



Essendon

C of E Primary School

Encouraging everyone's light to shine

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Newsletter: 22nd January 2021

Dear Essendon families,

At last some sunshine has arrived after the stormy weather earlier this week and it's lifted the mood of our pupils and staff here at school. I hope you've been having a good week wherever you find yourself. Here's this week's bulletin...

Statements this week from Gavin Williamson

Some of you will be aware of statements in the media this week regarding possible re-opening timescales for schools. At this time, we consider these statements to be speculative in nature, and please rest assured that we will inform all parents immediately if and when any concrete information is shared with us.

Lister Hospital collection

Don't forget, there's still time to contribute to our collection for staff at Lister Hospital. The collection box is outside the main school entrance.

Key Worker and Vulnerable Pupil capacity

We continue to face very high demand for places. As our safe capacity is currently risk-assessed at 24 pupils, we may have to allocate places according to a rota system on some days next week. We will inform parents who have requested places if this is the case.

Top tips for safeguarding your child's wellbeing at home

If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing at home, you may find these top tips for parents from SSS Education helpful. Simply visit:

<https://ssscpd.co.uk/education/parentsandguardians/child-mental-health-10-tips-for-parents/-/pj=s>

Alternatively, any concerns you may have can always be shared in confidence with myself or another member of school staff. We will always be happy to offer help and guidance in finding the right support for our families.

Now take a look further down the newsletter to see the work pupils have been posting online this week!

With love and best wishes, Mr Potter

Our focus value this term is...



Governor view

As another week of remote learning continues, it has been great to see so much engagement on Seesaw, with children commenting on each other's work and news, supporting and encouraging each other.

My children, and I'm sure many others, have really enjoyed hearing and reading comments and feedback from their teachers, boosting their confidence, and have also been delighted to see videos of their teachers, giving them a sense of familiarity and a taste of their usual school experience. The range of activities, and the support offered by teachers to help all students access the material is really appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff in school looking after key worker children for their dedication in such difficult circumstances. I hope it won't be too long before we can all see each other again in person, but in the meantime the Essendon community spirit is still flourishing!

