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Engayne Newsletter

What's happening at Engayne?

Summer Second Half Term 2020

DANCE

On Friday 10th July the children took part in Havering Big Dance. It was great that the children could still enjoy dancing as a school, although in a slightly different way to the traditional Engayne dance morning. The children were excellent and I hope those at home also enjoyed participating



SPELLING BEE

A HUGE thank you to all those parents and children who participated and sent in sponsor money for the BIG SPELL. We have a grand total of £2121 which will be enormously useful to the English team for buying resources and maintaining our BUG CLUB subscription which has been so useful during lockdown.

THANK YOU

Mrs Wyman and
Mr Fitzpatrick

PREMIER LEAGUE WRITING STARS POETRY COMPETITION

In the Spring term the whole school entered the Premier League Writing Stars poetry competition on the theme Ambition.

We were thrilled to hear that two of our entries Joel (Y2) "When I ..." and Jonathan (Y5) "Unstoppable" had been selected as KS1 and KS2 regional winners for the London area. We were informed that we would receive some books, a framed copy of the poems and the children would be invited to a celebratory event as and when that could safely happen.

We knew the poems were then submitted for the National awards and ...

I have great pleasure in announcing that the poem by Jonathan titled "Unstoppable" has been selected as the national winner of the Key Stage Two category of the Premier League Writing Stars competition! This poem has been selected by the judging panel from many thousands of poems submitted by primary school pupils across England and Wales.

As a national winner, Jonathan and the school wins the following great prizes-

- Poems published in an official Premier League Writing Stars book with bespoke illustrations
 - A special poetry workshop at the school (with a Premier League Trophy visit) from judging panel member Karl Nova when it is safe to do so.
 - A framed version of their winning poem
- Poetry book bags for all winners' schools



In these difficult times it is really wonderful to be able to share some fabulous news about our pupils!

Well done to both boys on their achievement and we all look forward to a super workshop and visit once it is safe and we are all back together in



Have a lovely summer!

We return on Monday 7th
September 2020

Mrs Sankey



Congratulations to Lucas and Ruby

Lucas received his Chief Scout Silver award at Gillwell Hall back in March

He completed his 7 challenge badges during his time in Cubs to achieve this award and has now moved onto Scouts and is working towards his gold



Ruby took part in a dance competition via zoom!

She danced 4 solos and took part in a choreography round and was given the adjudicators award for best all rounder in her age category.





Reception

We are all extremely proud of how well the Reception children have returned to school. They have adapted to the new routines and changes to their classrooms. We have still been able to have lots of fun. We have enjoyed a biscuit around the camp fire as part of our outside learning, we picked strawberries for a healthy snack and learnt some maypole dancing.



Miss Pumfrett

I have been very impressed with the hard work you have all been doing the last few months. I have been working from home helping all the teachers to prepare for September and supporting my mum who is shielding. It has been a hard time but made easier with all your photos and emails of the lovely things you have been getting up to at home. They always put a smile on my face!

I am looking forward to returning to school for the last two weeks of term. I have missed teaching and seeing your faces every day!

I hope you all have a lovely summer!

It has been very different coming back to school this term....I miss hearing the noise and laughter that 30 Fleet class children make every day! The Reception children have been so brave coming into school and have thoroughly enjoyed their learning this term. It has been lovely to still visit forest school, play parachute games, maypole dance, get messy and play poutside...we have just been so busy! I am very proud to be part of Engayne and see so many children smiling throughout the new changes. The hardest thing was saying good-bye to Year 6, they were my very first class when I joined but wish them lots of luck as they move onto secondary school.



Miss E Jupp

Year 1

Being back at school we've found time to enjoy the simpler things- reading in the shade of 'our' tree, playing ball games on the field, listening to music in lesson times, playing bingo and doing the conga when somebody wins! The children's favourite would have to be lots of outdoor learning with Mrs Wyman- making huge bubbles with their handmade bubble wands and of course making their own stickman!



