



Essendon

C of E Primary School

Encouraging everyone's light to shine

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Newsletter: 15th January 2021

Dear Essendon families,

I hope this letter finds you well, and that your children have been managing with their online work whether at home or at school. Here are this week's updates from school...

Ipad donation

We have had the incredible fortune this week to have been approached by a local resident, Mr Andrew Cooper, who has made the extraordinary gesture of buying some brand new Ipads for the school. This means we have been able to provide more devices to families who need them to improve their access to online learning from home. A massive thanks to Mr Cooper for this incredible gesture of community support! Thank you letters from the children will be making their way to Mr Cooper in due course.

Outstanding home learning engagement

Our teachers have continued to be blown away by the quality and quantity of work that is being completed online. Well done to everyone, and keep up the hard work!

Lister Hospital collection

Don't forget, we're collecting donations for the staff at Lister Hospital. Please leave food, toiletries, treats, etc. in the box by the main entrance.

Covid: full capacity for Key Worker and Vulnerable pupils

Once again, on some days next week we have received more requests for places than we can safely accommodate. Please, for the safety of all staff and pupils, only request places on days when you have no alternative.

Our focus value this term is...



Nature trail progress

Some of you may be aware that behind the school is an area that has come to be known by the children as "the ditch". This area was once a nature trail, but over the years had become overgrown and disused. I'm delighted to announce that our grounds team are now working to re-open this area for use by the children to complement our outdoor learning and provide additional options for the pupils to play at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Here you can see some photos of the progress so far. When complete, the trails will be laid with woodchip and an outdoor learning area will be cleared including tree trunk seats. We will keep you updated as the work progresses!



Now take a look further down to see the work pupils have been posting online this week!
With love and best wishes, Mr Potter

Awards

Congratulations to **Elsie Tilley**, who earned a HEADTEACHER's AWARD for her outstanding leaf print calendar, explaining what she was thankful for and hopeful about in 2021. Congratulations also to **Louie Moss** who earned his 50 Team Points Bronze Award!

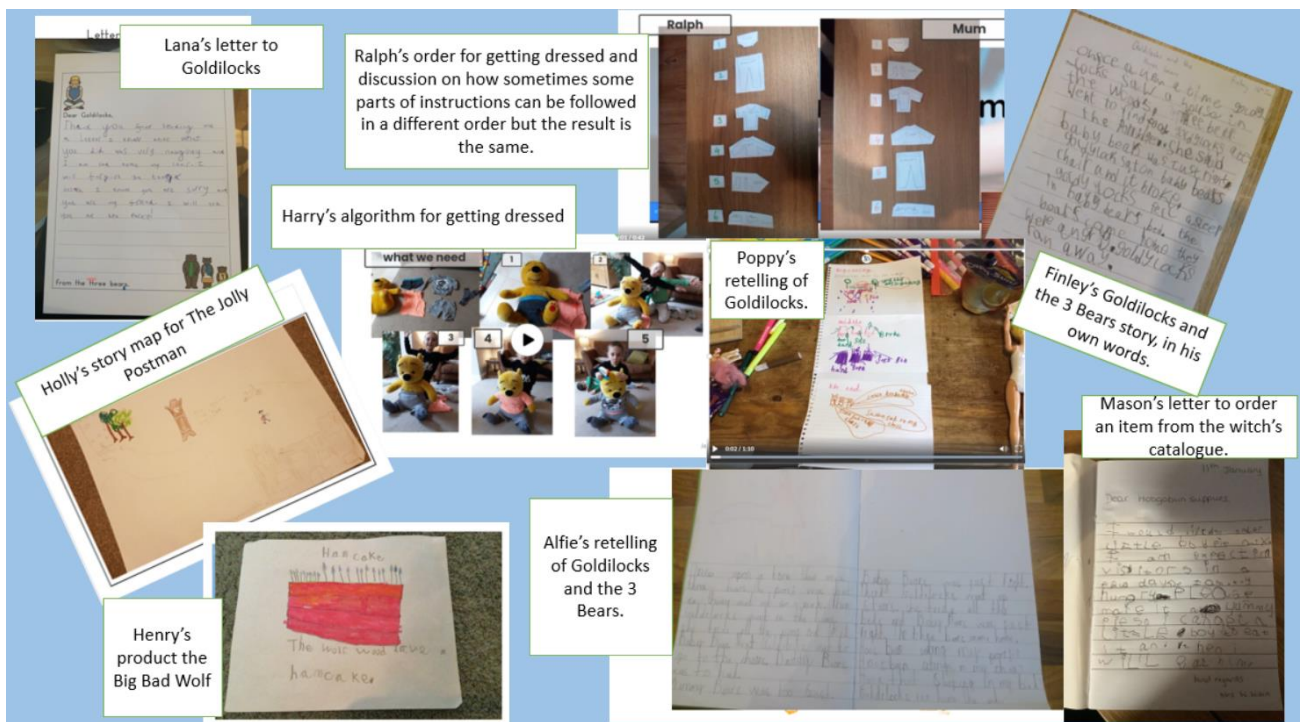


Photos from our learning this week!

