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C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 30th April 2021

Dear Essendon families,

Happy Friday everybody! It's a Bank Holiday weekend, so I hope you've got plans to get out and enjoy the extra day off with your family. Without further ado, here's this week's news...



British Values Week

This week was our British Values week. All schools in the country have a duty to teach

about the five British Values, and our classes produced some excellent work discussing and learning about them. Pantherswood learned all about the value of **Respect**. Homewood focused on the value of



Tolerance. Warrenwood studied the value of **Individual Liberty**. Finally, Harefield took on the two values of **Democracy** and **The Rule of Law**.



Jazz day

We are delighted that the relaxation of Covid rules means that certain educational visitors are once again allowed to come into schools. As a result, Warrenwood were able to experience a special treat this Tuesday as we were visited by Rachel from Hertfordshire Music School to celebrate International Jazz Day. The children enjoyed listening to the live saxophone performances of some jazz classics and learning

Our focus value this term is...



about the instruments and musical techniques involved in jazz playing.



Parent forum

The Parent Forum meeting scheduled for this Friday has been postponed due to a lack of uptake. We will try to rearrange this meeting for later in the term.

Book fair

Don't forget that Mr Woodhouse has organised an outdoor Book Fair for Tuesday 11th of May. Please come along at the end of the day to support this event (weather permitting).

Bags to School

Please start gathering your unwanted clothes for the next Bags to School collection on Friday 14th May.