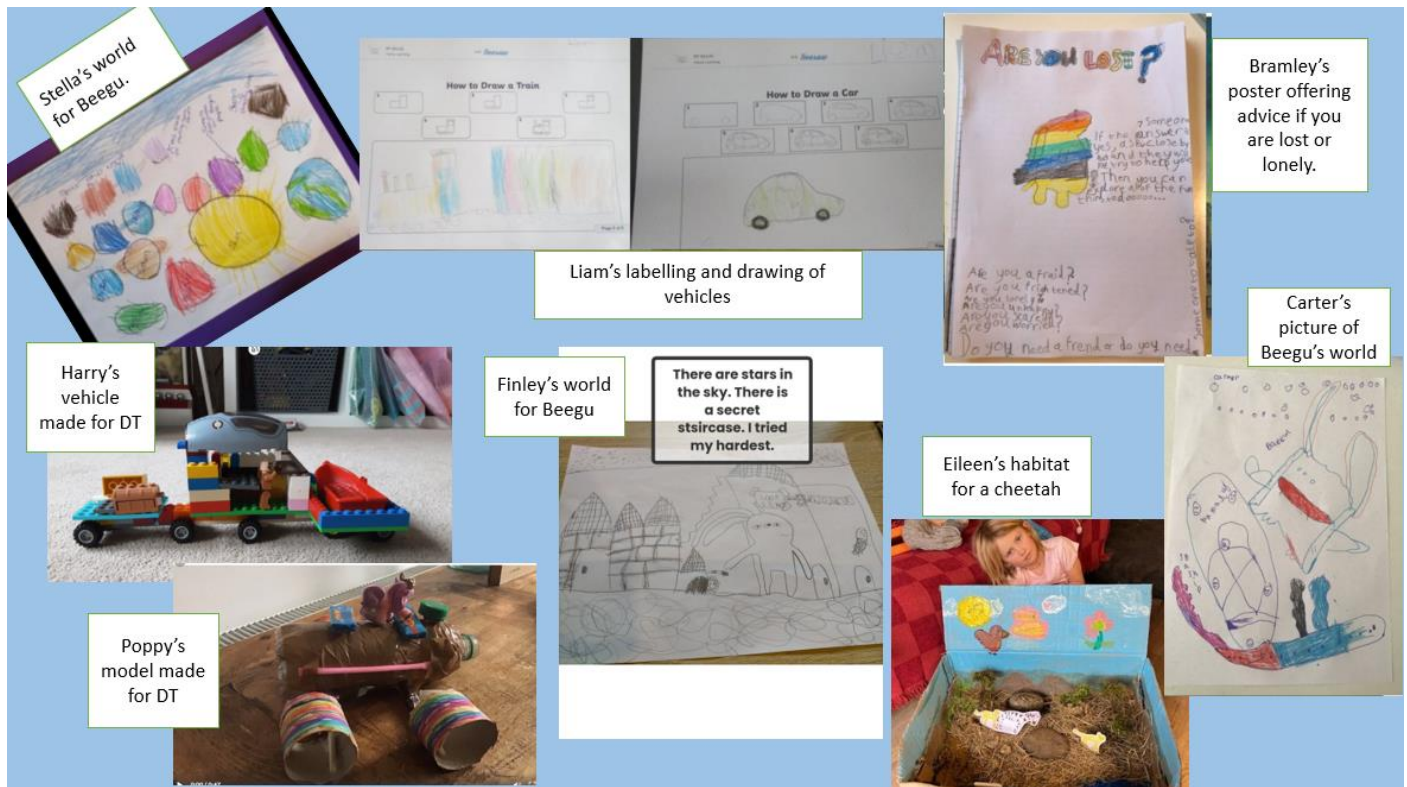
Becky Pittard, Parent Governor

Photos from our learning this week!

