



Englefield CE Primary School

Sowing the Seeds for a Flourishing Future

We have just reached the end of another school year; this one with fewer disruptions (thankfully). We have been able to enjoy trips, visitors and residential. We have also been able to send children out to sporting and musical events as well as some enrichment days at local independent schools. In addition, our parents have been able to join us in school and in the grounds for celebration assemblies, concerts, performances and several sociable events.



Our Year 3/4 children had a fabulous time at the Englefield Countryside Day; they particularly enjoyed finding out about birds of prey and having a tour of 'The Big House'! Thank you to Englefield Estate for providing this opportunity.

Nine Year 5/6 pupils spent a day at Bradfield College, taking part in a Kwik Cricket tournament with 9 other local schools. The weather was kind and they ended up with perfect cricketing weather. The confidence and the skills of the team grew enormously as the day went on, and some extra coaching in the nets from the Bradfield College sixth-formers really helped. They managed to clean bowl 9 children, took several catches and hit many runs; the teamwork and support for each other was superb. Overall we came second in our league - WELL DONE, TEAM!

Twelve of our Year 5/6 pupils joined children from six other schools to take part in a Pop Workshop in the Greek Amphitheatre in Bradfield College. It was a fantastic setting and the vocal coach, ably assisted by Bradfield College pupils got the children and staff singing their hearts out. A fabulous opportunity.

Sports Day began with the older children racing the Englefield Mile up and down the Englefield House private drive. Meanwhile on the school field, the younger children were taking part in a carousel of sporting activities to earn points for their houses. After the mile the older children had their turn at the field events. At lunchtime the field filled up with picnicking families. The skies looked ominous but the rain held off. In the afternoon we all enjoyed a full programme of races from sprints to dressing up, football slalom to toddler and parent races. We had a light sprinkling of rain but otherwise we were blessed with fine weather. While the children enjoyed ice lollies, Mrs Bushnell totted up the scores and the winning team were....Poseidon! Well done to them and to everyone who took part and supported this wonderful school community event.





The Year 5/6 class, ably assisted by Miss Langston, Mrs Rose, Mrs Smith and Mrs Kelly, gave us three superb performances of The Pirates of the Windy Bean. There were some side-splitting jokes, uplifting and tender singing, including several solo performances, and great character acting...a truly enjoyable experience. The best thing is that everyone on stage loved being there.

Thank you to Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Carney and Rev Mark and his team at St James the Less, Pangbourne for organising a super Schools Day last week. The children were joined by Pangbourne Primary and they did a wide range of activities to increase their knowledge about life in church. Our children made thoughtful contributions and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

We are truly delighted with the academic results our pupils have achieved this year - this is down to the hard work of the pupils, staff and parents and the great teamwork that has developed between the three. The disruption that has affected education since March 2020 has had a huge impact on the levels of attainment across the country. Although we have seen some impact at Englefield, we are delighted that our teamwork has kept this to a minimum.



Sadly we have had to say farewell to Jon Chishick who has been a governor at Englefield for 28 years! He started when his own children came to the school and has given loyal service ever since, With a background in accountancy, Jon has been a great support as Chair of our Finance Committee. A huge thank you from all of us at Englefield for so many years of dedication.

We said goodbye to our Year 6 children at a poignant service led by our soon-to-be vicar, Rev Julia. This group were hard-working, conscientious and thoughtful, with mature ideas and well-rooted views on fairness and justice; the embodiment of our school values. They added much to our school over the years and each and every one of them will be sorely missed. To help us all remember this special group, they worked with Ms Alvarado, one of our parents, to produce a beautiful piece of jubilee-related artwork which will hang in the hall for all to see.



We look forward to welcoming our families back to school in September.