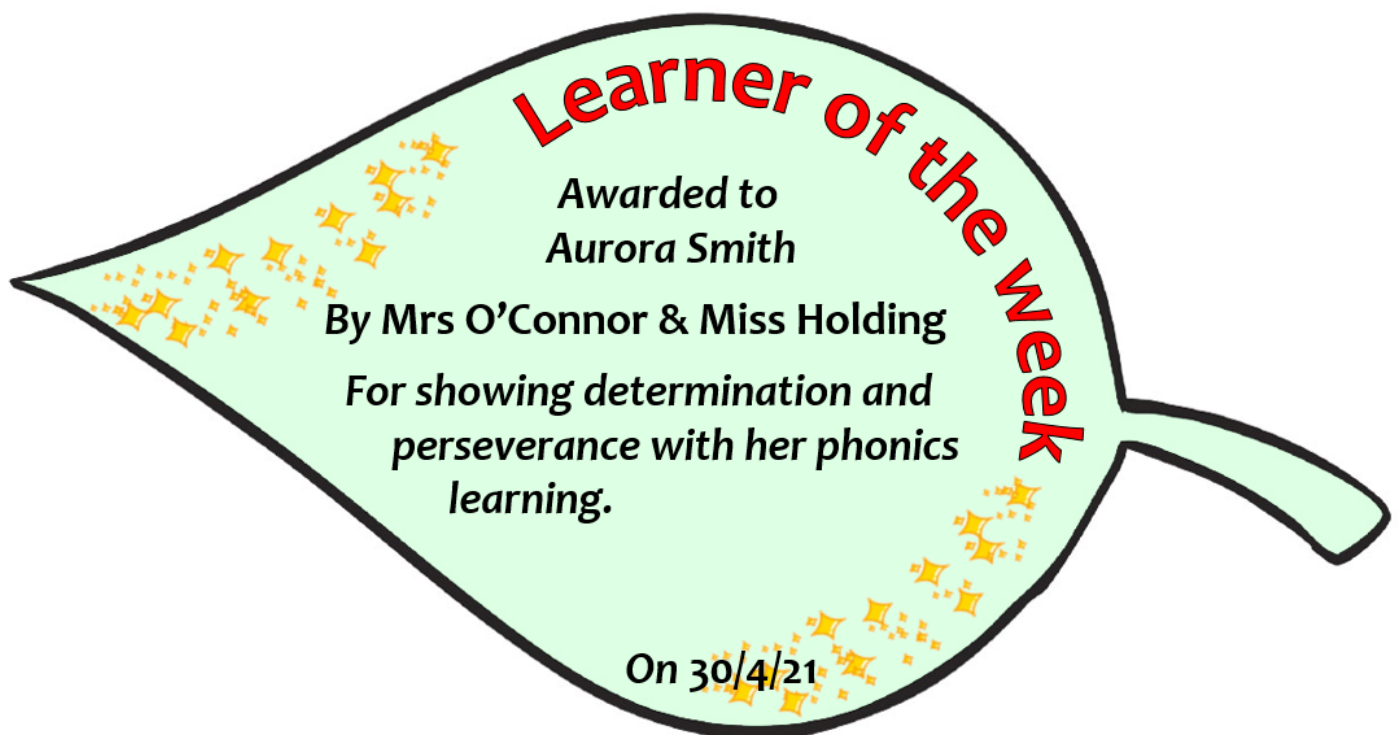
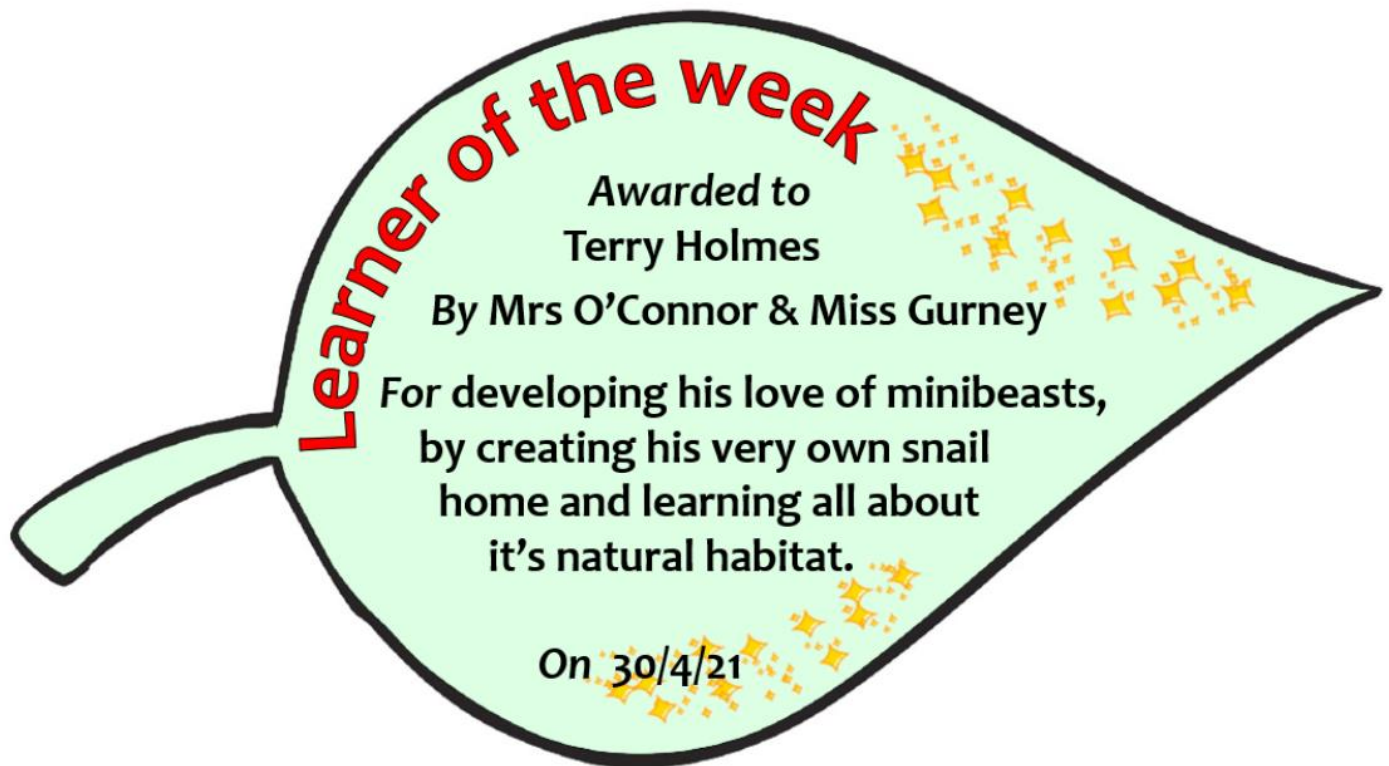
Have a great weekend!

