



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 31st January 2020

Equality & Diversity Fortnight 'Same but Different'

The children have been learning a lot during the first week of our Equality & Diversity Fortnight.

On Monday parents were invited in to find out more about our whole school behaviour approach. This was explained by both the children and Kit Messenger who also explained about the Neurobiology behind the approach.

On Wednesday the children have learnt more about what it is like for people who have ADHD.

On Thursday we were extremely lucky to have a visit from Ioe Sheridan who explained to the children what it is like in Japan and what it is like for the children at school.

We would like to say a big thank you to Ioe, the children were fascinated and feel very lucky they don't have to clean the school! Today the children learnt more about the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller ethnic groups.



Inside Out Day

On Thursday, as part of our Equality and Diversity fortnight we are holding an 'Inside Out Day' where the children are invited to come to school wearing an item of their uniform inside out. The

day is to recognise that people may look happy on the outside but may not feel happy on the inside. The aim is to remind everyone to always be kind and think of others as nobody knows how another person may be feeling.

ADVICE ABOUT KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

As parents, it is difficult to keep ahead and understand the full implication of the Internet on children, yet they have access to interactive tablets and phones daily.

Staff are trained every year on E-Safety, but this is also valuable for parents to know a well. Here is an extract from the NSPCC:

'The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But how do you keep track of what they're doing and make sure they're staying safe?'

Whether you're an online expert or you're not sure where to start we've got 4 key tips to help you: explore the online world together; talk to your child about staying safe online; manage the software and tools your family use; agree rules about what's ok and what's not.'

For more information, please follow the link www.nspcc.org.uk

Pearl Class Visitor



This week Pearl Class enjoyed a visit from

Mr Wickens who brought his car in to show the children.

Mr Wickens is a mechanic and talked to the children about his car and they had a look at it. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Wickens for visiting!

Parent Consultations

When arriving for parent consultation appointments please enter the school through the ramp door on the playground.

Children should not accompany you to this meeting, as there is no supervision for them, and it can be distracting for both you and the teacher to have them present at the consultation. Please also ensure children are not left unsupervised in the playground.

Thank you.



Stars of the Week



Reception - Ned

Year 1 - Eliza H

Year 2 - Harry

Year 3 - Darcey

Year 4 - Lucy

Year 5 - Amelie

Year 6 - Rodney

What's coming up

Monday 27th January - Friday 7th February

Thursday 6th February

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Equalities and Diversity fortnight

Parent consultations

Inside out Day

ASD Talk (Parents welcome) 9.45am - 10.15am

This Week's Class News

Pearl Class

This week in Pearl class, the children have been learning about cars! They have enjoyed the story, 'Mrs Armitage Queen of the Road' and 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car'. They designed and then made a new car for Mrs Armitage, using boxes. The cars even have working wheels! They have been learning about money and visited the 'car shop' to buy some bits and pieces for their cars. They had to find the correct coins to make the totals.

Ruby Class

In Ruby Class this week, the children have been learning about the diets of different animals and sorting them into the correct groups. In English, the children planned and wrote their own version of the 'Night Iceberg'. In maths, the children have been learning about the =, < and > symbols and using them to solve problems. During history, the children enjoyed learning about famous Antarctic explorers and created freeze frames to show different parts of their expeditions. The children have enjoyed week one of our 'Diversity and Equalities' fortnight and are looking forward to learning more next week.

Sapphire Class

In Sapphire class this week the children have been studying the Greek Myth of The Trojan Horse. In English they have been retelling/rewriting the story as well as finding descriptive language suitable to adequately describe the beautiful Helen of Troy who caused all of the trouble between the Greeks and the Trojans in the first place! In Maths the children have been continuing to multiply 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers this time using the strategy of breaking the multiplication down in to a tens and ones part, part, whole multiplication problem. They have also been checking how they are getting on with their times tables and aiming to embed their knowledge of the 2, 5, 10 and 11 times tables.

Emerald Class

This week in Emerald Class, strategies for adding and subtracting fractions have been used independently to show mastered learning. In English, Chapter 3 of the quest stories has been written to include a turning point and using strong vocabulary choices within an action sequence. Emerald Class have used technology this week to research aspects of Ancient Greece civilisation including Ancient Greek art, the Oracle of Delphi and Mount Olympus.

Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold

10th February	Football match away to Seaford Primary School
11th February	Safer internet day
12th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:00)
14th February	Last day of term
17th – 21st Feb	February holiday
24th February	Children return to school
5th March	World Book Day
9th – 13th March	Science Week
17th March	Tempest class photos
30th March – 3rd April	Bikeability Level 2 – Year 6
3rd April	Last day of term
3rd April	Easter Service
6th – 17th April	Spring holiday
20th April	Children return to school
8th May	Bank holiday (VE Day)
11th – 14th May	Year 6 SATs