The highlight of my work whilst being at home has to be the phone calls to our class. It's been so lovely chatting to the children and parents. Speaking on the phone to littlies is very funny! I had some one word answers, one child repeatedly saying 'WHAT???' non stop chat, chat, chat and all 3 family members on the phone at the same time. I loved it. You all really made me smile!

As a parent of Engayne children myself, I've been so impressed with the level of care and attention from Thomas and Katie's teachers during lockdown. The communication has been swift and caring with lovely responses from both teachers. Little things like that make such a difference at the moment! It's fab to be on the receiving end too!

I'm sure we'd all like to say a big thank you for the amazing hard work from our office staff as well, who do such a great job liaising between school and home.

I cannot believe we have arrived at the end of the academic year! It been lovely being back in school and seeing the children. Well done to all the parents for supporting them at home it was lovely to look through all the home schooling work and see how hard they have been working.

I am particularly impressed with how well the children have adapted to the new school routine. It's been very quiet in class and with a smaller cohort we've been able to do different activities. The children have loved throwing balls into boxes and adding up their scores, we have also been playing lots of outdoor listening and phonics games.

It's been lovely to speak to the children on the phone. They have all been enthusiastic to tell me all the wonderful things they have done. There were lots of children riding their bikes without their stabilisers and some lovely nature walks!

Have a well-deserved summer!

Year 2

It has been lovely to spend the last weeks of summer term back at school after so long away. The children proudly named our bubble 'Sparkly Fox' and we have had lots of fun together since our return. We have been lucky with the weather and have enjoyed lots of outdoor learning such as making bubble wands, leaf sorting and nature sculptures. Going back to basics has been a joy and the children have really loved playing simple fun games in the afternoon. 'Sly Fox' is a firm favourite!

Although we have all been in our class bubbles, we have still been able to keep in touch with each other. The children have enjoyed sending postcards and loved meeting their new teachers with our (socially distanced) story swaps. Seeing the children in the Year 2 bubbles was lovely. Everyone looked taller and more grown up!

It has been great to hear from everyone at home too. Reading your messages and seeing your photos always makes me smile. You have all worked so hard and I am very proud of you. Have a lovely summer!

When I joined Engayne Primary School, I never knew we were going to have a summer term at home. Although this meant I never got to teach 1L altogether in the classroom, I was still able to get to know the children through our phone calls and home learning. I am really pleased with all the new skills that have been taught and learnt. I heard about many children learning to bake, grow vegetables, tell the time, tie shoelaces and ride bikes without stabilisers. Well done to you all!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back in September.

Mrs Brewis xx

We have been very busy at school over the last few weeks as we have been teaching a Year One bubble. The children in our bubble are some of the children who are going to be in our class next year so they have been getting used to being in the classroom and sitting on bigger chairs! We have been doing lots of exciting activities and have spent a lot of time outdoors enjoying the sunshine. Some of the activities have included making stickmen, identifying trees and making bubble wands. The children say that their favourite activity was making bubbles because some of them were huge! We have also enjoyed reading lots of stories outside!

We have been spending lots of lovely time with our families at home. We have been on lots of walks by the seaside and in the woods which were lovely on the very hot days we had. We have also done quizzes with friends near and far on the



computer and Mrs Richards even won once! Our baking skills have improved especially chocolate cake and cookies!

We have really enjoyed receiving emails and photographs from the current 2BR. They have continued to work hard whilst they haven't been at school and have shown resilience and a very mature attitude. We are extremely proud of you all.

Hopefully we will all be together again soon. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and finding out about the things you have all been doing! Have a wonderful summer!

It has been a busy few weeks in the '1/2M' bubble. We have been working very hard and learning lots of new things. The children have loved their outdoor learning where they have identified different trees and sorted leaves into different categories. It has been lovely to meet and speak to so many of my new class. I can't wait for September! I am also very proud of my current 2M class and all the hard work they have been doing.

