



Englefield CE Primary School

Sowing the Seeds for a Flourishing Future



It has been so lovely to see the children mixing out on the playground once more. It seems such a long time since we were able to do this. The older children now have a genuine chance to be good role models and to care and look after their younger counterparts, whilst the younger ones revel in playing with the bigger children. In addition to playtimes we have also re-started our whole school singing and assemblies. It was gave such a lovely feeling to see the whole school together, singing their hearts out. Our FS2 parents were actually able to come into the building for the first time for their parent meetings.

The Ukulele lessons, provided by Berkshire Maestros, have been going well and the Year 3/4 children have been learning parts to play along to lots of different music, including Ed Sheeran. The hope is that some of the children will get the music bug and decide to keep having lessons in either the ukulele or another instrument of their choosing.

Safety Week: Each year we organise special weeks in which we can give the children opportunities outside of the normal school curriculum. In February we held our Safety Week in which the children had lots of different opportunities to learn about keeping themselves safe. They covered First Aid, road safety, the NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme, a hand washing workshop, they used the Internet Safety Day materials to learn about being respectful online and had a special visit from the police.

Book Week: We have just enjoyed our annual Book Week which included a dressing-up day. What an amazing array of book character costumes! From Wally, to 'The Worst Witch' to Manga characters - we were all so impressed with the imagination on show, including from the staff!

As well as dressing up, we also enjoyed our book sale - every child was able to take home at least one nearly new book to enjoy at home. Thank you to everyone who donated.

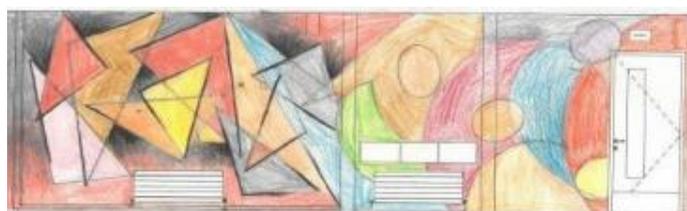
We had three competitions: 'Book in a Box', find and identify the book character, and poetry performance. The lucky-dip winners of the 'Book in a Box' were Holly, Felicity, Sebastian and Anna. The KS2 winner of the library competition was Harrison; the KS1 winner was Lily M.



Well done to the 14 finalists in our annual Poetry Performance Competition. They entertained the whole school (plus our three judges) for half an hour with their poems about cats, mice, friends, cutting off Granny's head and many other and varied topics.



The Art, Design and Technology department at Theale Green School have announced that Evan Rose, past Englefield pupil and Mrs Rose's son, won a



competition to provide the art work for the new fire station at Theale. Evan has been working with a graphic designer to create the final version which will be unveiled in the lobby of the new fire station in March. Well done, Evan!



Well done also to Jennifer in Year 6 who had a poem about Hedgehogs published in Animal Action magazine which is produced by the RSPCA.

Pebbles is out of the fridge after his 22 week hibernation period. He is fit and well and has now returned to school. From now on, he will be looked after by one class each week and a family from that class will be able to take him home for the weekend.

Finally, it has been great to take some of our pupils to other local schools to enjoy competing in different sports. We have taken our cross-country team to both Elstree School and Bradfield College and have also taken our Year 1/2 footballers to the Elstree Football Competition.