With love and Best Wishes, Mr Potter

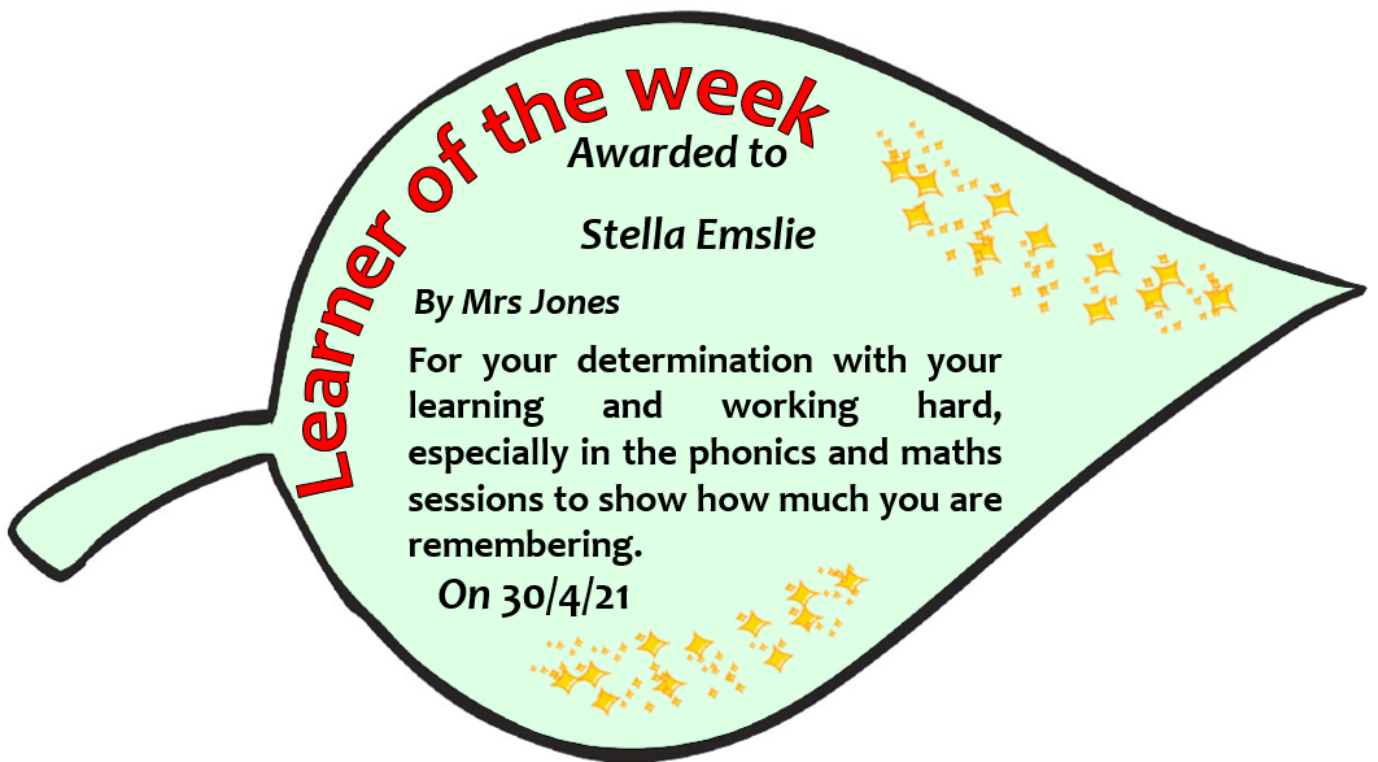
Awards

Well done to all the children who have received awards for their hard work and good manners this week! Bronze awards for 50 Team Points go to Ted Craig, Laura Hayes, Aleks Chalmers, Mollie Blackman, Jack Murphy and Carter Kelleher. Headteacher's awards go to Ruben Botha, Cristianna Holmes, Louie Moss, Jess Bohan, Alexandra Ewen-Paul, Evan West and Oliver Shawyer. Congratulations to all of you!

Learners of the Week: Pantherswood



Learners of the Week: Homewood



Learners of the Week: Warrenwood

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Awarded to:

Elsie

By: Mr Woodhouse

For Showing an amazing effort to her work and gaining her pen license this week. Keep up the hard work.

