

Tickford Times

2nd October 2020

Young Designers

This week, some of our children have been developing their design skills. In Year 4, to correlate with their history topic about Ancient Egypt, the children built their own shadufs.

A shaduf is a hand-operated device for lifting water, invented in ancient times and still used in some countries to irrigate land. Here are Jude and Charlie with their super working models.



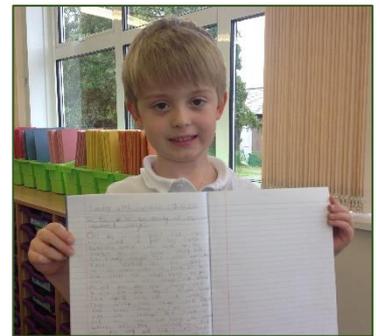
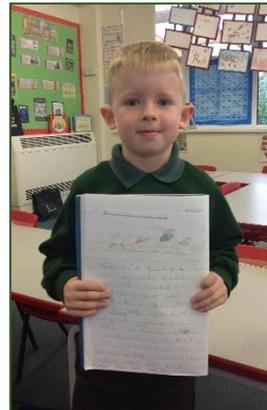
Year 6 have also been busy designing. They've been making spaghetti bridges today, exploring different bridge designs and creating prototype structures which they will evaluate and adapt before working on their final constructions.



Wonderful Work!

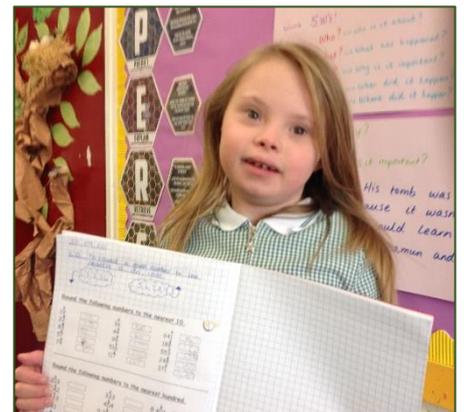
I've enjoyed talking to some of your children about their learning this week and have been impressed by how articulately they have spoken about their schoolwork.

Here are just a few examples of pupils showing us their excellent learning:



Max and Chase were very proud of their wonderful writing.

Nessy has been making great progress in her maths work this week.



School Photographs

Please see below a couple of additional points regarding the school photos on Tuesday 13th October:

- All children should wear school uniform. There will be no P.E. lessons on school photo day.
- Siblings will not have photos together on this occasion as it would involve too much movement between bubbles. Depending on how the situation develops, we hope to have sibling photographs in the summer term when class photos are taken.

We will be using *Braiswick Photographic* for these photos, the company that the school have used previously; however, we welcome any feedback that you may have on the quality of this service.

On the Buses

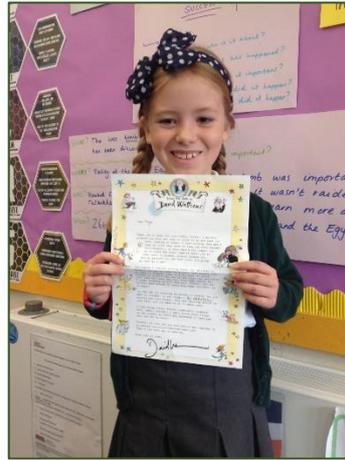
This week one of our minibus drivers raised a concern about children getting out of their seats on the journey to and from school. If your child comes to school on one of the school buses, could you please remind them of the importance of staying seated and safe on these journeys?

Delicious Description

It was a memorable morning in Year 5 today as they tasted and described a selection of sweets to help them with their English work where they are exploring the classic story, Hansel and Gretel.



Active Young Citizens



We love to hear about pupils from Tickford Park who are taking initiative and engaging with projects that connect them to the world around them.

This week, I was delighted to speak with Freya in Year 4, who wrote to David

Walliams, one of her favourite authors. She was delighted to receive a lovely letter back from him, which included his top tip for becoming an author.

Covid-19 Update

You will have seen on the news that cases of Coronavirus continue to rise across the country. Whilst we are fortunate to be in an area with a slightly lower than average number of cases, it is increasingly important that we remain vigilant and cautious at all times.

I'd like to thank all of you for your continued support in keeping our school safe by following government guidance and self-isolating when members of households have displayed symptoms.

Can I please remind you all of the importance of following our school guidance when on site, particularly when dropping off and collecting your children? Please support us by adhering to the following:

- Wherever possible, we request that only one adult per family comes onto site to collect children at any one time.
- Please leave the school grounds once you have collected your children, to minimise the amount of time that you are on site.
- Please do not gather in groups to socialise within and around the school grounds.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.