



Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works

Newsletter: 8th May 2020

Whole class engagement this week...

Whole School -
Pantherswood -
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This half term, our value is:



Healthy minds network

For non-judgemental support and advice on mental health, you can visit <https://www.herts.mindnetwork.org/young-peoples-helpline> or call 01923 256391.

Dear Essendon families ...

I hope you are all keeping well during what has been another week of beautiful lockdown weather. The small group of children we have had here in school have been working hard and keeping their spirits up, and I am delighted to see on Seesaw how many of you have been doing the same at home.

As Miss Dacosta mentions in her thought-provoking Collective Worship this morning, tomorrow is the 75th anniversary of VE Day. As I have driven to school through the village each day, it's been wonderful to see the community transformed with a sea of colourful bunting. It's so important that we celebrate the end of the Second World War, while honouring the sacrifice made by those who fought for our freedom, particularly as those members of the community who lived through those terrible days are now likely to be feeling the most vulnerable as a result of the current global crisis.

So, have a great bank holiday weekend, keep safe and happy, and enjoy sharing your love and kindness with your neighbours. I hope you enjoy your garden parties and barbecues, and we would love to see photos of your celebrations, bunting and decorations, so do please post them to Seesaw and we will share as many as we can in next week's newsletter.

With love and kind thoughts, Mr Potter

Community support

Essendon residents are continuing to offer support to those feeling isolated and anxious due to the coronavirus outbreak. Please feel free to call them on 07442499601 if you:

- Feel lonely or anxious
- Need practical help e.g. Shopping
- Just for a chat

Kindly Note: We are not medically trained. We are fellow villagers so please do not call us if:

- It is a medical emergency - call 999
- Need medical advice - call NHS 111

If you are not in need of help, but instead would like to help out with this service, please contact Vicky Craig.

Governor view

The broad and balanced curriculum is taking on a whole new meaning at Essendon as we all rise to the challenge of remote learning. Governors were able to broaden their skill set this week as they met together for a "virtual" governors meeting on Wednesday: Another Essendon first!

It was so exciting to have mastered the technology of a virtual meeting and to see everyone again after so long, but we were also able to hear all about all the challenges that the school have been rising too recently, and how well the staff and children have been doing. Planning for what school might look like over the next few months ahead will be another interesting challenge but one we are keen to "stir each other up" to do well.

With best wishes,
Katie Bedi, Chair of Governors



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A huge “well done” to the following children who have been picked as the star online learners by their teachers this week.

Congratulations to you all, and keep up the good work everybody!

Pantherswood:

Eden for sharing his amazing knowledge all about the Rainforest and for constructing a detailed model habitat.

Alisha for challenging her learning in writing some wonderful sentences about a dog.

Carter for his brilliant research into animals that camouflage and his super chameleon drawing.

Homewood

Lily for her beautiful handwriting.

Charlotte for a wonderfully descriptive poem about all things purple.

Sammy for some fantastic problem solving in maths.

Tegan for excellent joke telling. You really made Mrs Jones and Mrs Fowler laugh!

Warrenwood:

Beau for completing some brilliant pieces of writing.

Rose for fantastic engagement with all the online tasks.

Louie who has gone back and completed loads of old tasks in addition to the daily tasks.

Harefield

Annalise for her inspiring confidence in posting a video of herself learning a new skill.

Mimi, Iris and Ella for brilliant engagement with all of the lessons this week and impressing Mr Potter with their knowledge of fractions!

Turn the page to see more of our amazing home learning!

Once again this week, we've been blown away by the amazing level of engagement on Seesaw. The amount and standard of the children's homeworking is a joy to see, and we are truly grateful to all parents who are working so hard to manage the home-school juggling act. We know how hard this is for everyone, so well done, you are doing wonderfully!

Turn the page to see examples of the children's recent work!

Mrs Pinfold's PE Challenge: Bronze award!

Well done to everyone who posted their PE challenge results! Mrs Pinfold has awarded the school a bronze for participation. Let's see if we can achieve a silver, or even a gold award next week!





