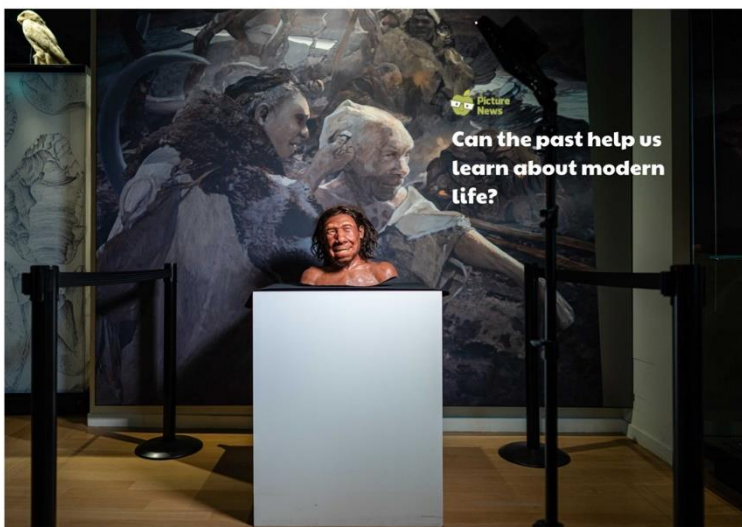







Newsletter

Summer Term – 10.05.2024



School Values	This week's news...
<p>Standing with COURAGE for what is right.</p> <p>Using CREATIVITY in problem-solving and making life beautiful.</p> <p>Treating every person and everything with RESPECT.</p> <p>Having COMPASSION for others.</p> <p>Completing every task with PERSEVERANCE.</p> <p>Taking RESPONSIBILITY for ourselves.</p> <p>Living with HOPE for a better future.</p>	<p>As we move towards the summer and the weather improves, please do take care arriving and leaving the school, the roads can be busy at drop off and collection times.</p> <p>We had a wonderful visit from the Epping Town Mayor Cllr Christine Burgess on Tuesday, the children had a great time asking questions and trying on her chain. Thank you Cllr Burgess for visiting Dr Walkers! Please see the news article below in Everything Epping Forest.</p>   

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Class news

Reception & Year 1

We made the most of the sunshine and took our PSHE learning outside! We have been learning about Economic Wellbeing and explored the difference between spending and saving. We first used the piggy banks to see how much money we had saved – this really helped to consolidate their understanding of money and coin denominations – and then we integrated our shop to be able to spend too!



Years 2 & 3

In English, the children have continued their work on formal letters and completed a letter to Dr Lawson trying to persuade him to give more time for breaks during the school day. The points they raised to support their argument were very carefully thought through and made a great deal of sense! Year 3 enjoyed attending an assembly about parliament, learning a lot that they did not know before.

In history, the children have explored the building of the pyramids, thinking from the point of view of the original builders in Ancient Egypt.

In computing, they have begun working in small groups to plan and write the scripts for their book trailers, applying the techniques they learnt last week in our outdoor learning session.

Their PHSE work continues to focus on economic reasoning and the emotions that can be associated with different spending decisions.

Years 4, 5 & 6

In PE the children are learning how to play Cricket and Rounders.
What is Cricket?

At its core, cricket is a bat-and-ball, game where two teams compete against each other. The objective is simple: one team bats, trying to score as many runs as possible, while the other team bowls and fields, trying to dismiss the batsmen and limit the runs. A match can last anywhere from a few hours to several days.

Fun Facts about Cricket

Now that we have some basic information about cricket, let's delve into some fun facts about the game:

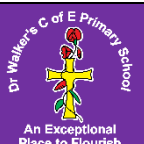
The Longest Game: The longest cricket match took place in 1939 between South Africa and England. It lasted for nine days, and still, it was a draw!

A Cricket Ball's Journey: A cricket ball is made of cork and leather. It can travel at speeds of over 90 miles per hour when bowled by professional players!

Duck Tales: When a batsman gets out without scoring any runs, it's termed as a 'duck'. Why? The term supposedly comes from the shape of the number '0', which looks like a duck's egg.