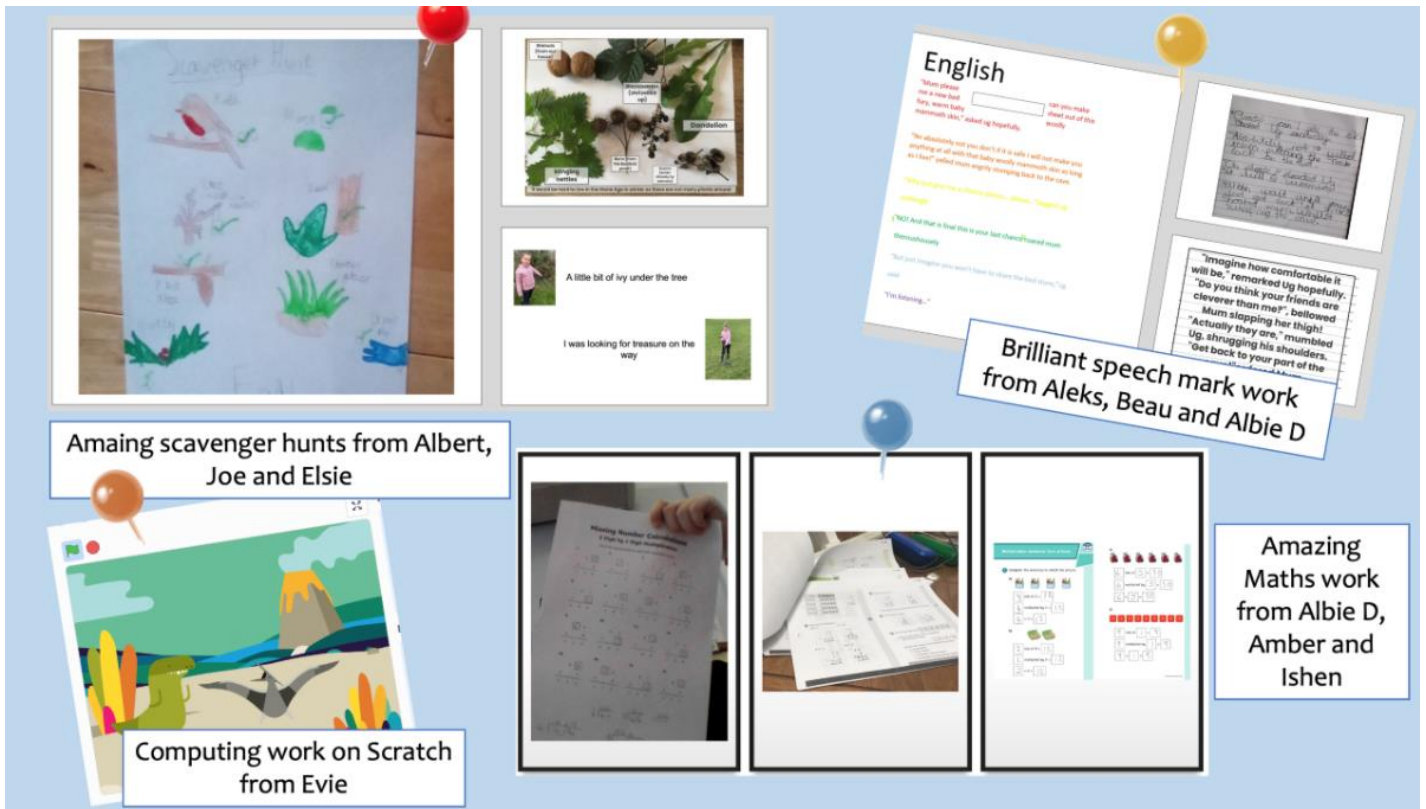
Pantherswood



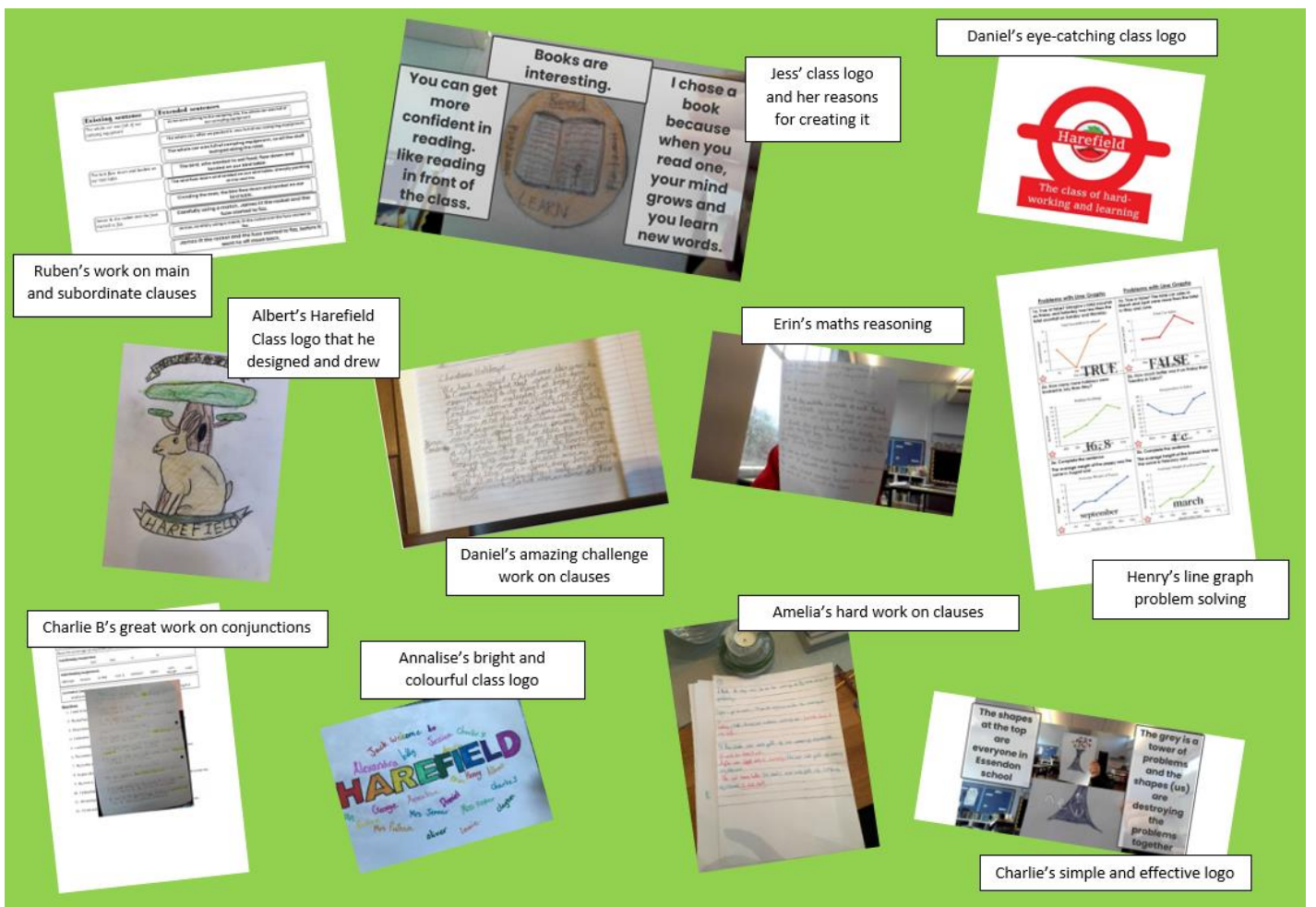
Homewood





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

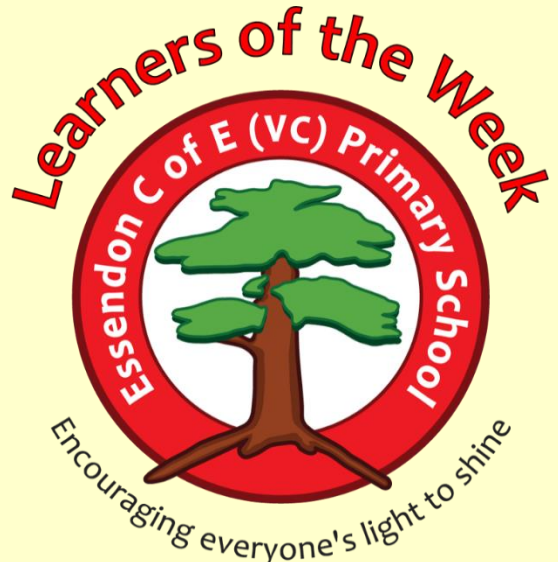
Congratulations to this week's star learners!

Pantherswood:
Madison and Daisy-Mae

Homewood:
Evie and Ralph

Warrenwood:
Lily and Joe

Harefield:
Jess and Charlie B



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

FAMILY LEARNING

FAMILY MATHS FOR KS1

THURSDAY
14TH
JANUARY
10AM -12PM

5 WEEK COURSE
Online in realtime

Only £15



Ideas and activities for supporting your child with a range of maths topics such as numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and shapes.

Learn how to include maths learning in every day life.
Each session will include fun practical learning which you can complete with your child



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FAMILY LEARNING

FAMILY ENGLISH FOR KS1

FRIDAY
15TH
JANUARY
10AM -12PM

5 WEEK COURSE
Online in realtime



Only £15

Gain the confidence to support your child on this 5-week course.

You'll learn how phonics, early reading and writing are taught in school. You will learn lots of exciting ideas that can benefit your child's learning and help them to make reading and writing fun. You will be shown games and activities that you can do at home as a family to help develop your child's skills.



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Pantherswood



Homewood



Warrenwood

Learner of the week

Awarded to:
Lily

By: Ms Canham

For Showing an excellent effort with her on-line learning at home and in school.

On 14/1/2021

Learner of the week

Awarded to:
Joe

By: Mr Woodhouse

For his fabulous attitude to learning at home. Keep up your excellent work!

On 14/1/2021

Harefield