On 29/04/2021

Learner of the Week

Awarded to:

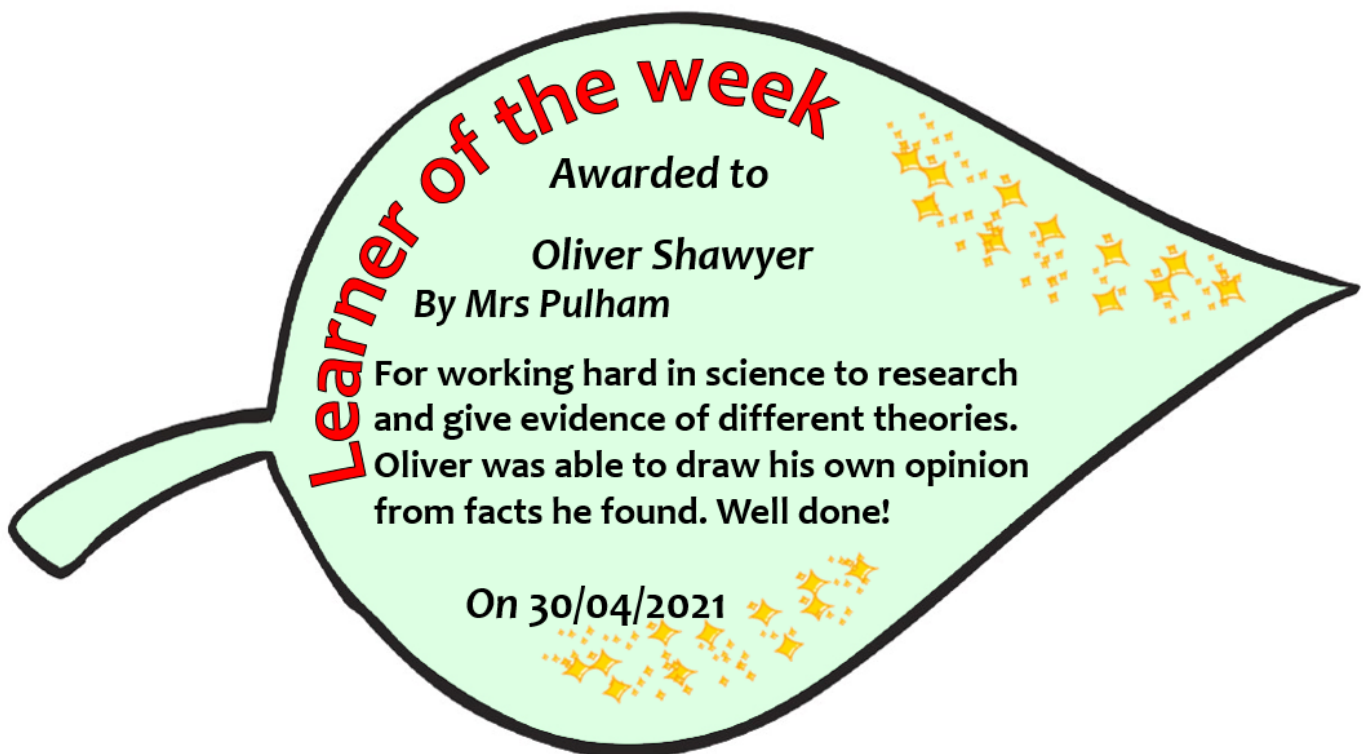
Martin

By: Ms Canham

For Settling back into school so well and trying so hard with his handwriting. Well done!

On 29/04/2021

Learners of the Week: Harefield



Covid Rules

It has been a great relief to many to see the rules around Covid gradually relaxing, as we have been allowed to see friends and go shopping since Monday 12th April.

Please remember, though, that the rules for school and self-isolation have not changed.

If your child, or anyone else in your household, experiences any of the three main symptoms of **persistent cough, temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or higher, or loss of taste or smell** you should **begin self-isolation** and **book a Covid test**. Our classes remain in separate bubble groups, and bubble closures are still a possibility if infection finds its way into the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

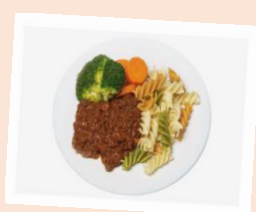
Mon 4th Jan: Inset Day
Tues 5 Jan: Term Begins
Mon 15-Fri 19 Feb: Half Term
Fri 26 Mar: End of Term

Summer Term

Mon 12 Apr: Inset Day
Mon 19 Apr: Parents' Evening
(1st half – early evening)
Weds 21 Apr: Parents' Evening
(2nd half – later evening)
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

Sign up for hot and cold school meals!

Since Herts Catering Ltd began providing our school meals in the Autumn term, we have been delighted by the fantastic quality, generous portions and wide variety of options on offer. The pupils have unanimously expressed their enjoyment of the meals.



I would strongly encourage all parents to read through the information available at www.hcl.co.uk and consider taking up these excellent school meals!