

This week's Big Talk...

What can we recycle, reuse or reduce?

Head Teacher's Comment – from Helen Davies

It's been a very varied week in school with lots of different activities going on. The children have been full of enthusiasm and have been striding ahead with their learning.

Our key stage 2 children had a fantastic day yesterday learning all about recycling from our visitor 'Michael Recycle.' This was followed by junk modelling workshops where the children made some brilliant and inventive bird feeders. There was also a visit from a recycling van with the children being able to climb in the cab and watch the different lifters and compactors being operated. They all seemed to be having a great time and came up with some wonderful recycling ideas!

We have another exciting visit to the school next week too with the East Anglia air ambulance coming in on Thursday. The children will be taught some basic first aid by the air ambulance crew. There will also be an opportunity for parents to learn some first aid with a parent share session from 2.15pm. What a wonderful opportunity this is!

Just a little reminder that the school will break up for half term next Friday.

Latest news from Isle of Ely Primary School...

- ❖ We have a new piano and violin 1:1 teacher starting with the school soon. More information will be sent out shortly.
- ❖ The school are currently recruiting a new class teacher. Please contact the school office on admin@isleofelyprimary.org if you would like further information.
- ❖ As a school we are working together to collect the ALDI Kit for Schools stickers. Please hand any stickers you may have in to the class teachers. If we are able to collect 300 stickers we will receive an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win £20,000 for the school.
- ❖ Unfortunately Mrs Davies is unwell at the moment. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her after half term.

Dates for your diary...

Next week:

- Wednesday 16th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 2pm
- Thursday 17th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 2pm
- Thursday 17th October – 1st Aid training with the EA Air Ambulance
- Friday 18th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 9.30am
- Friday 18th October – Year 5 attending the Safety Zone at Ely Fire Station
- Friday 18th October – last day of half term

Forward Planning:

- Monday 21st to Friday 25th October – Half Term
- Tuesday 29th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 10am
- Wednesday 30th October – Open Session for Y20 intake at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 30th October – Science with Parents 8.30-9.30am
- Friday 1st November – PTA Fireworks night at 5.30pm
- Wednesday 4th December – Touring theatre pantomime production of Beauty and the Beast at school

Head teacher's Award

Ladybird Class – Maya for using her new sounds to build words, well done to her!

Butterfly Class – Annie-Lou for working so hard, well done to her!

Dragonfly Class – Vivienne for explaining and proving her maths answers, well done to her!

Bumblebee Class – Gabriel for beautiful in time singing and using all the actions, well done to him!

Spider Class – Lilly for working independently and remaining focused, well done to her!

Caterpillar Class – Chloe for trying very hard at portioning in maths, well done to her!

Wasp Class – Freja for her amazing progress in writing, well done to her!

Earwig Class – Harry for his consistently high standards, well done to him!

Moth Class – Jake for working really hard at improving his presentation, well done to him!

Grasshopper Class – Billy for joining his writing neatly using cursive, well done to him!

Ant Class – Ollie for his amazing dedication to his learning, well done to him!

Mayfly Class – Coby for his growing confidence and determination, well done to him!

What we've done this week...

Little Elvers: This week we have explored the theme 'Autumn'. We have created handprint hedgehogs, investigated autumn items with magnifying glasses and explored stick painting.

Reception: What a week! A superhero has been seen flying around reception and left his cape. We are hoping to catch the superhero on camera..... In literacy we have been looking at the beginning, middle and end sounds within words. In maths we have been finding total amounts and building with shapes. Next week our Big question will be, What can you see when travelling? Your child will be bringing home a reading book next week. These are to be returned after half term. Reading books can be changed daily but need to be changed 2 to 3 times a week. Please make sure you return the reading book with the record book and plastic wallet, thank you.

Year One: This week in Year 1 we have begun to look at addition and subtraction and multiple ways to solve and represent these symbols. We have also began looking at the underlying patterns in stories and identified where these could be found in 'Old Bear'. Additionally, we explored old and new toys evaluating their properties, their fun levels and whether we would like to purchase them. As a year group we have also completed their music performance for 'Hey You', ask them at home to show you, they were fantastic!

