



Half-term Highlights

Autumn 1 – 2019



CURRICULUM

RECEPTION

- ◆ It was a busy start to the term, with our new reception children joining the school right from day one! Our new intake arrived and adapted to school life very quickly. One group stayed to lunch on their very first day! They have been having lots of adventures around the school.
- ◆ The new children have also been exploring our school grounds as part of Welly Wednesday.
- ◆ **Thank you for all the wellie donations, they are very useful in this wet weather!**
- ◆ Reception children invited their parents in for lunch, it was an enjoyable lunchtime for all!





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CURRICULUM CONT.....

YEAR ONE

- ◆ Year One have been using the book *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* as their inspiration for English and topic work. They invited their families to join them for sandwiches under the Year 1 canopy. The Tiger Tea party was a huge success and the parents thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the school and the tiger. They were very pleased to hear the special song and see the work and the children in their tiger masks. A Grrrreeeaat time was had by all.

YEAR 2

- ◆ Year Two went on a fabulous trip to Rainham Marshes as part of their science learning. We all had lots of fun and enjoyed the trip. We went pond dipping and caught lots of creatures, did some bird watching using binoculars and learnt what to feed the different types of birds. We now know lots of information about animals and their habitats.



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SPORT

Engayne athletes do their school proud!

- ◆ The Engayne cross country team made their way to Stubbers on the 16th October on what was fortunately a dry and warm day. The competition ran a little differently this year, as the schools were split over two separate competitions.
- ◆ Freddie R once again led the year 5&6 boys team in, finishing 2nd to back up his consistently strong performances over the past two years. His 2nd place earned him the right to compete at the London cross country championships at Parliament Hill. Good luck Freddie and well done! Moreover, the year 5&6 boys team improved on their 2nd place from last year, **winning the team competition!** The team included Riley S, Maxi W, Samuel S, Frankie C and Luke S.
- ◆ With the absence of Scarlett W due to injury the year 5 &6 girls team finished a very credible 8th this year. The girls packed together, running effectively as a team and supporting each other along the way. This included: Daisy M, Keira S, Coco T, Emily K and Tennessee H. This was a very Impressive performance from a team consisting solely of year 5s.
- ◆ The Year 3&4 boys team featured many new faces too this year, finishing in an impressive 5th place. They were led in by Harvey B who was backed up by his team of: Issac A, Ethan L, Jack C, Oscar S and Emilio J-S





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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Ava from 6F last year won the R.E. spirited poetry competition which means we will be getting a prize! The school will find out what it is after half term. There were hundreds of entries from schools all over the country so this is a huge achievement! Well done Ava! and also a well done to Mr Fitzpatrick too!

If anyone wants to take a look, her poem is published on the website under 'The Mystery of Life'.

<https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/projects/spirited-arts/spirited-poetry-2019/spirited-poetry-collection/2019/?ThemeID=86>

- ◆ Our school council went to paint a mural at the My Place Centre in Harold Hill as part of a community art project. As you can see our designs were based upon the children's school improvement plan aim of promoting kindness.



- ◆ The week of the 14th October saw the first 'Conker Championship' taking place in each class across the school. The children embraced the competition with many bringing a conker in from home and were very excited to take part in this traditional autumnal game. Class champions were given a certificate and all were very proud of their success. Roll on next year!





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STAFF NEWS

- ◆ Staff at Engayne attended a bowling night. The overall winner was Mr Parr.





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GOVERNOR NEWS

- ◆ It has been a busy start to the academic year for pupils, staff and Governors. As the nights draw in we are all feeling the winter weather sneak up on us. Our pupils are keeping warm by running around outside and enjoying the new play equipment that was installed for all age groups over the summer break. Our school grounds are looking amazing thanks to the new equipment and our wonderful school gardener.

Your governors have been busy coming into school to meet with year group teachers. Each governor is allocated a special year group that they oversee and monitor, and they follow those children through their time at Engayne. I am pleased to say that our pupils are settled well and the feedback that I have received from Governors has been a pleasure to read. Where possible governors will accompany their year groups on school trips, and we have already been out with year 1 and the School Council this term. We are looking forward to the planned Duxford trip with year 6 as well as the reception visit to the local Post Box. These trips are an excellent way for us to get to know the pupils and for them to meet us.

