



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 12th May 2021

Reminder

The Friends of Alfriston School are holding their next non – uniform day on Friday 28th May. On this day children may come to school in their own clothes; please ensure footwear is suitable for outdoor play.

The Magic of Music

Learning to play a musical instrument provides children with an experience that enriches their lives in so many ways and East Sussex Music Service are on a mission to bring the magic of music to every home in Sussex.

The Music Service hold lessons in small groups during the school day. To find out more about the opportunities available please visit their website where you can watch their teachers introducing and demonstrating their instruments <https://www.eastsussexmusic.org/types-of-instrument>

To help you find out which instrument your child might like to learn they are hosting a series of zoom parent/carer meetings. The meetings will last approximately 30 minutes and you will be able to meet the teachers, find out more about what's involved in learning an instrument, the costs involved and how you may be able to receive help towards lesson fees. To register your interest and to gain access to the parent/carer meetings please click on the link <https://www.eastsussexmusic.org/parent-carer-meetings>

If your child already knows which instrument they would like to learn you can apply for lessons directly via our website <https://ukbrighton.speedadmin.dk/registration/>

If you have any questions regarding our music activities, please contact us on esm@brightondome.org

Emerald Trip to Litlington Heath

On Wednesday 5th May, Emerald Class enjoyed an interesting and inspiring walk to explore the Sussex Landscape in keeping with their termly topic. The children were equipped with Spotter's Guides that they had created themselves and kept their eyes peeled for plants and wildlife that they could see as they journeyed through the various habitats on their route.

The class left the village via the White Bridge and followed the riverbank through grazed farmland. They saw some temporary wetland outside the neighbouring village of Litlington before crossing to make the climb up to Lullington Heath. The class investigated hedgerows, saw skylarks hovering above the arable fields and eventually headed into the edge of Friston Forest to discuss the differences between managed and unmanaged woodland.

A brief lunch stop at a stunning viewing point allowed the children an opportunity to take in the incredible views of the heath and to gather some language inspired by the setting which was used in poetry upon their return. A further break at the top of the hill gave some amazing 360 degree views which the class sketched ready to turn into detailed artworks over the next few weeks.

Finally, the class headed back to school feeling inspired and invigorated – and very glad to have enjoyed glorious weather!

Alfriston Playground Renovation Project

The Friends of Alfriston Playground have asked us to share their details as they would like to hear from parents, carers and children with ideas and views on what they would like to see in the new playground. The group have set up a Facebook page to facilitate discussion <https://www.facebook.com/groups/277461480714953/permalink/277462124048222/?sfnsn=scwspmo> or you can join their mailing list for updates by emailing friendsofalfristonplayground@gmail.com

'The Big Ask' Survey

A message from Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England:

"My job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.

It's time to give something big back to young people after COVID - and we need their help to do it.

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England and will only take them 5-10 minutes to complete. Please encourage your children to take part.

It is designed to find out what their concerns and aspirations about the future are.

'The Big Ask' is now live at <http://thebigask.uk/>

The results from this survey will help me identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. I need to reach as many children as possible through The Big Ask – the more I hear from, the stronger the results will be.

Thank you in advance for helping me put children and young people at the heart of the country's plans to rebuild for the future."