

Prep School Newsletter

Friday 29th January 2021

Again, I have been amazed at our Prep children. A staggering 98% have been attending online lessons. We are so proud of the children.

All pupils are expected to attend all lessons, please log on promptly to avoid any delay to the start of the lesson.

Lesson 1 - 9:30am to 10:30am

Lesson 2 - 11am - 12noon

Lesson 3 - 1pm to 2pm

Lesson 4 - 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Note : Lesson 3 & 4 will be a combination of teams and Seesaw

Try to get the children to be ready on time for start of the lesson (log in early and wait in the virtual lobby) If your child is unable to attend for any reason please let Mrs Herron or myself know.

A few reminders:

- Cameras must be on and you must arrive to your lesson on time
- Whilst children can work independently with their teacher, please remind them to only put appropriate comments in the chat (the teacher can see it!)

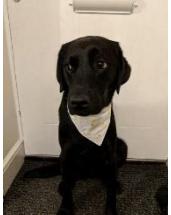
- They should try to go to the toilet before the start of the session so they don't miss any information.

All work should be uploaded onto Seesaw (please don't forget if you are on site learning at school). If it is not uploaded, the class teacher can't mark it.

Headteacher's Award

Well done to the following pupils who were given Headteacher's Award certificates this week.

Phoebe H, Mustafa A-R, Fred W, Carter C, Leo T, Hannah W, Rosie M-L, Harrison L, Aaron H, Nancy O, Niall O'C, Joe C, Tabby C-C, Thomas B, Ben P, Eva P, Katy W, Oviya S, Noah W, Anya S, Jacob O-M, Anna S & Rowan C.



Elsie's Impact

Elsie is nearly 18 months old and is now beginning make an impact on some of our pupils' school life. She will not be fully trained until 3 years old but is now working with individuals and very small groups of children from Year 2 to Year 9.



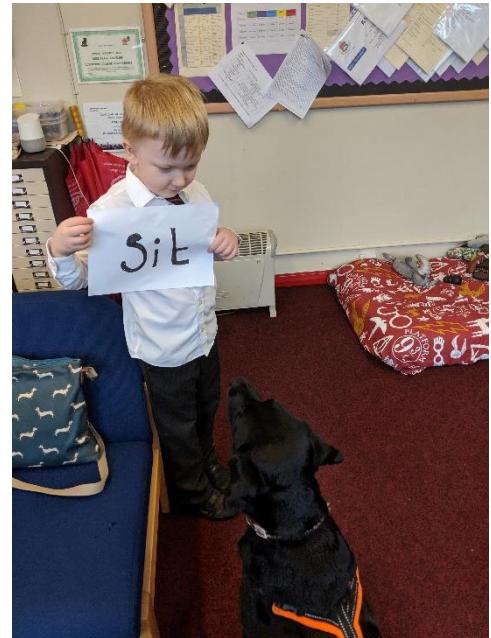
When she is not working, Elsie remains in my office and sleeps a fair amount.



She is beginning to learn how to listen to children read.

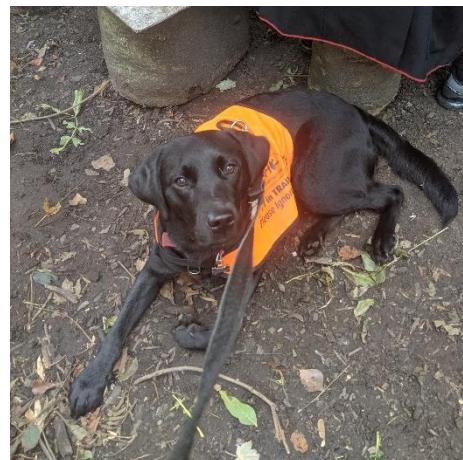


Elsie is also beginning to learn to read basic words, to show children that she can learn to read too.

