip! We walked from school to Windsor & Eton train station where we took the train to Slough and back. When we returned to school we drew pictures of what we could see out of the train window and tried to use our phonics to write down what our favourite part was. On Friday we also enjoyed a visit from a theatre company who performed The Not So Ugly Duckling and we LOVED it, what a fun way to finish the week!

Ask me: what was your favourite part of the train trip?



FORTHCOMING DATES

13th December	Christmas Lunch (All Years)
14th December	Christingle Service, Lower Chapel 2:15 for a 2:30 start
15th December	Last day of term— 1.10 Finish
3rd January	Children Return To School

PE DAYS FOR AFTER CHRISTMAS

Reception—FRIDAY

Year 1 and 2 – WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

Year 3— MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Year 4—Swimming from MONDAY 8TH for 10 weeks.

Normal PE TUEDAY.

Years 1 and 2 will start PE on Wednesday the 3rd of January

CELEBRATION

The results of this week's celebration awards

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Reception: Sia and Sulemaan

Year 1: Emmery and Theo

Year 2: Ameerah and Aryan

Year 3: Maximilian and Boris

Year 4: Amelia and Luke

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Reception: Violet

Year 1: Musa

Year 2: Muskan

Year 3: Edward

Year 4: Charlotte

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



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Anxiety In Children

What is anxiety? It is worries, fears or nervousness in response to potentially threatening situations or things. Anxiety is a normal and helpful emotion but sometimes it becomes a problem when it occurs in situations where it is not needed and it often comes with physical symptoms

When anxiety becomes a problem, we start to see it interfere with day-to-day life, particularly in areas such as:

- Social life/friendships e.g. avoiding going to a friend's house because of a fear of their pet dogs**
- Hobbies and leisure time e.g. feeling unable to go to clubs due to anxiety around new people**
- Academic performance e.g. being unable to concentrate in class due to worrying**
- Mood e.g. being more irritable or hitting out when put in anxiety-provoking situations**
- Family e.g. parents sleeping in their child's bed due to separation anxiety**

There are many ways to support your child, for example, by not feeding into anxiety by 'over reassuring'; by using distraction; making a 'worry list' and discussing it and also, by gradually facing fears - identifying a final goal and breaking it down into small, manageable steps to reach it!

For more support:

Anxiety Uk has lots of useful information: [Anxiety Uk](#)

Helping with your child with fears and worries is an excellent book recommended by psychologists in RBWM to support childhood anxiety: [Helping your child with fears and worries](#)

RBWM also run a course for parents, designed to support childhood anxiety: [Managing my child's anxiety course](#)

If you are concerned about your child's anxiety and would like to discuss it, please make an appointment with the office to speak to Mrs Bergin, who is our Mental Health Lead.

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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