



JULY NEWSLETTER 3

20th July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Are you wondering where this year has gone?

This has been an extraordinary year and the staff, children, parents and Governors of our school have all worked together to ensure we have worked safely while still offering children the best opportunities possible. I am really pleased we have made it to the end of the year with the school team still fully engaged in teaching children well. Although we have had to shut one class, I am also delighted at not having to shut multiple classes/move to remote learning repeatedly – we know children learn best when with their friends and teachers on site.

Thank you so much parents for cooperating through following the risk assessment procedures / national guidance and also for your smiles, kind words, positivity, little treats for the staff team and support over the year– the staff team and I send their gratitude to you. You have played your part brilliantly in supporting the children through a tough year – thank you all.

Thanks to the staff team too. They have made the move to teach remotely well and have worked hard to nurture the children as they have returned to school as well as teaching within the RA, running interventions, altering their roles, doing additional cleaning.... their flexibility and heart for the children in our school has been wonderful.

Recently updated school guidance states we will not need to work in bubbles when we return in September but some restrictions could be brought back in dependent on the situation with covid-19. Experience has taught us that guidance issued can change quickly. We have made plans for September but I will meet with SLT at the end of August to review guidance/the covid 19 situation. As soon as we have done this we will write to parents/carers to explain drop off/pick-up. Like you, we hope we can work in more typical ways in 2021-22.

Wishing you a wonderful Summer of rest, fun and laughter together.

Zoe Avastu

Headteacher

Forest School

The children in Class 1 have enjoyed a great term of forest school learning outside with Ms Levan. The children have enjoyed looking and taking notice of the natural world around them and learning lots about plants and animals.

Maisy and Herbie: We had toy animals: a badger, a hedgehog, a duck and a squirrel. We made homes for them using bricks, grass and sticks. It was fun.

Iris: We made a caterpillar out of clay. It was hard. I was pleased. I took it home.

Jay: We searched for insects. I found black and orange ants and a beetle. I liked learning about insects. The parts of an insect are head, abdomen and thorax.

Marnie: We saw butterflies. I liked making a butterfly. I used paper and paint. I learned they have a cocoon.

Thank you to Ms Levan for the fun and great learning opportunities she has given the children this year.



Sports Days

We are delighted that the children enjoyed a Sports Day in their class bubbles. The weather was fine and that helped the sessions run smoothly too. The children enjoyed 10 challenges and a team relay at the end. To earn their stickers for each challenge the children had to reach the standard for their age – this could be the number of repeats or a time limit.

The children said:

Katie: I enjoyed all the different challenges and elements. Skipping was the easiest for me.

Maisie: The obstacle race was fun. The class relay was hard but I didn't drop the baton. We all ran hard and came 3rd – I'm pleased.

Oscar: I enjoyed working as a team in the egg and spoon challenge.

Ruby: I enjoyed the obstacle challenge. We had to go under the parachute and it was fun – I got lost in it!

Owen and George A: The tennis challenge was hard but I did it.

Jamie: I liked the bean bag challenge. You had to balance it on your and get to the end of the playground and back. I did it.

Charlotte: I liked the skipping challenge because I enjoy skipping. I achieved it.

Addy: The tennis challenge was difficult – I was really close to achieving it at the end. I tried my best. I liked the bean bag challenge – I achieved it.

The Sports Day sessions of activity ended with squash served by the class School Council representatives and a refreshing ice lolly too!

Thanks go to everyone who made the Sports Days work this year and especially to Miss Pates for organising and amending our usual sports day challenges & standards for this year. A great job.

We are all hoping to return to a Sports Day all together at our big field in the village next year. Fingers crossed.





Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)



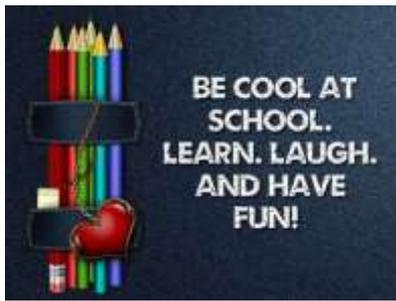
PC Weedon, our local BEAT Officer, has worked with Y6 children over this year leading several learning sessions on keeping safe. These include cyber safety, drugs and peer pressure. The children always enjoy the opportunity to work with PC Weedon in interactive ways and to have the opportunity to ask questions related to their learning and policing. PC Weedon works in Rednock and Maidenhill so most of our Y6 children will enjoy seeing and working with him again as they transition into Y7.

We are delighted that PC Weedon will be returning next year to work with our new Y6 group too.

Treasure Island!

The children and staff had a real treat today. We were delighted with the cinema/theatre show of Treasure Island. Lots of cheering, encouraging and pantomime joining in made it lots of fun. A great way to end the term.





Year 6 pupils

We wish all our Y6 pupils the very best as they transfer to secondary school. You have been a delight and we know you will continue to be successful. (Daniel – we missed you at school today and our thoughts are with you.) Keep safe, have fun and make the most of every opportunity offered to you as you move forwards with your journey.

The last words go to the Y6 children....

Lexie: Ways to improve at Eastington are to try your best and never give up then you will achieve your goals.

Perin: Best bits at Eastington are enjoying my time with my friends and teachers and also PGL as I got to learn new skills. Spend your time wisely and have fun at this wonderful school.

Emelia: My favourite part of school was being in the Christmas Play. My advice to others is to challenge yourself to do things.

Wilf: My favourite times at Eastington are PGL, all the school trips. I also loved science, PE and most of the subjects. My advice to others is to work hard and listen – if you don't you will regret it.

Myla: My advice to other children in the school is to enjoy it and have fun.

Sophie: The best bits of Eastington Primary is working your way up the school and learning with the teachers. It was really fun making new friends through the 7 years here.

Alex: My favourite part of Eastington was PGL because we learned new skills. Advice to other children is to practice your work and check your work over.

Millie: Ways to improve Eastington are to make C5 warmer in winter and cooler in Summer! Advice to others in school is to stay happy, that PGL is really fun, welcome new people to the school and be polite.

Ollie: Ways to improve Eastington School are to make it bigger. My advice is to be resilient and keep on trying.

Ella: My advice to others in the school is to enjoy your time because the time goes fast.

Toby: My advice to other children is to be determined and never give up, even when it is hard to move forward.

Lauren: Ways to improve Eastington is to get more equipment for the playground. My advice to other people is to enjoy everything that happens and try your hardest.

Jess: The best way to improve Eastington is to build a pool in the school grounds. (I like this idea Jess! Ms A 😊) My advice to other children in school is to always be happy and show resilience even when times are tough.

Harrison: My best bits were swimming and archery. My advice is to stay in school and never give up.

Georgia: Best bits of Eastington are making new friends in every class, helping each other with work and cooperating.

Eilan: The best bits of school are PGL, swimming, art, PE, history and all the school trips. My advice is to give every lesson your all.

Chloe: My advice to other children – stay out of trouble, always do your work and stay kind.

George: To improve Eastington add to the trim trail on the field. Advice for other children in the school is to listen to teachers when they are speaking and when other children are speaking too.

Lily: Best bits of Eastington Primary School are the friends you make along the way and the teachers that make learning fun.

Key Dates

- July 20th is the last day of Summer Term 6 for children
- **3rd September is the first day of Autumn Term 1 for children**