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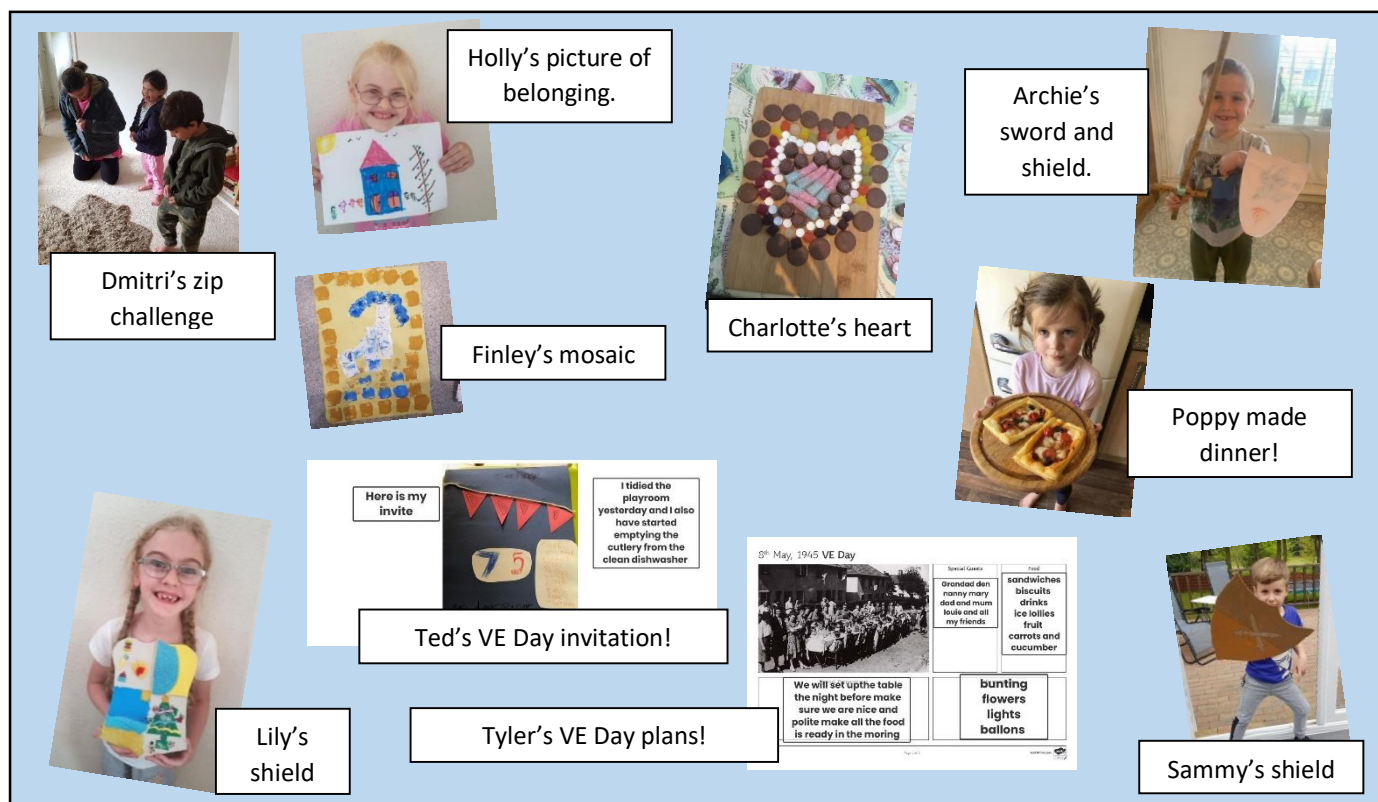
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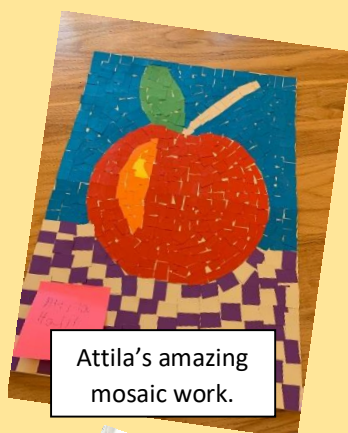
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Pantherswood



Homewood





Attila's amazing mosaic work.