Year Two: Year 2 have been working very hard this week. We have focused on a number of different areas of learning. In geography we have been using an atlas to find out information about the 4 countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities. In maths we are getting really good at partitioning numbers into tens and ones. We have been labelling different parts of a dragon in English. This is the start of a 2 week block of planning and next week we will be writing our own dragon poem. We have noticed that in their writing the children often spell the words was, saw and when incorrectly. Therefore, we have been working on the correct spelling of these words. Please, please, please can children bring their reading books to school everyday.

Year Three: This week we have been using our writers' tool kit to write our journey story. It has been very exciting to see how much our writing skills have improved over this unit of work. We have even had some children decide that they would now like to write their own book! In maths we have been exploring which resources we can use you to help us with our addition and subtract, then practising applying this skills to solve word problems. Our science unit on forces has culminated in us designing our own get-away vehicles, using our knowledge of forces.

Year Four: This week in Year 4 we have been learning how to place numbers on a number line. The children have worked hard to understand a variety of these, and have place numbers up to 10,000! In English, we have been writing a class version of the Sulus text and have started to plan our own warning stories following the same structure. As part of our Science lessons, the children have been exploring how magnets work and have carried out investigations to find out which materials are magnetic. We have also been learning about friction and tested a range of materials to see which of them created the most friction. On Thursday, we were very lucky to have some visitors from East Cambs District Council Recycling and Waste unit, who worked with the children to teach them all about the importance of recycling. We were shown how to make our own bird feeders and also had the chance to look around a recycle truck.

Year Five: This Week, Year 5 have started to look back at their trip to West Stow from last week which was an amazing success. We are very proud of the questions and attitude the children had throughout the trip and were complimented by the staff at West Stow for this. We have started to look into recount writing based around the trip and what features we can find in diary entries. We have also started our History topic on the Anglo Saxons and their lives in Britain.

PTA News

Diary dates:

Next meeting -Thursday 10th October at 6pm

You are all welcome to come along and hear more about what the PTA has been busy with over the last year. This is also a good opportunity to hear about future activity and share your thoughts on what we could focus on for the school community.

Our current Secretary is stepping down next week. If you or any school parents you know are interested, please do email us to find out more about what's involved in the role, prior to next week's meeting.

Halloween cake sale – Wednesday 30th October 3pm

We will be holding a Halloween themed cake sale on Wednesday 30th October at 3pm so please do drop by to pick up some spooky but yummy treats! Cakes are 50p each and as always all cake donations (bought or home-made) are very much appreciated.

Please make sure that any containers you would like returned are clearly labelled with your child's name and class, and remember we are a nut free school. The committee will be on hand to receive any donations at drop off or alternatively please bring your donations along to the stand outside the school office from 2.45pm onwards.

Fireworks event - Friday 1st November, from 5.30 on the school field.

Come and join us for our first ever school fireworks display! Tickets will soon be on sale for this event priced at £10 for a family (two adults and two children) or £5 per adult and £2 per child. For tickets email pta@isleofelyprimary.org

Refreshments and food will be available, including a licenced bar. There will also be games and entertainment and a raffle for a 'barrel of booze' where you can win a wheelbarrow filled with a variety of alcohol!

We would be grateful for donations of alcohol for the raffle. Please hand in any donations to the school office.

Thanks for your support!

Next PTA meeting and AGM

The next PTA meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 10th October at 6pm and will incorporate the Annual General Meeting (AGM). All parents and carers are welcome to attend and we hope to see lots of you there. At the AGM we will appoint the committee members for the next year. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please get in touch with us. We are an informal and friendly group which welcomes new members. Joining the PTA is a great way to have fun while supporting the school and coming along to our informal meetings is also a great way to socialise and meet other parents.

In particular we are seeking a new member to act as Secretary to the Committee. The focus of this role is on communication and record keeping. The Secretary also takes minutes at meetings and records action points.

If you have any questions, or would like to chat to one of the current committee members, please let us know.

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