



# Essendon C of E (VC) Primary School

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## Dear Essendon families ...

After what has seemed like a very long period of change and upheaval, this week it has felt like we are finally getting into something like a routine. The children who have been coming into school have been simply fantastic in their adaptability over recent weeks as bubble groups have been formed and more members have been added, and it is great to see them now settled into regular routines, working beautifully and behaving impeccably.

I'd like to say a huge "well done" to the many children who took part in last week's Find Out Friday, and a big "thanks" to the parents for supporting them – we really hope all the children enjoyed the chance to be a bit more creative in their learning, and we loved seeing the brilliant outcomes. You can see some examples of the projects further down.

## Building work update

Many of you will no doubt be wondering what the current status of the Homewood classroom is, and I can report that good progress is now being made. After a lengthy period of consultation and planning, the main contractor is due on site for preparatory meetings next week. Provided no unforeseen circumstances arise, we hope that the work will be able to begin soon after. We will of course ensure that all works are carried out safely and in a way that is least disruptive to the learning of the children in school.

## Catering update

It is with great regret that I must announce the departure of Claire and Sharon in the catering team, who will be leaving us at the end of this term. I would like to take the opportunity to thank them for their hard work and dedication during their time at Essendon School, and wish them the very best of luck in the future. Next year, meals will be provided by Herts Catering Ltd, and we will continue to offer hot, cold and vegetarian options for school meals. I appreciate this change may affect some children with specific dietary needs, and the school will be in contact with you if this is the case.

Have a great weekend,

**With love and best wishes, Mr Potter**

## This half term, our value is:



## 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.

## A message from the Chair of Governors

Given the very sad news about the departure of Claire and Sharon from our kitchen at the end of this term, I wanted to send a message on behalf of all the governors to thank them for the wonderful work they have done in providing such fabulous meals since taking over the school's catering operations.

We wish them all the very best for the future, and will be keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

**Katie Bedi, Chair of Governors**

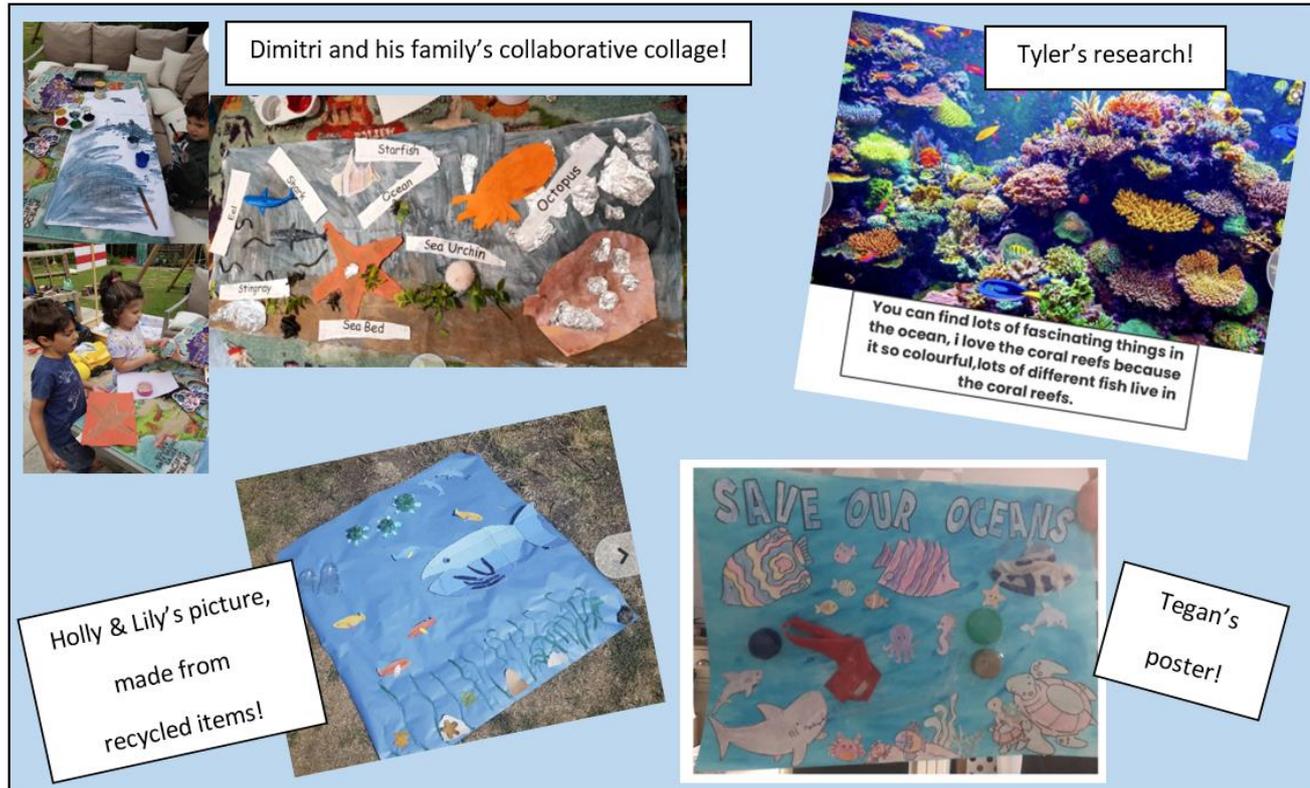


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## Photos from our learning this week!





