



Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

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

Newsletter: 24th April 2020

Whole class engagement this week...

Whole School -
Pantherswood -
Homewood -
Warrenwood -
Harefield -



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.

The week that was ...

Well, what a strange start to my time as Headteacher it has been! Though I certainly can't complain – the weather has been beautiful and the school grounds are a haven of peace and tranquillity, with wildlife teeming in the hedgerows and beautiful cherry trees putting on a lovely display of blossom.

I'm so proud to have taken over the leadership of the school, and would like to say a huge "thank you" to the staff, parents and governors who have given me such a warm welcome. I'd also like to reassure you that if you have any concerns regarding your child's education or wellbeing at this difficult time, you are most welcome to contact me.

I've been amazed at the fantastic engagement of so many of the children via Seesaw. The teachers have been really enjoying the new way of working and have loved responding to the wonderful things that the children have been posting to their class pages. However, as you can see from the star-ratings above, there are still some pupils yet to get fully involved. If any families haven't logged onto Seesaw yet, you are missing out! The online classrooms are buzzing with brilliant photos, writing, artwork and maths, and you will find a selection of some excellent examples below.

Thank you to the many children who sent in their entries to the "Love challenge" – it has been a joy to see the many ways in which you have been helping to show love for your neighbours this week. Is there a winner? Yes – the winners of the love challenge are the people who were helped, and the prize is the warm feeling of satisfaction that comes from helping someone in need.

With kind regards, from 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

I was really thrilled to be able to pop into classes this week to see how "virtual school" looks for different children. I was able to catch up on a dragon story in Harefield and do my PE in Homewood before settling down to listen to Mr Potter set his challenge for us all to think about how we can love those around us during this time. I even saw some familiar faces as the teachers talked about the day's challenges.

So glad to see that remote learning is going so well with such a lot of lovely ideas and work going on.

**With best wishes,
Katie Bedi, Chair of Governors**



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A huge “well done” goes to the following children because your teachers have picked you as their star online learners of the week! Congratulations to you all, and keep up the good work everybody!

Pantherswood:

Rowan for extending his learning with the maths activities by creating his own maths whiteboard at home.

Alfie for challenging himself in writing some wonderful sentences, remembering all of his punctuation.

Evie for showing such amazing creativity in extending her maths understanding using mole hills, daisies and dandelions.

Homewood

Tyler for his engagement in the tasks sent home and for sharing other activities like putting up a birdhouse.

Ted for sharing lots of activities he has been doing at home, such as his target game.

Finley for sharing his videos, making art, and explaining his dissolving activity in science.

Dimitri for showing his love for others in the community by sharing his eggs, finding purple items and making 'purple soup', and for his science dissolving activity where he recorded himself explaining his results.

Poppy - for her lovely acrostic poem and skittles experiment!

Warrenwood:

Daniel for outstanding contributions including excellent writing and his technology project

Attila for his wonderful writing about Maggie, the Venus Flytrap!

Harefield

Albert for his inspiring actions in thinking about, and acting on, our value of love.

Emily for excellent responses to the classwork set this week.

Harry for getting really involved in the online learning this week.

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

So many of the children have been online every day, showing an outstanding attitude and posting lots of brilliant work. Over the page is a selection of photos showing what each class have been up to at home! Remember, as well as the work from the online lessons, we love to see the other brilliant things the children have been doing as well. Well done everyone!



