



Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

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

Newsletter: 15th May 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.

Dear Essendon families ...

Another strange week comes to an end! I loved seeing the pictures of your VE Day celebrations, and a big “thank you” goes to Mrs Morton who has supplied some beautiful photos of the day which I’ve included further down. I also need to say a huge “thank you” to the staff who, since Mr Johnson’s address to the nation on Sunday night, have gone into overdrive in beginning preparations for the return of children to our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 classes on the 2nd of June. If you have children in those classes and have not yet responded to our return-to-school survey, please could you do so soon, as it will be enormously helpful for us to have a clear picture of how many children we should be planning to accommodate.

As I wrote in my letter on Monday, we understand what an anxious time this will be for many of you. Please be assured that we are currently in the process of putting together our reopening plan based on all available government and union advice, in order to be able to reopen the school to the greatest extent possible, while taking all available precautions with regard to the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and staff. You should expect to receive a copy of our finalised risk assessment and reopening plan next week.

On a brighter note, today your children are being asked to take part in the Duchess of Cambridge’s “Hold Still” art project. Their teachers will have shared details on the class Seesaw pages. I can’t wait to see the children’s entries, and as usual we will make sure to share as many as we can. Have a great weekend!

With love and best wishes, 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 would like to help out with this service, please contact Vicky Craig.

Governor view

The VE Day celebrations last week have been a great reminder of the amazing community we have in the village! Almost every house was decorated and had a lawn picnic. The weather was fabulous, the atmosphere was great... we all kept our distance, yet, we were all so united and close together. That was a reminder of how much the children are missing school, their teachers, friends and our community events!

To all parents involved with home schooling I want to send my utmost admiration, as I am aware how challenging it is at times. I will also clap for you on Thursday. Probably we will now understand better how demanding the job of a teacher is, as they are always also outnumbered in the classroom. Although this is a difficult time for most of us, I am confident we will all return stronger and we will appreciate more all the good things in our lives and in our community! As everybody else, me and my family are really looking forward to things returning to normal and get back to our daily routines when it will be safe to do so!

Until then, enjoy your times together and stay safe!

Jan Bedregeanu



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Well done to all this week's star online learners! Plus, a special well done to everyone in Homewood class for achieving our first ever five star engagement rating with so many children contributing on Seesaw – keep up the good work!

Pantherswood:

Ralph for his amazing and creative bunny house model.

Harry for his super drawing and sentence about the Grouchy Ladybug.

Mason for his wonderful singing and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

Homewood

Emilia for her fantastic maths work.

Holly for some great prediction work in English.

Lana for some great work on subtraction in maths.

Ted for consistently working hard in all areas.

Tyler for great improvement in writing.

Charlotte for writing and following a clear set of instructions to make a sandwich.

Lily for doing all three pieces of instruction writing!

Poppy for carrying out a very successful density experiment.

Finley's for his brilliant set of instructions for making a potion were brilliant.

Warrenwood:

Noah for outstanding engagement in all of the work set this week!

Harefield

Evan for working really hard on fractions in maths.

Annalise for trying the extra task in Topic this week.

Our amazing home learning!

As usual, we have been so impressed with the brilliant standard of work going on at home.

Turn the page to see what some of your classmates have been up to this week!

Mrs Pinfold's PE Challenge: Bronze award!

Mrs Pinfold has been very impressed with your throwing and catching this week!

We loved seeing the different equipment you've been using. Keep your results coming in!