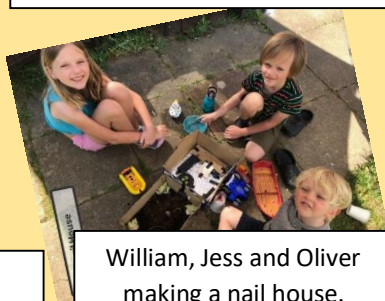
Beau's brilliant Roman sword!



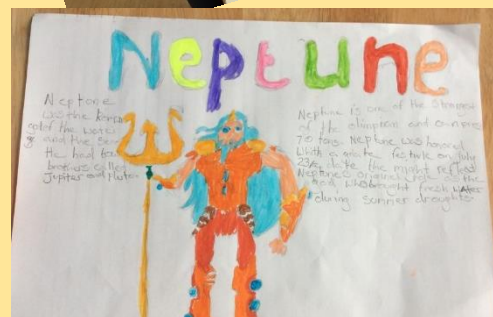
Mollie's awesome craft work.



Erin's mosaic

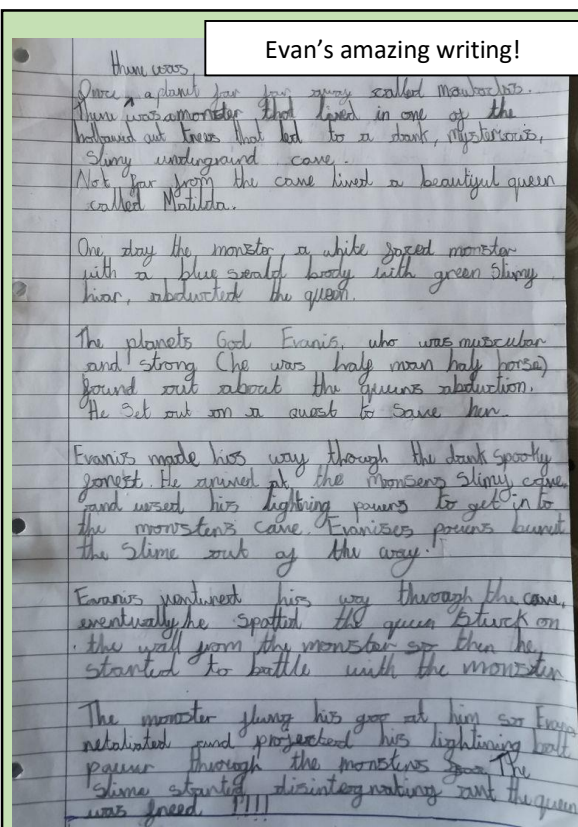


William, Jess and Oliver making a nail house.

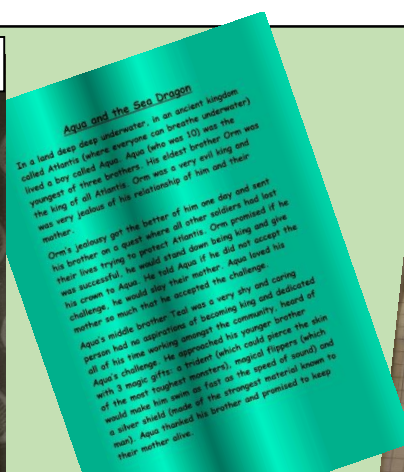


Louie's work on Neptune

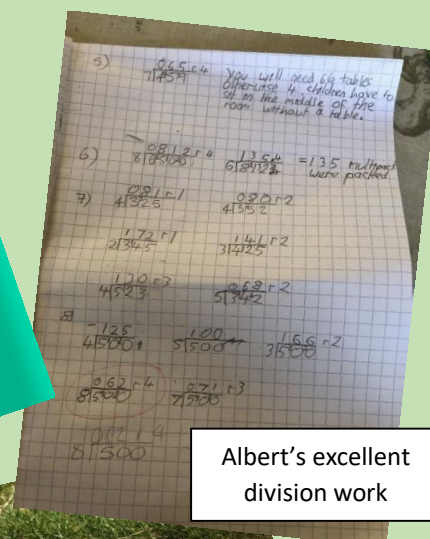
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Evan's amazing writing!



Angelo's work on 'The Sea dragon'



Albert's excellent division work



Kitty's amazing dragon!