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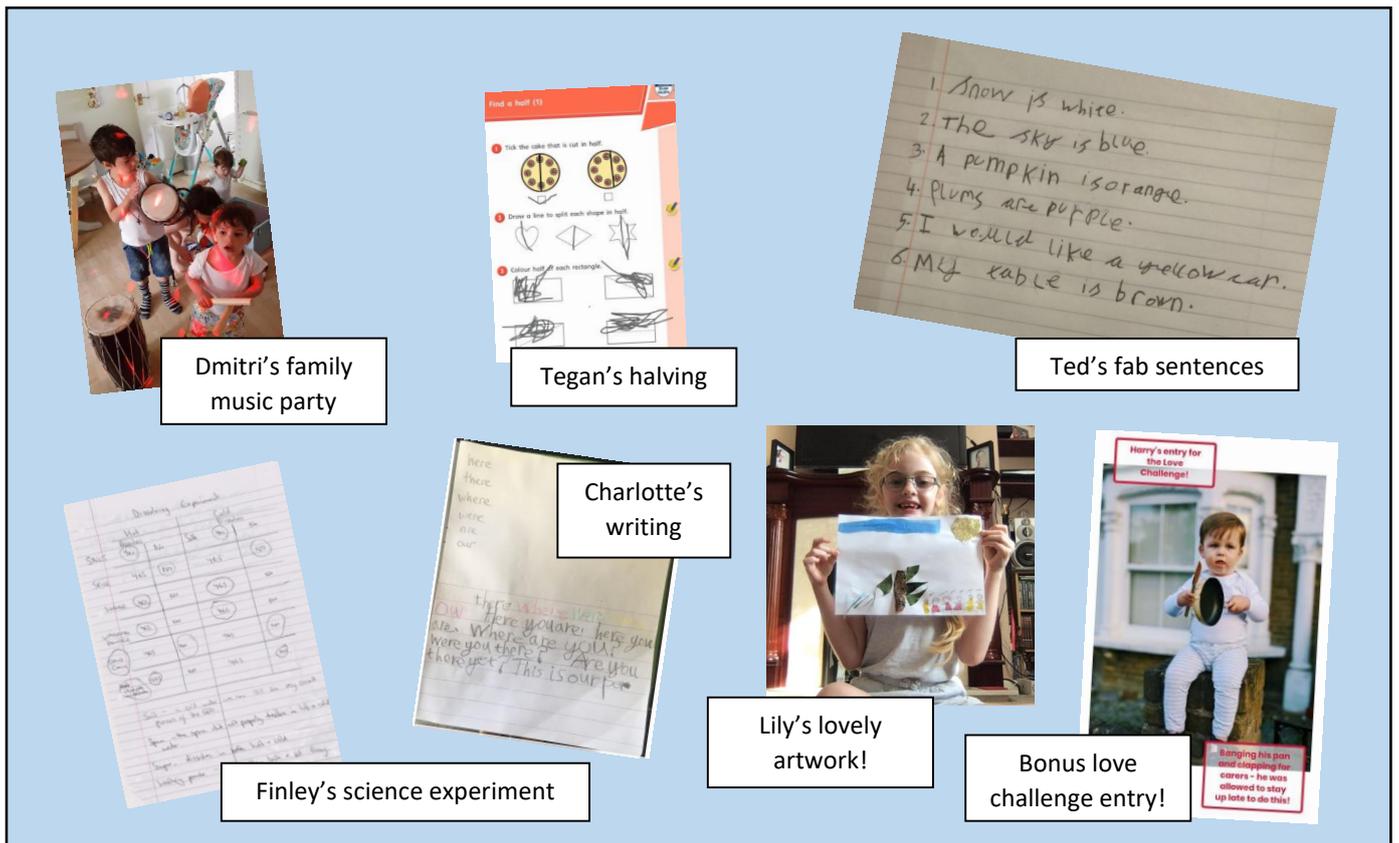
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Pantherswood



Homewood





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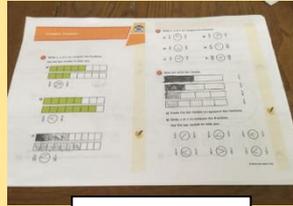
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Warrenwood



Attila's venus flytrap writing



Joe's maths



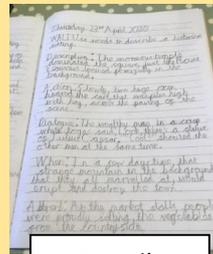
Charlie's excellent model of London



Albie's great history work



Erin's plant rainbow

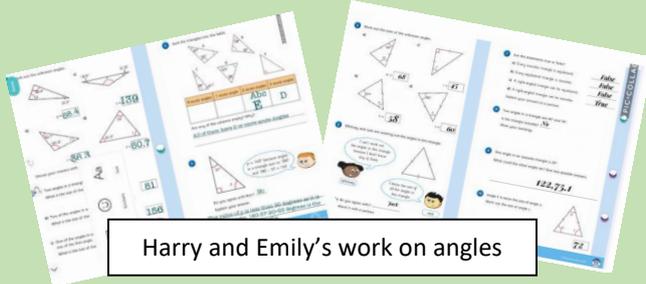


Daniel's writing



Rose (and Charlotte) loading the dishwasher

Harefield



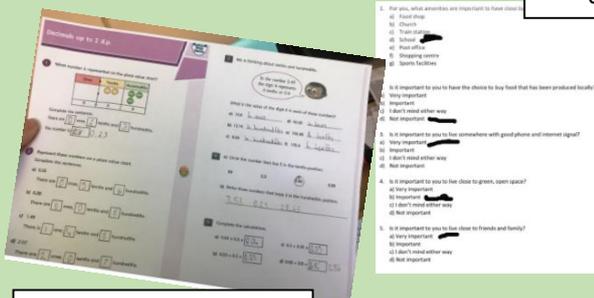
Harry and Emily's work on angles



Henry and Belle's questionnaires



Albert's thoughtful acts



Annalise's maths



George and Kitty's art