It has been lovely spending lots of time with my family at home. We have taken part in lots of quizzes and my general knowledge has definitely improved (only a tiny bit though). It has been lovely starting to see some friends for picnics



also.

I am looking forward to everyone reuniting soon.

Over the last few weeks, I have been teaching a Year One bubble of children that are going to be in my class next year. We have had all sorts of fun doing exciting activities, like making bubble wands, and lots of learning, I have learnt so much about Mary Seacole! The children in 2C have also been working very hard at home and I have really enjoyed looking through their work and photos that they have sent me. I have received some lovely emails as well to reply to.



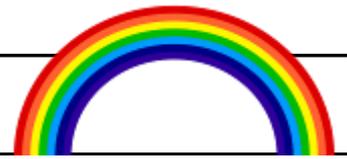
I have been very busy at home as well learning to bake new things. So far I have been practising pavlova and macaroons but I still think I need some practise. I have also taught myself how to knit and made a little hat for my friend's baby.

I can't wait to see you all soon, hopefully. We are missing everyone being at school lots

Mrs Cox

Year 3

What a strange few months we've had. I think we started with lots of enthusiasm and excitement for what was to come in our household. My girls worked hard and we enjoyed lots of special times together. Then our energy levels ran low and all of a sudden it wasn't as exciting anymore but we tried to carry on and keep smiling. My girls have both learnt new skills which we are all very proud of: riding bikes, baking, finding new places to explore, climbing trees and many more. What has kept me going along the way has been receiving special emails and messages from my class. I have been so impressed with the effort you all put in and the new skills you have been learning. I absolutely love seeing your smiling faces and new lockdown hairdos in the photos you send! I am sad we didn't get to finish off our year in 3RB together, but I will look forward to some great reunions when we all get back.



It has been a strange few months; a time we will never forget. Everyone's experience of lock down will be different and there will be many stories to share. Although not all children have been able to return to school before summer, we have been fortunate enough to welcome back some smiling faces and have made some lovely memories.

! huge well done to every one of you for working so hard at home and at school and for staying positive.
You are all superstars!



In our Year 2 & 3 bubble, we have been enjoying outdoor yoga.

Have a fantastic summer, stay safe and keep smiling!

Miss Welton



We made 'Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish' diorama.

• My own children are helping out at home walking the dogs and keeping the house clean and tidy while I'm at school.



• The last few weeks have been a very busy time for myself and my family. I've enjoyed working with the year 2 and 3 bubble children. It has also been lovely to meet our new Year 3 children. We have practised our art skills in and out of the classroom.

Mrs Mills

Year 4

Over the last few weeks I have been busy trying to keep my 2 year old daughter busy and out of trouble! While I have been in school I have been impressed by how sensible the children who have been in the bubble I have worked in have been, and how they made new friends quickly and adapted to new ways of doing things. We have had some fun quizzes which included a quiz on capital cities which made us all keen to improve our knowledge!

Caroline Brennan

When Mrs Sankey asked me to write something for the Newsletter I was so happy as it was my opportunity to say how proud I am of all the pupils at Engayne! I have been so impressed with all the hard work and enthusiasm I have seen from both my class working hard at home and sending me their work and the children I have been teaching at school. I have really enjoyed being back this last half term and seeing so many smiling and happy faces. I am really looking forward to seeing more of the pupils in September and in the meantime I'll be having a rest during the summer holidays, if my own children let me!

Happy summer holidays and keep safe!

Miss Thomas

Over the last few weeks I have been enjoying the lovely weather and spending time with my family's new puppy! While I have been in school the children in my bubble have been busy learning the dance for the Havering big dance day, and we are trying our best to remember it without watching the video. All of the children in the bubble have been really sensible and have tried very hard to follow the new rules. They wrote some lovely poems about their time at Engayne so far, and thought about all of the lovely things they have enjoyed at school.

