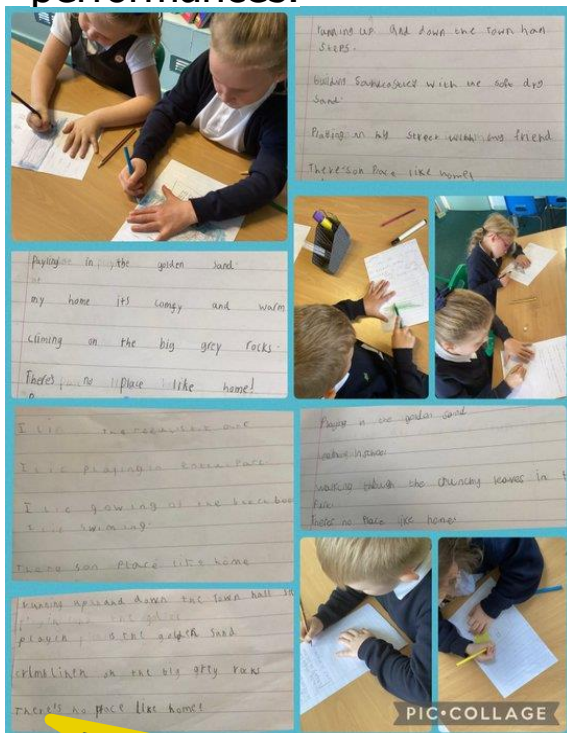


National Poetry Day

Day



Like many schools across the country we celebrated National Poetry Day at Egremont yesterday and our children absolutely smashed it! Classes used the work of poet Matt Goodfellow as a starting point for their poems. F1 and F2 used nature and the seasons as their stimulus in Forest School. Have a look at @EgremontEYFS on Twitter for some very special performances.



There's no place like Maroon Town

Chewy ripe mangoes
Chasing wild animals
Climbing up tall trees
There's no place like Maroon
Town!

Hot sunshine's touch
Grandmas embrace
Brother Books stories
There's no place like Maroon Town!

Beautiful sunsets
Football with friends
Roaring like a lion
There's no place like Maroon Town!

By Alice Redpath
Year 5



Dates for your diary

10th October – World Mental Health day – we will celebrate in school.

Children can come dressed as a colour to represent a feeling!

17th October –
Come and join your child in class for reading from 2:30pm

19th October – School closes for half term at the usual time. Staff training day on 20th.

30th October – 8:45am school opens for pupils.

15th +16th November – Parents Evening – details to be shared in a separate School Spider email.

I'm so proud of how hard all the children across the school worked during National Poetry Day. In Year 2 we loved performing our poems and like other classes used the stimulus of #There's no place like home. It was great to see the children using skills they'd been taught by poet Matt Goodfellow last year.
Mrs Barlow

In the Spotlight ...Phonics



This week we are introducing an exciting new feature on our newsletter! Each week we will share information on a different curriculum area within school. This week we are looking at **Phonics**.



The journey to start reading begins as soon as your child starts school in nursery! As well as developing a love of reading through stories, puppets and role play, children take part in a range of listening games and activities to tune them into environmental sounds, instrumental sounds, rhythm and rhyme. These games are vital in preparing children for when they begin their **Read Write Inc** phonics journey.

In EYFS and KS1 RWI phonics is taught at a level to match each child's individual abilities. Reading strategies taught in specific groups are essential in ensuring children are able to access the wider curriculum.

In their groups, children are taught to recognise and read letter sounds, blend them together and read words – real and nonsense. This skill of reading words is then extended into reading books which are phonetically matched to your child's ability. Gradually words become phrases, which extend to sentences and then more complex sentences. The children practise this skill of reading in guided reading sessions and at home with families. The books children bring home should match their phonics level. When reading children work on accuracy, fluency and comprehension. Whilst on the RWI programme children are assessed every half term to see if they are ready to progress to the next level group.

As well as using phonic skills to read, children are taught skills to use the sounds when spelling. You may hear your child talk about Fred finger spelling. This is where they will pinch the sounds in the words using their fingers eg t-e-n-t and then write the sounds down. Children have access to sound mats or sound wall charts to support them with this in class right up to Y6.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

If you have any questions about phonics please speak to your child's class teacher. Also keep a look out for an opportunity to come and see phonics in action in school. Dates for this will be shared in a separate School Spider email.

Strive for 5!



Each Monday the Strive for 5 reading challenge is reset to encourage your child to read their home reader and return their book bag each day to school. Each time they read at home and return their book bag their name is moved up on the class chart. The aim is to reach 5! This week we have had super reading celebrations in school. Each year group celebrates this achievement in different ways. Here are just a few examples from this week - Year 6 Strive for 5 children celebrated in the Reading Restaurant. Year 2 had a Frosty Friday treat and F2 children got to choose from Mr B's special prize box! Please support and encourage your child to Strive for 5! Thank you.



Please send any book donations from our wish list to:
 Egremont Primary School
 Church Street
 Wallasey
 CH44 8AF



We've updated our wish list on Amazon - we know that with the cost of living that people may not be able to afford to donate a book but if you could share our link that would help too! See our Twitter or Facebook page for the link.



Here are just some examples of the generous book donations we've started to receive through the post! Thank you.

Uniform

It has been fantastic to see the vast majority of our children wearing the correct uniform – thank you for your continued support with this.

Please be reminded our uniform policy for Y5 and 6 states:

- Navy blue school jumper or cardigan, with or without the school logo
- White shirt
- School tie available to purchase through the school office.
- Grey school trousers, skirt, pinafore or shorts.
- Black shoes

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you require any help with this.

For full details of the uniform policy please see the school website.

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to our award winners for this week! We know that lots of our children have been ready, respectful and safe and it is always hard for the adults in school to choose just one winner each week! Who will win the award next week?

EYFS

F1 – Ayla
F2 – James

KS1

Y1 – Katelyn
Y1 – Finley
Y2 – Daisy
Y2 – Roscoe

KS2

Y3 – Archie
Y3 – Hope
Y4 – Mollie
Y4 – Celia
Y5 – Kaidee
Y5 – Ava
Y6 – Daisy W
Y6 – Sam



Mrs Unsworth and Mrs Clegg

This week, we'd like to celebrate both Mrs Unsworth and Mrs Clegg! We are very thankful to you both for the time you devote to helping the children develop their netball skills in netball club. Each week we can see the progress that is being made through both of your enthusiasm and passion. Thank you

Regular school attendance is vital for all children, and we will be working with all parents/carers where there are concerns around attendance levels. We follow Wirral's policy for attendance and our whole school target for all pupils is at least 96% attendance.

We understand that children can be poorly and sometimes absences are unavoidable – if your child is too poorly to come to school, please call the school office before 8:30am.

Please be aware that term time holidays are **not** permitted, and all holidays taken within term time will be subject to a fine – this is in line with Wirral's policy.

Attendance

Attendance Ladder



- 100% - 2HR
- 97.8% - 6B
- 97.6% - 3C
- 97.2% - 3MW
- 97.2% - 4M
- 96.3% - 1B
- 95.6% - 2BW
- 93.7% - 6M
- 92.9% - F2B
- 92.2% - 4J
- 91.5% - F1H
- 91.3% - 1H
- 91.0% - 6M
- 88.1% - 1H
- 86.0% - 5/6F