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Rewards



Belief in self and the development of confidence, respect, and trust for others and an appreciation of spirituality and an understanding of faith in God;

Engagement in a love for learning by nurturing curiosity and independence; and

Excellence in reaching personal goals by demonstrating resilience and positive behaviour.

Reception & Year 1	Believe	Noah	For persevering in the tasks that he completes.
	Engage	Eila	For being enthusiastic and engaged in all lessons.
	Excel	Harry	For confident spelling and reading!
	Star of the week	Ellen	For great success in her reading progress!
Years 2 & 3	Believe	Maisey	For believing that she can successfully decode the trickier words in her reading book.
	Engage	Amelia-Rae	For enthusiastic participation in all that she does, particularly in English this week.
	Excel	Alice	Her reading is confident, fluent and shows good comprehension of the book's content.
	Star of the week	Lucas	For always working hard, being helpful and cheerful in class and making good progress.
Years 4. 5 & 6	Believe	Sienna	For believing in herself and achieving great results!
	Engage	Sidney	For engaging well during our UK parliament assembly.
	Excel	Teddy Da	For working hard in class and excelling!
	Star of the week	Talia	For outstanding behaviour and effort in class.

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Read more at <https://cutt.ly/EEFNEWS-2024-299>



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The News Article

FYFIELD / EPPING: Town Mayor visits primary school

3.14pm - Tuesday, May 7



Children at Dr Walker's Primary School in Fyfield have been visited by Epping Town Mayor councillor Christine Burgess.

Councillor Burgess spoke to the children about how she became Town Mayor and what the role involves.

Councillor Burgess, who spoke during the morning assembly, told Everything Epping Forest: "I spoke to the children about the duties of a Town Mayor, how I am also leader of the council and can tell people off for being naughty! They were most impressed!

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"A few of them felt the weight of the chain and even wore it for photographs.

"I explained that the engraving of the chain was the names of previous town mayors."

A school spokesman said: "We had a wonderful visit today from councillor Christine Burgess and all the pupils really enjoyed meeting her.

"She was so very kind and even let the children let try on her wonderful chain of office.

"We would really like to thank her for visiting us and being so kind to the children."

Her visit followed another to the Walker Avenue school by Ongar and Rural county councillor Jaymey McIvor.

RECENT CONTENT

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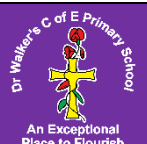
(May 7) - [FYFIELD / EPPING: Town Mayor visits primary school](#)

(May 6) - [EPPING: Children's nursery and pre-school](#)



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Gardening Club



Gardening club has had a busy week, filling some of the beds ready for planting. The children had to wheelbarrow the soil across the playground to fill the planters. The potatoes have gone in, four planters in the quiet area have been filled and four lavender planted there to start off a scented area.

Mrs Spanton took cuttings from her own garden and brought some mint plants in to add to the area - garden mint, ginger mint, strawberry mint, curly mint, apple mint and the children's favourite, chocolate mint! We did not know there were so many different types of mint and are looking forward to putting them in next week with some thyme as well.



UK Parliament Visit



On Thursday 9th May, the children in Key stage 2 had a visitor from the UK Parliament! She told us all about the UK Parliament, the role of MPs, the House of Lords, and how laws are made.



African Goats

Teddy with his African goats. They are 4 weeks old. Their names are Oreo and Rusty!



