



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 8th November 2021

Don Pasquale at Glyndebourne

On Friday 24th October, Emerald Class enjoyed a rare and exciting treat as they spent the day enjoying the sights and sounds of Glyndebourne Opera House!

After a short coach journey, they were greeted by Glyndebourne staff who took them on a brief walk through the grounds to a spot in the gardens where they could enjoy a picnic. After a quick bite to eat, the children made their way into the stunning auditorium and found their seats in the front 3 rows. The anticipation built as the class were able to see, and share smiles and waves with, the orchestra and conductor as they prepared for the show. Once the curtains rose, Don Pasquale by Gaetano Donizetti played out to an enraptured audience. The Italian language didn't hinder anyone's enjoyment of this wonderful, comic opera which had everyone laughing along at each twist and turn. The children unanimously reported that they enjoyed the experience immensely, with some rating the performance 11/10, and many stating that they would love to go to the opera again.

Visit from Monty

On Friday we had a visit from Monty and his owners to reintroduce themselves to the children.

Monty is a Pets as Therapy dog who will be visiting us each week. Selected children will be given the chance to sit and read to Monty, his visits are

designed to give them the opportunity to increase their confidence and enjoyment in reading.



Victorian Day in Emerald Class

Upon returning to school after half term, Emerald Class found themselves transported back in time some 130 years as they experienced a (somewhat) authentic Victorian school day. The day began with the children lining up in order, boys first, and being issued a Victorian name for the day. After an inspection from the austere Mr Sibson and Mrs Bliss, bedecked in traditional garb, they made their way to the classroom for a day of period lessons and experiences. Devotion, deportment and a rousing round of the



national anthem in honour of Queen Victoria herself preceded reading, writing (using the right hand only) and 'rithmetic. One of the highlights of the day was the drills lesson in the afternoon – authentic Victorian physical education which made everyone feel quite ridiculous!

Throughout the day, the class made good account of themselves by following the Victorian class rules which included: no questions at any time; standing whenever an adult entered the room; and punishment for poor work. It must be noted, however, that numerous



demonstrations of the Dunce's hat and cane were required over the course of the day!



Odd Socks Day

As part of our Anti-Bullying/Friendship week, on Monday 15th November, children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to help celebrate what makes us all unique.



This term's events

Thursday 11th November
Mon 15th - Fri 19th November
Monday 15th November
Tuesday 16th November
Thursday 18th November

Thursday 2nd December
Monday 6th December
Wednesday 8th December
Thursday 9th December

Armistice Day
Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week ' One Kind Word'
Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week
Open classroom (after school)
Open morning for prospective parents
Open evening for prospective parents
Decoration day
Open classroom (after school)
Pearl & Ruby Class Nativity dress rehearsal to the rest of the school (pm)
Pearl & Ruby Class Nativity performance to parents (pm)