Parents' evening was a success and thank you to everyone that took time to complete the surveys on the night. These are a valuable way for us to seek your views and we use the information to inform our decisions in our policies and plans.

This term we will all be involved in the Christmas Fayre. Please support this event. It is such a fun and happy day and the money raised benefits our pupils tremendously. I hope to see many of you there enjoying yourselves with your children!

Kind regards
Julie Deacon
Chair of Governors



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OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Thomas H (1BC) completed his final race in the south regional BMX triple crown. He really enjoyed racing and will now take part in the next season as an expert. Thomas received two medals for the last race. Well done Thomas!





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- ◆ Charlie W (4BT) has been a member of the Habbit Factory for 2 years. Charlie decided that he would raise money for the charity by doing a sponsored 5000 steps a day challenge for one month. Charlie monitored his steps using a FitBit. Charlie achieved his 5000 steps a day target and some days achieved over 10,000 steps, one day hitting 18,000! Charlie raised an amazing £515 for the charity. Well done Charlie!





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- ◆ Scarlett W (6P) became level 3 London Regional Champion.



- ◆ Scarlett W (6P) also won Gold and two Silvers in the Future Stars Competitions. Well Done Scarlett!



- ◆ If your child is successful outside of school, for example in music, sport, etc, please let us know via contact@engayne.co.uk, and we will include this in the next edition of 'Half-Term Highlights'



Hello!

and welcome back...

MOVIE NIGHT



Movie Night was a great success in October and was our busiest yet, we had 193 children attend and this required a full production line making hotdogs ready for the movie!

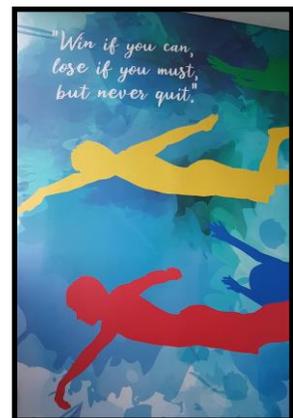
Thank you to the children that joined us on the night and all the volunteers who helped make up over 400 popcorn and sweet bags, along with our lovely team of volunteers on the night.



WALL WRAPS



Just before half term the wall wraps were purchased with money raised by the EPFA and installed around the school during half term. These look fantastic and have really brightened up the corridors. Be sure to look out for them next time you are in school, but you really can't miss them!



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The EPFA have also recently purchased some games tables and benches for the KS2 playground, as well as donating £1,000 towards maths equipment across the whole school. We have also paid for the lines to be repainted on the netball court as well as some bicycle lines.

This term is another busy one with all the preparation for the **EPFA Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd November**.



The EPFA team have busy organising a fun packed Christmas Fayre. This year there will be an exciting new grotto, some new games, trampolines and a craft room where you can make lots of lovely Christmas craft including a Christmas Eve plate, and much, much more.

In order to make this event a real success we really need your help, whether its making donations towards the fayre, sorting donated items beforehand or most importantly volunteering on the day. The Fayre really can't run without everyone's help. For a full list of volunteer roles, please visit the EPFA website <https://www.the-epfa.com/help/>. Thank you to those of you who have already signed up. It is much appreciated!

We will be sending out emails over the next couple of weeks, but below is a list of donations that we will need and these can be brought into reception before the day:

- ★ Teddies
- ★ Wine/Any bottled alcohol
- ★ Toys
- ★ Toiletries
- ★ Chocolate
- ★ Items for our Vintage stall

We look forward to seeing you and your families on Saturday 23rd November.

Christmas Shopping at Bicester Village



Remember you still have a couple more days to book onto our **Bicester Trip on Friday 8th November**. This is a great day out and the perfect way to start your Christmas shopping or just treat yourself. Start your day with a glass of bubbly and danish on the coach and arrive ready to shop. What more could you ask for!

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 6th November -	EPFA Meeting @ Golden Crane 8pm
Friday 8th November -	Bicester Shopping Trip
Friday 15th November -	Christmas Fayre Meeting – Cranham Baptist Church gam
Saturday 23rd November -	Christmas Fayre
Friday 13th December -	Christmas Discos
Thursday 19th December -	Selection Box Roll

SIGN UP TO AT LEAST ONE – SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT!

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