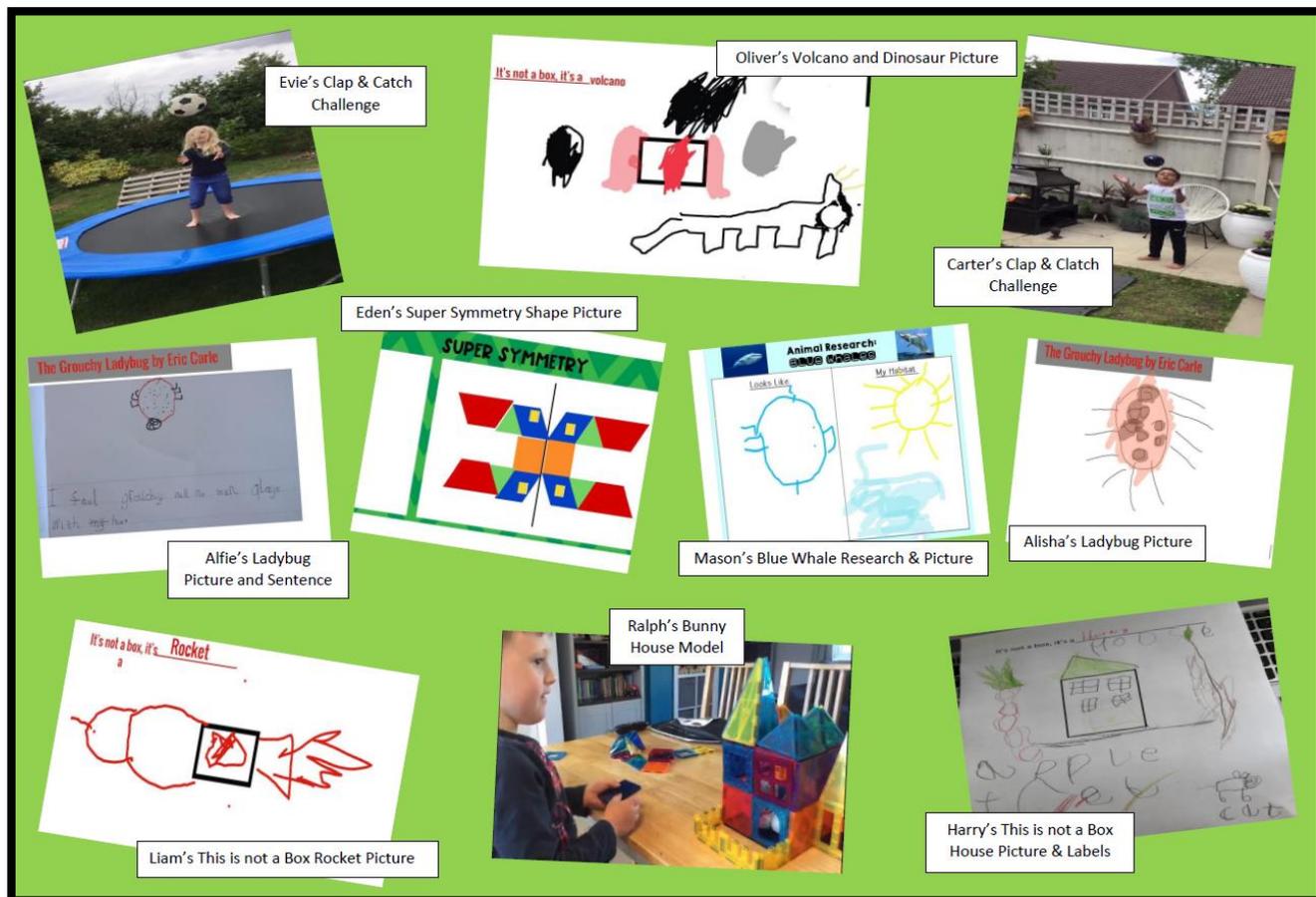


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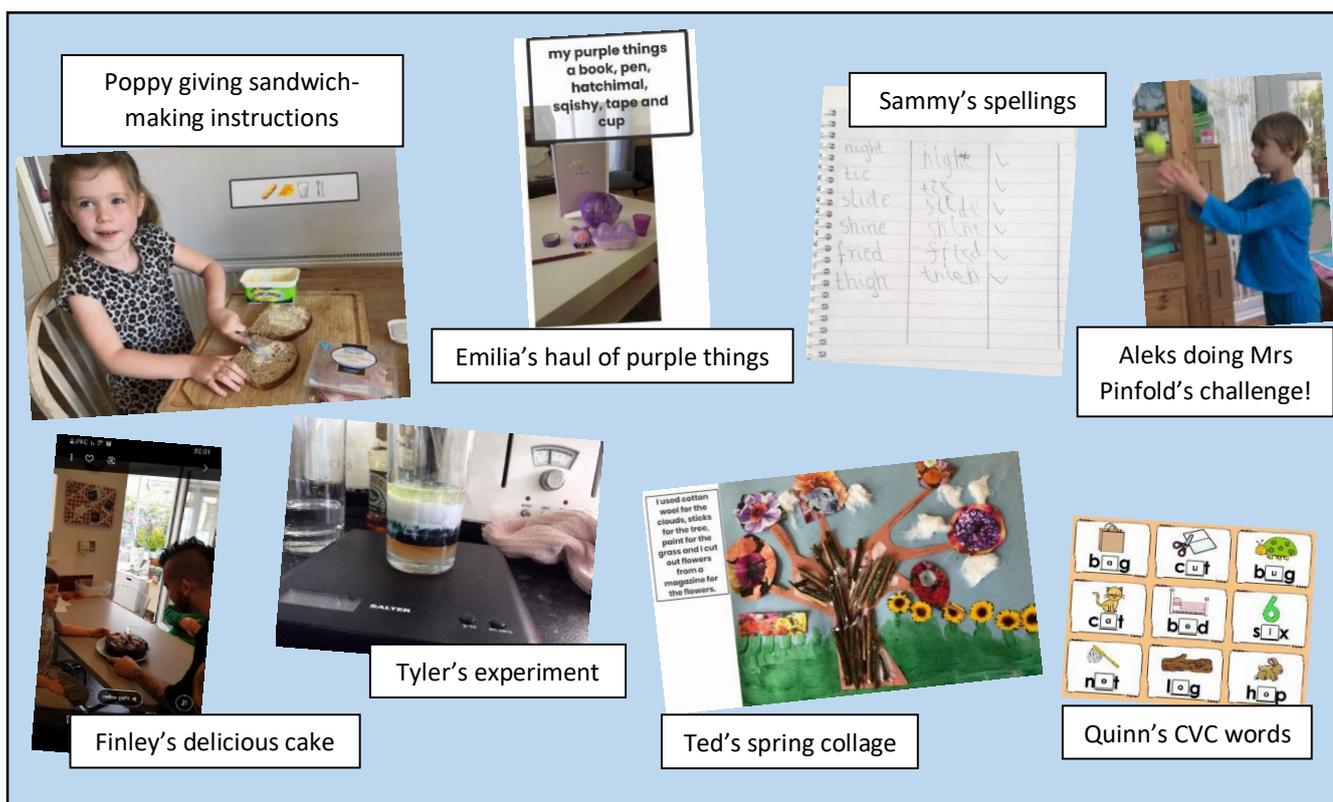
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Pantherswood



Homewood





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Warrenwood

Louie's amazing map

Joe's story planner

Evie's brilliant spelling work

Beau's excellent writing about Pompeii

Daniel's story introduction

Noah's super map

Ruben's great facts about bees

Harefield

Rihanna making cakes!

Evan's work on portmanteau

Word taken from the poem	Word 1	Word 2
brilliant	brilliant	brilliant
fantastic	fantastic	fantastic
amazing	amazing	amazing
awesome	awesome	awesome
incredible	incredible	incredible

Albert on VE day!

Angelo sharing his work!

Annalise's food miles work

Food Item	Where It Comes From	Food Miles
Bananas	Spain	1,150
Grapes	China	7,443
Bacon	Denmark	366
Chicken - grass fed	China (Czech)	4,873
Oil	Italy	1,181
Hot bread	England	0
Wine	England	0
Hot chocolate	England	0
Rice noodles	Asia	4,182
Hot curry	Thailand	5,347

Emily's writing

...I have traveled a long way and I have had a great time. I was thinking to meet this great scientist of the west of pocket food and water but I didn't have much and on my way to the great scientist of the west I was thinking to meet this great scientist of the west and hungry on the road to meet. They gave me food and a warm to keep it was very delicious and comfortable and the next day I will have to know but they asked me to see the great scientist of the west why the man's daughter couldn't speak.



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VE Day

Despite the lockdown, the Essendon community still had a great time celebrating VE Day. Thanks to Mrs Morton for these pictures!