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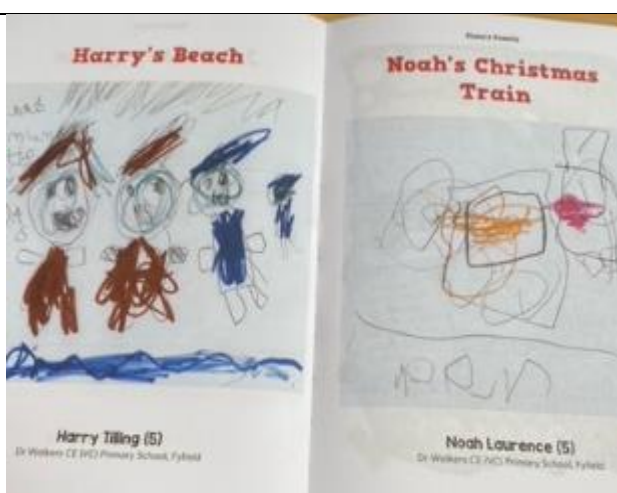
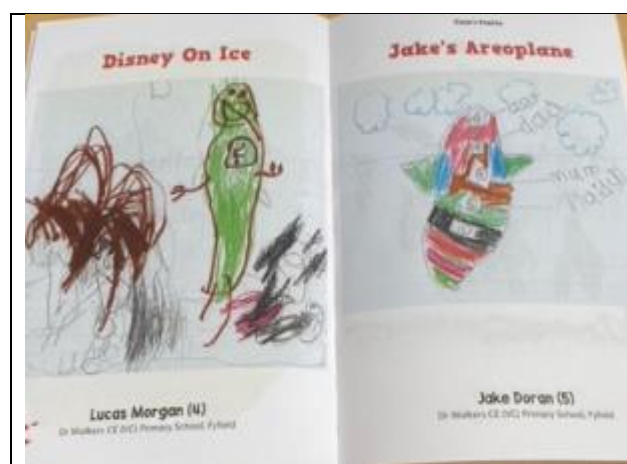
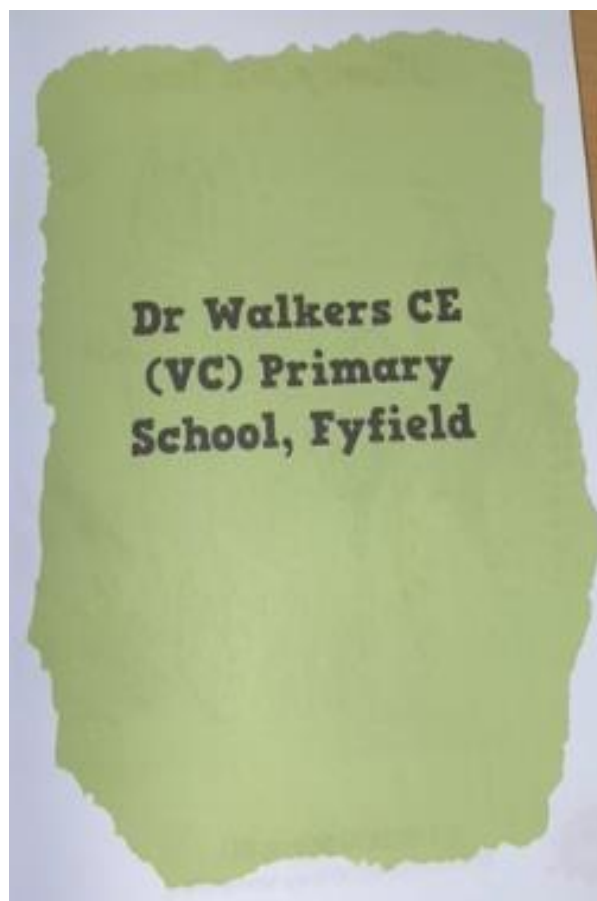
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Reception Success

VERY proud teacher moment! A while back, Reception children entered a competition called, 'Me and My Family'. They were encouraged to draw a picture to depict a favourite family moment. Parents were asked to give permission for their child's work to be published in a book!

Today, we received our class copy of 'Me and My Family' with the children's masterpieces for all to see under our school's very own section!



The children were really excited to see their work in a published book!

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Good Luck George

George will be doing a walk from Fyfield to Ongar with the Scouts for his walking badge. Everyone at Dr Walkers wish you well!!!



Important dated

13.05.24	Year 6 SATS Breakfast
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17.05.24	Reception & Year 1 Assembly for parents
24.05.24	Break up for half term
03.06.24	Inset Day – School Closed
04.06.24	Inset Day – School Closed
05.06.24	Back to school
07.06.24	Bikeability Level 1 & 2 for year 6
12.06.24	Summer Sports Day
20.06.24	Class Photos
21.06.24	Music Concert for parents
27.06.24	Ongar Academy Induction Day
03.07.24	Year 6 Residential 03.07.24 to 05.07.24
05.07.24	Lambourne End trip – Years 4 & 5

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