

This week's Big Talk...

What was your favourite firework?

Acting Head Teacher's Comment – from Laura Fielding

It's been a very productive week in school this week with lots happening. It was lovely seeing so many smiley faces having their photos taken yesterday.

The School Council have also been very busy with the Poppy Donations this week. There are hardly any left! Well done guys, keep up the good work.

Also a reminder that next Friday is Children in Need and the School Council have organised a non-uniform day in support of this. Come in something spotty and bring a suggested donation of £1 that will go to Children in Need. What will you wear? You can be as spotty as you like and I can't wait to see what you all come in.

Well done to the Year 5 football team who demonstrated fantastic team spirit and represented the school with pride.

Thank you to those parents who have sent in weather appropriate clothing for outdoor PE and Forest School. The children do go outside in all weathers so it is essential they have appropriate clothing.

Latest news from Isle of Ely Primary School...

- ❖ Sadly Mrs Bates (Caterpillar class) will be leaving us at Christmas. Whilst she will be missed we wish her all the best on her new adventure.
- ❖ Mr Sinfield will be joining our teaching staff in January. He has done supply work with us previously so is well known to many of our staff and children. He will be coming in to meet both children and parents on Friday 29th November. More information will follow.
- ❖ 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:

- Monday 11th November – Family Worker in 9 to 11am
- Wednesday 13th November – Cross country trials for KS2
- Thursday 14th November – Year 4 and 5 football at NWA
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need.
- Friday 15th November – Year 2 gymnastics at the Hive

Forward Planning:

- Friday 22nd November – Cross Country trials at LECA for KS2
- Monday 25th November – Parents Evening
- Wednesday 27th November – Parents Evening
- Friday 29th November – Open session for 2020 intake
- Wednesday 4th December – Touring theatre pantomime production of Beauty and the Beast at school
- Thursday 19th December 2019 – Last day of term
- Wednesday 8th January 2020 – First day of term (Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January are staff training days)

Head Teachers Awards

Ladybird Class — Jonah for recording his numbers correctly, well done to him!

Butterfly Class — John for working hard at correcting his number formation, well done to him!

Dragonfly Class – Anthony for having a positive week and excellent listening, well done to him!

Bumblebee Class — Darcey for her fantastic firework poetry and art work, well done to her!

Spider Class – Emma for making a fantastic Space book, well done to her!

Caterpillar Class – Flossy for her helpful and kind attitude in class, well done to her!

Wasp Class – Freja for independently noticing number patterns in times tables, well done to her!

Earwig Class – Ella for continuously making a huge effort in her maths, well done to her!

Moth Class – Catherine for working hard on her persuasive writing, well done to her!

Grasshopper Class – Amelie for working very hard on her German vocabulary, well done to her!

Ant Class – Lily for being the most improved TT Rock Star, well done to her!

Mayfly Class – Rowan for progressing brilliantly and working well independently, well done to him!

What we've done this week...

Little Elvers: We have been exploring the topic fireworks. We have discussed the sounds & colours that fireworks make before creating our own using glitter, coloured sand & marble rolling in paint. We also made our own fireworks on a larger scale using water pistols filled with paint, creating wonderful, bright patterns.

Reception: This week reception had a visitor, 'The Naughty Bus'. He came in & left a big mess with baked beans. We are waiting for him to return! In literacy we have been sequencing and recording sentences from "The Naughty Bus" book. In maths we have used positional vocabulary and recorded number sentences using the correct symbols. Reading books are changed when they have been read at home. It may take a week to read the book. Some of the words may be tricky, enjoy the books with your child and help them sound out letters or take turns reading a page at a time. Your child needs suitable clothing for both P.E and Forest School. The weather has changed and the Forest School area is very muddy. It may be useful to bring an old coat or waterproof.

Year One: We have ensured that when writing poetry we include a variety of adjectives to add diverse language and explicit imagery into our writing. Ask us to describe something at home using our adjectives! We have also been working on our subtracting looking at the difference between numbers and comparing number sentences. We have had a very fun week exploring our topic further by creating firework art and a Guy Fawkes to use on our Bonfire. The children displayed fantastic maturity and were very inquisitive during our Bonfire with Naomi!

Year Two: We have worked really hard in maths, learning about addition & subtraction number sentences. We wrote fact families which helped us to understand the relationship between numbers. We also had completed number sentences given to us & had to work out which ones were true or false. We have been learning about the planet Mars. We have researched information about the Red Planet & written sentences about what we have found out. Next week we will imagine that we are astronauts who have discovered a new planet and will be writing facts about it. Thank you so much for reading at home daily with your child. This will help them to make more rapid progress in their learning. Please could you donate any junk modelling materials (empty soft drink cans, plastic bottles, lids, kitchen roll/toilet roll holders). We will be making our own rockets & aliens soon.

Year Three: We have been learning our model explanation text, ready to write it next week. We have been practising causal connectives, sentence types and the difference between connectives and conjunctions. We will base our model text on the book 'Until I met Dudley', by Roger McGough. In Maths we have been focusing on subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers from 3 digit numbers. We have been practising using number lines, place value charts and part-part wholes to support their learning. In science, we have continued looking at light and dark and performed a lovely experiment learning about the direction of light travel. In Art, we have discussed different architecture through time. Homework books will be sent home this week, we encourage daily reading and 15 minutes per week of TT Rockstars at least.

Year Four: We've been working hard to improve our hockey skills in PE ready for the tournament at the end of the half term. In Maths, we have looked at completing worded problems and have been thinking about how we know which operation is needed for different questions. In English, we have been continuing our unit on persuasive writing and the children are writing their own letters for or against school uniform to go to Mrs Fielding. We have also been thinking about different periods of British architecture and the children have produced some lovely sketches of the different buildings they might see around the UK.

Year Five: This week we enjoyed going to the Cathedral to learn about all the different careers we could follow when we're older. The children represented the school excellently and we received many compliments on their behaviour! We have been learning about using their different senses whilst unable to see to describe different things. In maths we have been reading and creating graphs. We've also learnt about world maps in geography.

PTA News

Diary dates:

AGM

The PTA held its AGM on Thursday 10th October. Minutes from this and the meeting that followed will be circulated shortly. We are very pleased to welcome our new committee members: Anne Dyer, Gary Palmer, Sarah Rudloff and Charlotte Brown. However, we also said a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to our outgoing Secretary, Sarah Jefferys, who has committed so much to the school in this role, since the inception of the PTA.

Fireworks Display

We hope you enjoyed our first ever fireworks event. The support we received was fantastic, so a big thank you to the parents and teachers who gave up their time to help, and a special thanks to Sam Brooks whose compèring got the party started. With significant contributions from our sponsors; Hopkins Homes, Greensleeves Care and the Orchards Green landowners, help from Sainsbury's, and with the support of everyone who came to have fun, we raised around £2,000!

Christmas Cards

The children have been handed their Christmas card samples and order forms to bring home this week. As well as cards, these designs can be printed on gift tags, tea towels, eco-bags and mugs, which make lovely gifts for family and friends.

Please return your completed order forms to school by **Friday 15th November**. Please make sure you include the correct cash payment or cheque made out to Isle of Ely Primary School PTA. Envelopes can be handed in to your class teacher or to the office. You may order as many or as few products as you like - there are no minimum orders.

Children's Disco

Wednesday 18th December.

The disco for KS1 will begin at 4pm and for KS2 at 5.15pm

Thanks for your support!

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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