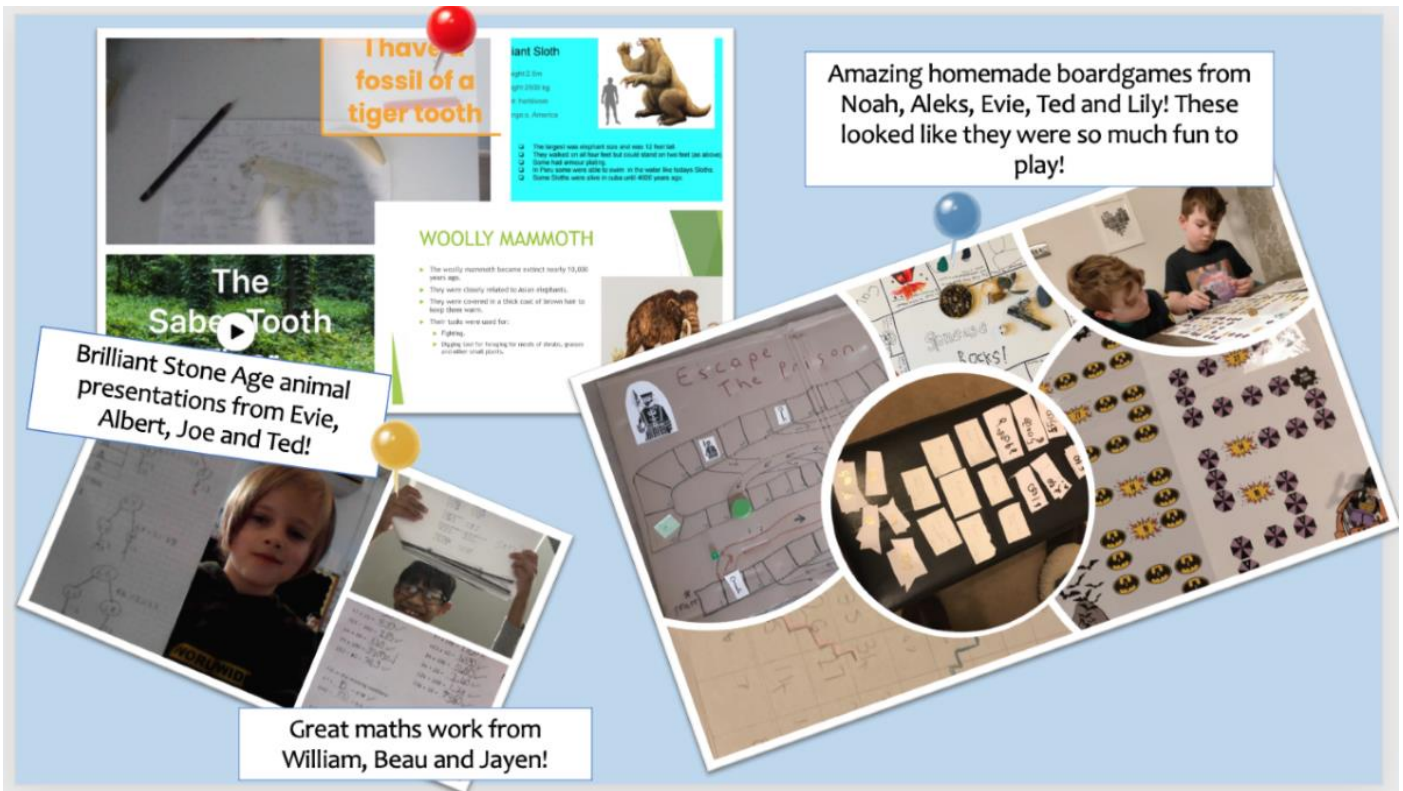
Pantherswood



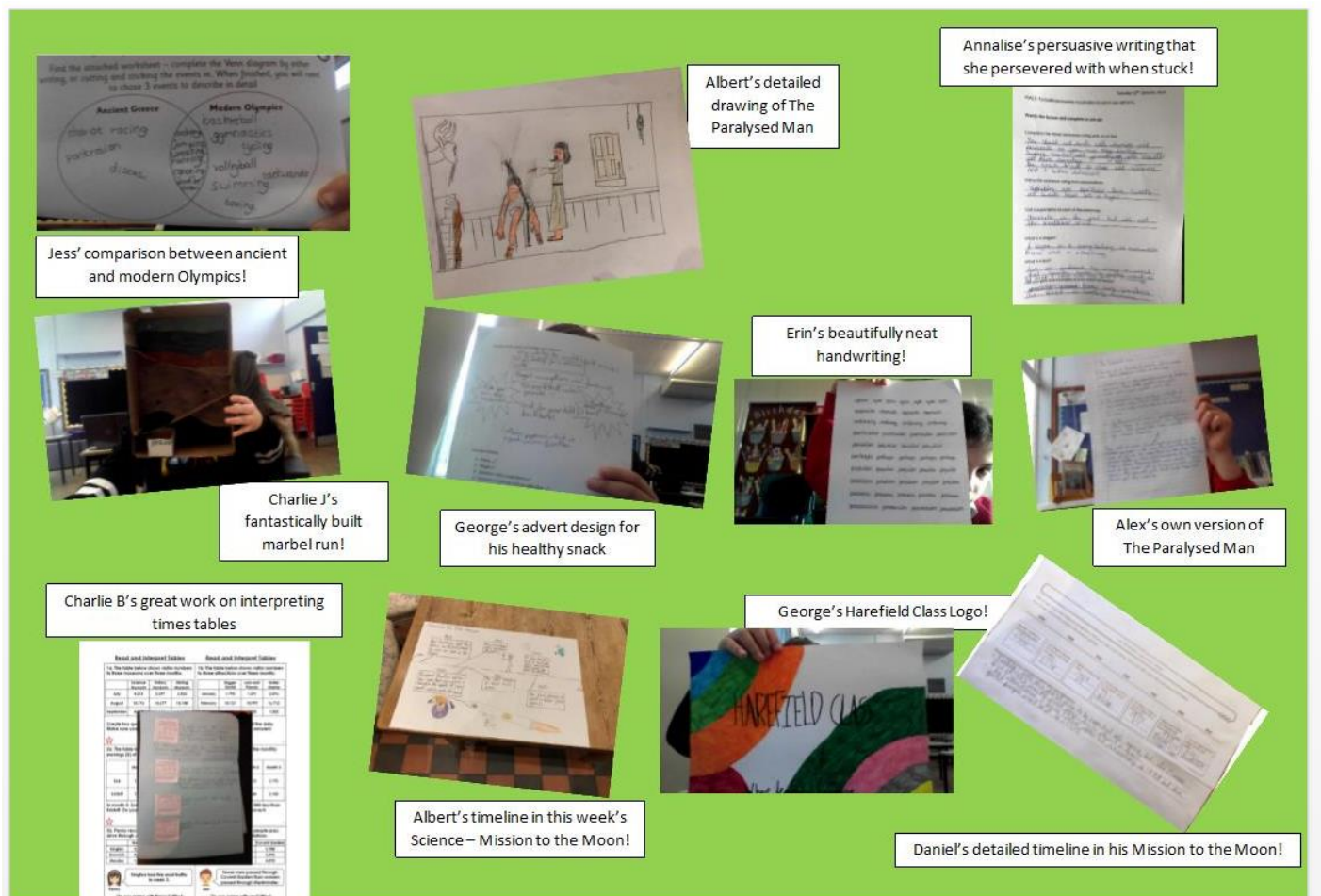
Homewood





Warrenwood




Harefield





We must keep on protecting each other.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

Please help to keep our school Covid secure!

Always wear a mask on the school grounds.

Enter through the pedestrian gate and leave via the car gates.

Only enter the school building if absolutely essential.

Request on-site provision for your child only if no other option is available.

Whole class engagement online this week...

Whole School -	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Pantherswood -	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Homewood -	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Warrenwood -	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Harefield -	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Term dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term

Weds 2nd Sep: Inset Day
 Thurs 3 Sep: Term Begins
 Mon 26-Fri 30 Oct: Half Term
 Fri 18 Dec: End of Term

Spring Term

Mon 4th Jan: Inset Day
 Tues 5 Jan: Term Begins
 Mon 15-Fri 19 Feb: Half Term
 Fri 26 Mar: End of Term

Summer Term

Mon 12 Apr: Inset Day
 Tues 13 Apr: Term Begins
 Mon 31 May-Fri 4 Jun: Half Term
 Mon 7 Jun: Inset Day
 Tues 20 Jul: End of Term
 Weds 21: Jul Inset Day
 Thurs 22 Jul: Occasional Day

Congratulations to this week's star learners!

Pantherswood:

Evelyn-Rose and Aidan

Homewood:

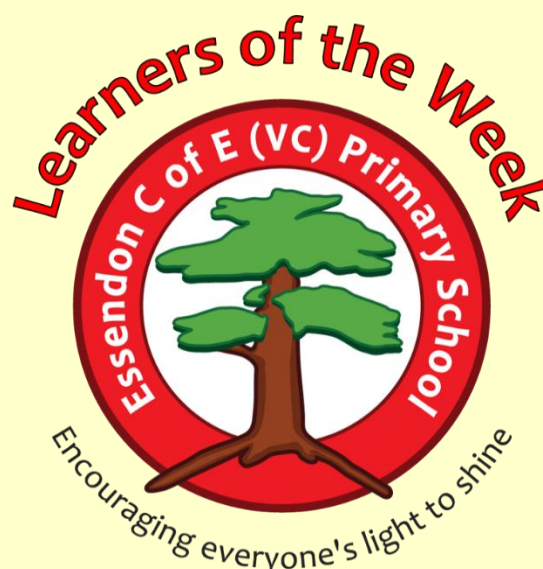
Carter and Stella

Warrenwood:

Mollie and Elsie

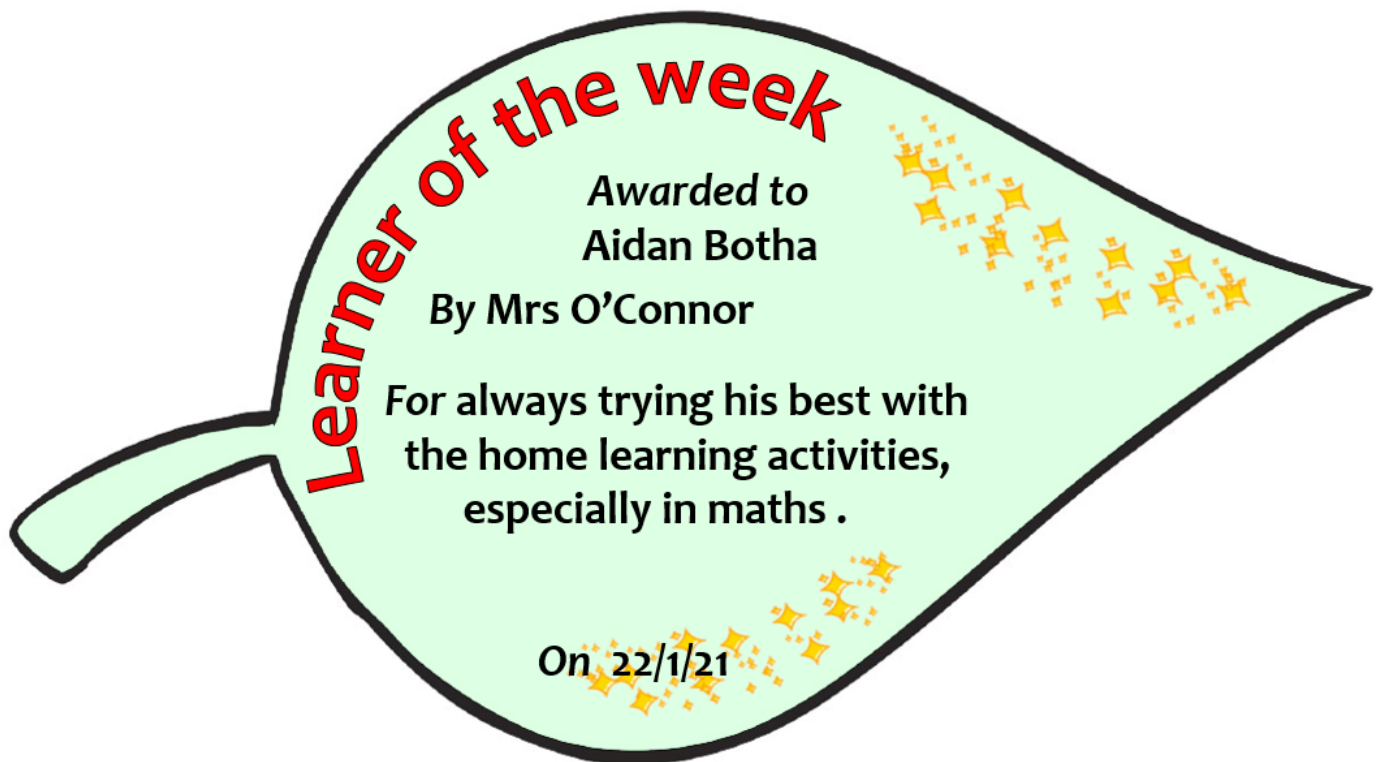
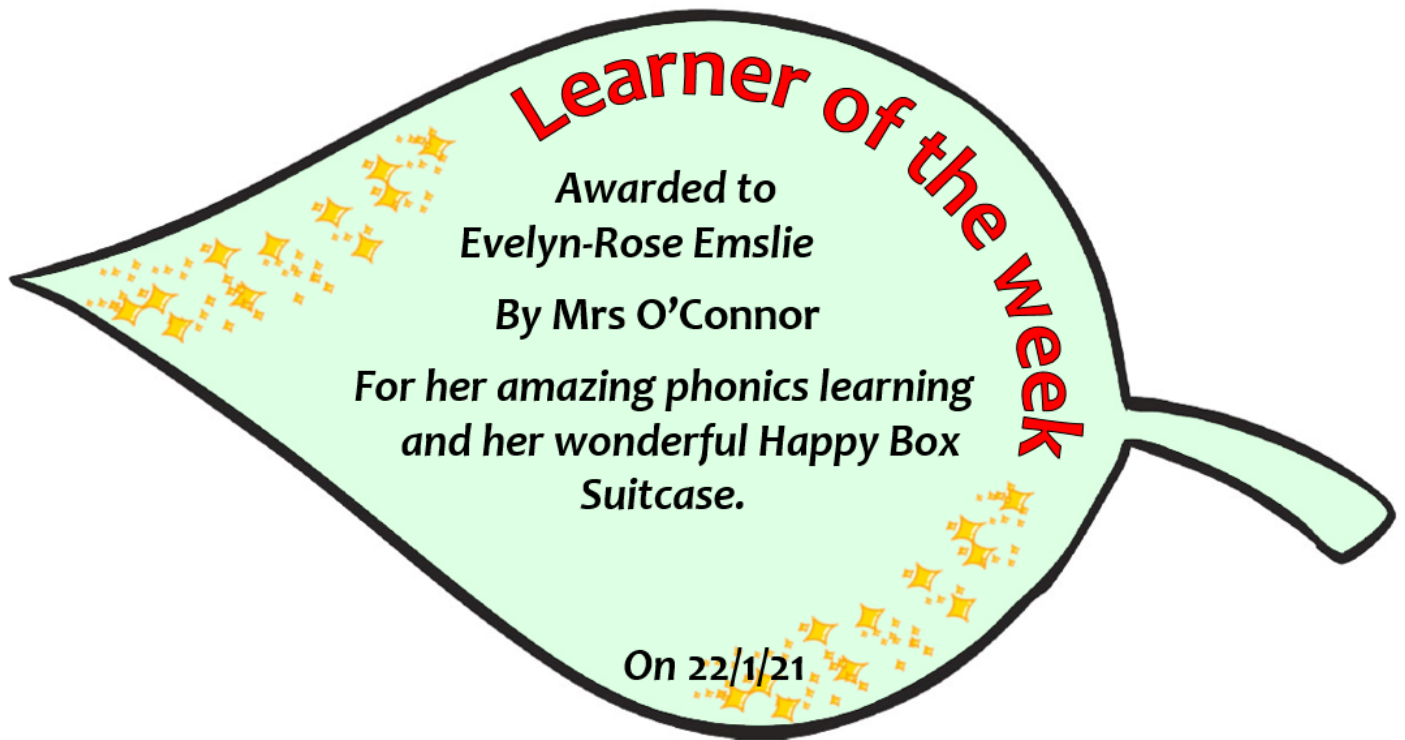
Harefield:

Evan and George



Well done to you all! Your cut-out-and-keep Learner of the Week leaves are below.

Pantherswood



Homewood

Learner of the Week

Awarded to

Stella Emslie

By Mrs Jones

There are so many reasons Stella! For your amazing effort and brilliant ideas with home learning tasks, sharing other activities you do connected with the home learning and your continued effort with your reading.

On 22/1/21

Learner of the week

Awarded to

Carter Kelleher

By Mrs Jones

For your detailed drawings and wonderful work this week when describing and imagining Beegu's world, and making predictions about the story.

On 22/1/21

Warrenwood

Learner of the week
Awarded to:
Mollie
By: Ms Canham
For Showing an excellent effort with
her maths work in school. Keep up the
great work!

On 21/1/2021

Learner of the week
Awarded to:
Elsie
By: Mr Woodhouse
For her great engagement with her
work on SeeSaw this half term. Well
done!

On 21/1/2021

Harefield

Learner of the week
Awarded to
Evan West
By Mrs Foster
For working hard at school and at
home! We are really proud of the
work Evan is completing!

On 22/01/2021

Learner of the week
Awarded to
George Chymkowski
By Mrs Pulham
For working well in school and
taking care in his work!
Well done George!

On 22/01/2021