



Englefield CE Primary School | Newsletter

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A note from the Headteacher

I cannot believe that June has come and gone already and we are heading into our final few weeks in school. The children and staff have squeezed so much into what turned out to be a surprisingly hot month! Our Year 1 children did brilliantly when completing their phonics screening and our Year 4's were times table rockstars, as they did their final Multiplication Tables Check online. Our Year 3/4 class had a fantastic time at the Englefield Countryside Day, whilst our Year 6's watched a French Play and Year 5's completed a fun Maths Orienteering Course at St Andrews. We then all had the best time exploring all the exhibits and completing a bug hunt at The Lookout Discovery Centre and we still have so much to do before the end of the year! We are certainly going to have earned that Summer Holiday when it finally arrives!



We all had a great time at The Lookout Discovery Centre. **Foundation Stage** and **Key Stage 1** had a great time exploring all the exhibits in the different rooms, including the Light and Colour room, the Water area and the main exhibits. The Construction Zone was a clear favourite of the children, as they spent a whole hour racing round in vehicles to collect and deliver bricks to our mini architects who were building towers, walls and other structures. They then enjoyed an interactive show learning about food chains, habitats and animal classifications, after which we headed into the forest for a bug hunt. The children found lots of creatures including a grasshopper, a spider, a shield bug and many, many ants!

The children in **FS2** have also had some EGGciting new arrivals this term, with the hatching of 11 beautiful new chicks. The children have loved seeing them grow and their characters develop and were excited to show them to their parents on our Stay and Play day. We think the mums and dads liked them too!

They have also started doing Sensory Circuits, which the children have been really enjoying and Mrs Sheppard has been pleased with the impact on their learning!



'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.' **Matthew 13: 31-32**

Dates for the Diary...

July

2nd July: KS1 Church Day

3rd July: Area Sports Competition

3rd July: Celebration Assembly (3pm)

6th July: Year 3/4 Community Kitchen

7th July: Moving Up Morning

8th July: Moving Up Day

9th July: iRock Concert

10th July: Reports go home

11th July: ENGLEFIELD VILLAGE FETE

13th July: Sports Day (9.15am)

13th July: Year 5 Transition Meeting (3.35pm)

14th July: KS2 Theatre Trip

14th July: Year 3 Transition Meeting (3.35pm)

15th July: Year 5/6 Production (6pm)

16th July: Year 5/6 Production (6pm)

17th July: Final Celebration Assembly (9am)

20th July: OPAL Day – Stay and Play (2.30pm)

20th July: Year 6 Party (3.3-5pm)

21st July: Leavers Service (1.15pm)



Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic day at the Englefield Countryside Day where there were lots of different things to look at and learn about. Their first activity was 'Trees and Timber'. "We estimated how tall the tree was by hugging the tree and holding hands around the trunk" Halima recalled. "We did lots of activities including looking at cows and a goat – we even got to milk the pretend ones!" said Billy. The children thought it was really fun and Malina told us her favourite part was "eating lunch on the trailer!" Who doesn't enjoy a good packed lunch?! ---

Year 5 really enjoyed taking part in a fabulous team Orienteering activity at St Andrew's with a maths theme. The group were split into two separate teams and worked alongside children from other schools. Austin said "The activity tested my brain and I made new friends." The children clearly loved the activity concept as on their return some of the boys asked Miss Galvin if we could design our own one and set it up around the school. Watch this space!!

Year 6 were treated to a quirky French play at St Andrew's Prep by two visiting actors. The story followed an English boy lost on holiday in France. The play was very funny and lots of laughs were enjoyed by all. Elodie said "I liked how the actors involved the audience."

It sounds like a really fun learning experience.

This term we were also thrilled to have been awarded a Gold Accreditation for our OPAL play provision. The staff at Englefield work tirelessly to provide a fantastic range of outdoor play opportunities with the continuous support of our parents, who donate play equipment and their time on TLC morning. It is great that this has been officially recognized so a huge thank you and well done to all!

"Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14



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