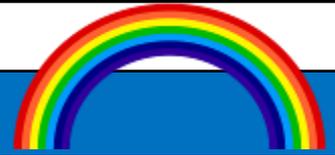
Amy Williamson

I've had a lovely time working with the Year 4 bubble in school. We've done lots of interesting lessons, particularly researching electrical inventors and making circuits with bulbs, batteries and wires! We also had a go at writing our name in hieroglyphs. We've enjoyed learning and taking part in the big dance!

It has been lovely to see what 4C have been up to at home. It's really made my day seeing all of your great work at home and pictures of your smiling faces. I'm looking forward to seeing you in September.

At home I've spent lots of time with my family, particularly my children; Maddie is 4 and a half months old and growing up fast and Jacob LOVES reading and is learning more and more by the day!

Mr Clare



Year 5

It has been so refreshing to get back into the classroom, reconnect with colleagues and see so many familiar faces once again. Working from home is not my cup of tea so I was very excited at being able to return again. However, I have discovered yoga and I am still keeping up with it a few times a week. School has been exciting. The year 6 water fight is the standout event! I've really enjoyed seeing members of my year 5 class returning with smiles on their faces as they get to see friends that they've missed so much. I cannot wait to meet my new class in September - it's not that long away now!

Mr Twist

After weeks of lockdown and being at home it has been lovely to be at school and see so many of you returning. I definitely miss the fortnightly calls with the children in 5A. One of my favourite memories of this time at school has to be the big water fight that year 6 had before they left. I have also thoroughly enjoyed having year 5 back. If you are yet to come back to school keep smiling and stay positive September will soon be here before you know it. I am looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces and meeting the new 5R.

Mrs Ramduth :

It has been really lovely being back at school. I enjoyed my time teaching Y6, some of whom I had taught in Y5. My favourite part of being with my Y6 'bubble' has to be the water fight although I was outnumbered and had no water pistol so I ended up drenched! I think we gave them a good send off on their last day though.

Being back with Y5 has been really enjoyable they have really enjoyed being back and have enjoyed the work we have been doing. We are looking forward to taking part in the Havering Big Dance but I still cant seem to get the arm movements right!

Mrs Grassick

Year 6

Since returning to school after the lockdown, I have been very busy planning lessons, setting homework and preparing priorities and activities for the new academic year. I've also received some wonderful messages from the pupils who will be in 6F from September, telling me all about the things they like to do in school and at home. It's been a real pleasure to find out what the children have been doing to keep busy. Outside of work, I've started doing a lot of walking every day. I really enjoy it and my wife and I now walk about 25 miles per week. So, if you spot me plodding around the streets of Hornchurch during the Summer holidays, do give me a wave and say hello. I'd like to finish with a message to my current class: well done to all of you for working so hard this year. I will never forget what an excellent team you were and I wish you all the very best for the future. Remember that you can be whatever you want to be in this world, if you work hard enough for it.

Mr Fitzpatrick

Since being back at school after lockdown, I have really enjoyed seeing all the children and working with them again. It was great spending a few more weeks with the year 6 children and seeing how much fun they had being with their friends again. The year 5 children have settled extremely well and it has been great meeting them and seeing their work. This fills me with positivity for September and the coming year.

Mr Nash

I really enjoyed speaking to all of 6P on the phone during lockdown as I found out some really interesting facts about them, and all the fun things they had been getting up to. However, it was great to finally get back and be able to spend time with them in the 6P bubbles. I was very impressed at their maturity and ability to pick up where we left off. We all enjoyed the work, especially the art.



By Katie and Callum in 6P



Whilst it was very sad saying goodbye to my class, it was also exciting to be able to welcome my new class, and it has been lovely getting to know them over the past couple of weeks. We are all looking forward to September when all of 6P can be together. Have a lovely summer.

Mr Parr



Goodbye to Year 6

Year 6 children made an emotional exit to the sound of clapping from Engayne staff who were lining their route out. We wish them all good luck for the future.