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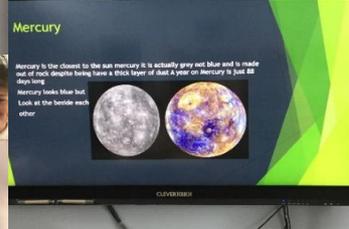
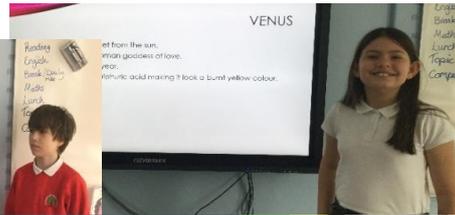
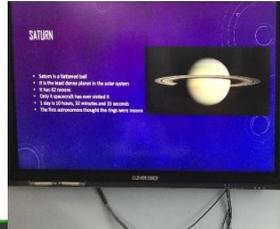
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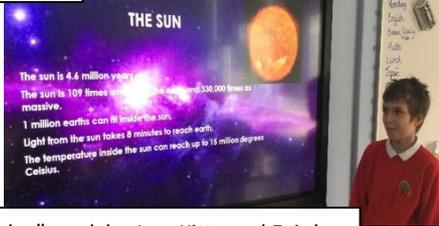
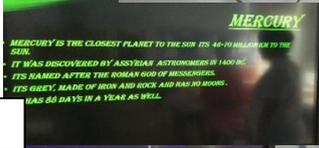


Measuring out the shuttle run!

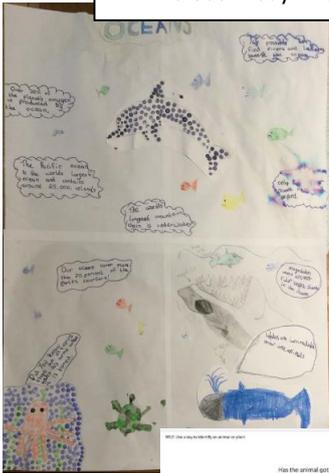
PE warm up led by Harry; featuring Mr Potter!



Solar system research!



"Find out Friday" work by Joe, Kitty and Evie!



### Pantherswood

**Rowan** for his engagement with the Home Learning activities.

**Liam** for his enthusiasm and determination in creating a wonderful telescope.

**Ollie** for his perseverance in writing his name on all of his amazing drawings.

### Homewood

**Lana** for great perseverance with handwriting.

**Tegan** for wonderful oceans work.

**Tyler** for fantastic work on seasons!

### Warrenwood

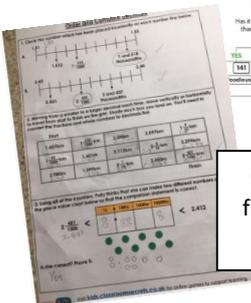
**Beau and Ruben** for their excellent home learning efforts across all subjects.

### Harefield

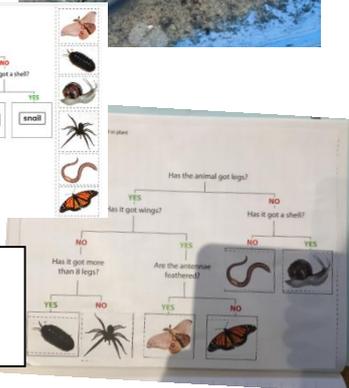
**Henry** for 100% effort and engagement with all subjects this week, well done!

**Jack and Tom** for adapting back to school routine so well this week.

**Well done to you all!**



Online learning from Daniel, Erin and Rose!





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## **ESSENDON 200 CLUB**

Essendon Village Hall Committee have been running our 200 Club for a number of years now. The joining fee is 50p (membership) plus £12 per year to be included in the six regular draws.

Part of the money we collect goes towards supporting the upkeep and running of the Village Hall and the rest is designated to the prize fund. All the details and rules of the 200 Club can be found on our website at <https://essendonvillagehal.wixsite.com/essendonvillagehall/200-club>

We hold six draws within our financial year:

- The first is the Super Draw, which takes place at our AGM after the subs for the year have been counted.
- The prize fund is split between Draws 2-6 (£50, £20 & £10) with the remainder allocated to the Super Draw where one lucky number wins.

If you would like to join, we encourage you to make an initial (First Payment for the first year) of £12.50 via BACS (see website for details) and an annual Standing Order of £12 to be set up for the following and subsequent years.

If you have any questions, you can email the Village Hall Committee at: [essendonvillagehall@hotmail.com](mailto:essendonvillagehall@hotmail.com)

**Thank you for your support!**

**Alexia Papalexandrakou.**