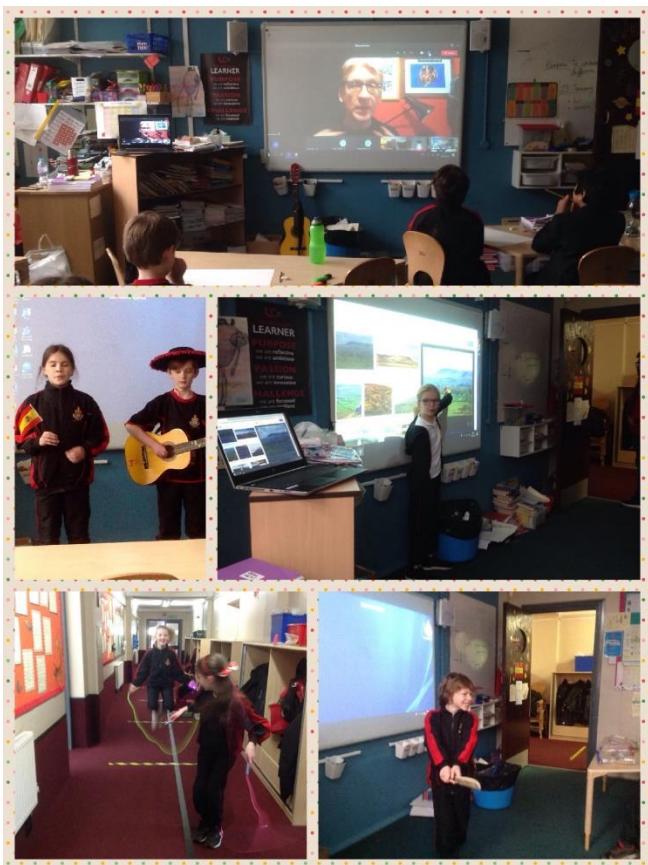


At lunchtimes, Elsie is also learning to settle on her mat whilst small groups of children work on lego and other sharing activities.

She also attends some forest school sessions.



It has been an interesting week for Year 5. They showed off lots of super talent in the Show and Tell session on Thursday. The pupils also had a fabulous artist teaching them online about how to create a Cityscape drawing and they have begun to create a film in Spanish about our school to send to Spain.



Year 6 enjoyed competing in an exciting creative challenge this week. They were given an interesting and informative talk by one of our parents about what goes into making a successful advert. Both classes were really engaged and were surprised to find out the amount of thought that goes into seeing those posters we see around us and those adverts we see on television. They then had a go at designing their own adverts (which could be posters or videos) designed at welcoming people back to places when they are finally able to reopen fully again. Such places included Liverpool One, John Lennon Airport and, of course, our own

school. The prize was to have their idea a professional make-over by an advertising company and turned into a professional looking poster or video.

There were some very creative designs and ideas shared as the children set about making their own posters and videos and following children were selected after much discussion, to have their work given the professional treatment:

Shrey H, Annabelle L, Poppy M, Kevin, Jamie B, Gabby S, Roisin H, Phoebe H, Riley M-W & Sam W.

On behalf of the staff and children in Year 6 I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Binns who gave up his time to arrange and deliver this fun and enjoyable opportunity that was enjoyed by all involved.



Our "Forest School at Home" activity on Seesaw this week, was all about tree hugging and the benefits of a good, tight hug!! On our Forest School site, we talked about how hugging makes us feel, whether or not we like it, and in the absence of a human being, how hugging a tree can help us relax!!

Not everyone enjoys a hug, at least not a human one, and the children were quite vocal about this!! But even those who don't like human hugs, seemed to enjoy hugging the trees

There was also, of course, mud!! Lots of it! I actually had to come out and face the music with 2 of our parents, about the state of their children, and while I apologised with my fingers crossed, we laughed about how much fun they had had. Your understanding of the fun the children have is superb, thank you. Some of the children who now get muddy, are the ones who, initially, didn't like to get dirty, that, in book, is progress!!

The mud slide was in full operation, Mr Harvey, Mr Stamper, Miss Dutton and me also had a little hug of a tree, mmmmmmm, what a lovely feeling!! We should hug trees more often!!





Best wishes to you all for the weekend!

Mrs A Pease - Head of Prep