

This week's Big Talk...

What creepy crawlies have you seen this week...

Head Teacher's Comment – from Helen Davies

The weather may have been rather miserable this week but our children have certainly not been. It's been another positive week in school with the children continuing to make good learning decisions and develop their relationships with each other and their teachers. It is lovely to see how some of our quieter children are growing in confidence as they become more accustomed to their classrooms and routines.

Our Year 1 children have had a wonderful time at their Teddy Bear picnic on Thursday, and what a variety of teddies I saw! Sparkly teddies, giant teddies and tiny ones too, and all with fabulous names.

It sounds like our Year 4 children are having a brilliant time at Boughton Woods. They've particularly enjoyed making their own pizzas and having pancakes for breakfast. They've met and learned about all sorts of creepy crawlies and discovered some fantastic woodland adventures. I can't wait to hear more!

If I could just take this opportunity to remind you about parking. Following complaints from one local resident could we please ask that parents/carers park respectfully in the school vicinity.

Latest news from Isle of Ely Primary School...

- ❖ Can we please remind parents that the office needs to be informed of your child's illness before 9am. This can be done in person, over the phone or via email. This is in addition to telling the class teacher (if you have done so).
- ❖ Consent forms **must** be returned to the school by **Monday 30th September**. If we do not have a returned form saying otherwise consent will be assumed to be negative. This means, amongst other things, that no photos will be taken (including official school photos and class photos) or local excursions permitted for these children.
- ❖ 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.

Dates for your diary...

Next week:

- Friday 4th October – Year 5 trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
- Friday 4th October – Dragonfly attending the Fundamentals Festival at Soham Village College

Forward Planning:

- Wednesday 9th October – Parent Share Session – Maths 8.30am to 9.30am
- Thursday 10th October - Recycling workshop for KS2
- Wednesday 16th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 2pm
- Thursday 17th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 2pm
- Friday 18th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 9.30am
- Friday 18th October – Year 5 attending the Safety Zone at Ely Fire Station
- Monday 21st to Friday 25th October – Half Term
- Thursday 19th December 2019 – Last day of term
- Tuesday 7th January 2020 – First day of term (Monday 6th January is a staff training day)

Head teacher's Award

Ladybird Class – Oscar for creating a shelter list for Hattie the Hedgehog, well done to him!

Butterfly Class – Olivia for sitting so nicely on the carpet, well done to her!

Dragonfly Class – Ines for aiming high with her engaging sentences, well done to her!

Bumblebee Class – Sophie for using lots of imperative verbs, well done to her!

Spider Class – Georgia for listening extremely well & working independently, well done to her!

Caterpillar Class – Amelia for making huge progress in her reading, well done to her!

Wasp Class – Sammy for being motivated in class & working independently, well done to him!

Earwig Class – Lincoln for being resourceful, well done to him!

Moth Class – Harvey for being so polite and caring, well done to him!

Grasshopper Class – Mishka for being extremely polite and helpful, well done to her!

Ant Class – Jessica for her brilliant attitude to learning, well done to her!

Mayfly Class – Toby for concentrating hard and working independently, well done to him!

What we've done this week...

Little Elvers: This week the Little Elvers have continued to explore the theme of 'themselves' with a focus on emotions. They have been exploring what makes them feel happy - sharing their favourite stories with each other and creating different facial expressions using a variety of features. They have continued this through creating faces in mud and using sticks and twigs.

Reception: This week we have been working on the Golden Rule, 'We are gentle'. The children have been using gentle hands and working in teams. Next week our Big Question will be, 'What makes you incredible? Please encourage your share to what makes them incredible or different from others. In literacy this week we have been looking at sounds within rhyming words. We have also been working hard to form the correct pencil grip when using new patterns. In maths we have been looking at our routines, using new mathematical vocabulary. First, next and last. Please encourage your child to dress themselves independently each morning. This will support your child when changing for PE or Forest School.

Year One: This week in Year 1 we have been focussing on instructions. We followed a set of instructions by making a jam sandwich and testing the end product. We then wrote our own instructions for making a jam sandwich and ensured we used lots of imperative 'bossy verbs'.

In Maths we have looked at comparing numbers, we have mastered the symbols $<$ and $=$, allowing us to think about greater than and less than. We were great at this! We have also used this new knowledge to solve lots of different problems and explain our thinking. Finally, we explored our Toy Story theme further by looking at different materials and their properties. Best of all we had a Teddy Bear's Picnic ☺

Year Two: This week we have been working very hard and so we are all feeling a bit tired and under the weather. But this has not stopped us from learning. In Maths we have been learning about how numbers up to 100 can be represented using lots of practical resources and discussion. We have also been remembering the details of our trip to the castle to write a recount in the form of a letter. In phonics we have revisited the 'oi' grapheme. We have found lots of words with 'oi' in them. Our art this week has been inspired by the artist Paul Klee. We have looked at his picture 'The Castle and the Sun'. We have created our own interpretation of this picture using 2D shapes and thinking carefully about the colours we used. We are all trying really hard with our reading. A HUGE thank you to everyone for reading with your child at home. This makes a huge difference to their progress. Enjoy your weekend.

Year Three: Wasp and Earwig classes have been comparing and ordering 3 digit numbers in maths, using base ten, place value tables, place value cards and part, part, whole models to show their understanding. In English they have been thinking about the roles adjectives and adverbs play in sentences and learning when to use speech marks. When you are reading with your child encourage them to put on voices when the characters are speaking – this is a great way to help them pay attention to speech marks! After learning how William planned his attack on Ely we will be attempting to answer our Big Question – 'Was Hereward the Wake a hero or a villain?'

Year Four & Year Five: This week many of our year 4 are enjoying their residential trip. Those remaining have joined their year 5 classmates and have completed their art topic of Anglo Saxon Jewellery by completing a clay replica of a piece of jewellery. We have now begun our Science topic on the properties of materials. In maths, we have looked into ordering numbers of different sizes and have continued to innovate new stories in English based on 'Axe Soup'. We have also been visited by some year 4's this week who have been a welcome contribution and have worked really hard.

PTA News

Diary dates:

Next meeting -Thursday 10th October at 6pm

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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