

# Badgers' Production



The rainforest residents protest against the loggers destroying their home and the local



The narrator explains how much damage is being done and how many square miles of forest are lost



The cast sing together about helping to protect the rainforest and reminding us to care for the resources we

In Week 2 of this term, Badgers performed 'A Rainforest Adventure' to the school and to parents. Here's what some of the Badgers had to say about the experience:

"I really enjoyed it, even though I was a bit nervous before. There were lots of parents and children watching, but I was confident with my lines." Thomas.

"I was really proud of our class for doing an outstanding performance." Iris.

"I was nervous at the start, but once I put on my mask I felt like a real monkey and really got into the swing of things (haha)." Jed.

"I really enjoyed having the chance to do a play with the whole class involved." Amelia.

## Danehill Sport

### Year 6 Newick Netball Tournament

Our experience at the Newick netball tournament was really exiting. We had lunch and got changed into our netball kit and left school at 12:30 and got to Newick at roughly 1:00. We practiced our passing and catching then finally when we started our first game was against Newick B. Rebecca fell over and cut both knees. After 6 minutes it was half time and we swapped over our players. At the end of the match the result was 4-0 to us! Next we played against Wivelsfield, they beat us 2-1 but we put up a good fight. Finally we went up against Hamsey and won 2-0. Then it was time for the results... we were in the finals against Newick A! In the first half we were winning but at half time it was 4 all. They changed their players around at half time and unfortunately Newick won 5-4. Overall, we came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 6 schools and received a big hug from Mrs. Blake. We all really enjoyed it and hope to go again.

- By Rebecca Coles and Chloe Dingle.

### **Football News!!!!**

Last term, the Danehill football team attended the Newick football festival. There were 12 teams.

The first game was vs Plumpton B. We had some amazing saves from our goalie Campbell and one brilliant shot from Jack leaving us at a 2-0 win over the opposition. After some hard games we got through to the semi-finals with 8 points.

The semi was close but they managed to win. Our heads were still up as we had a chance for 3<sup>rd</sup> place against Newick B. Again it was close but an amazing shot went in so we lost 1-0. We came fourth of 12.

By Oliver and Jack - Year 6

Foxes topic in Term 4 was themed around eggs and new life – the children imagined a baby Dragon was hatching from an egg and wrote stories about a Dragon who liked marshmallows and turned up on a camping trip! In Forest School, Foxes used the natural materials to create a dragon using a Chinese Dragon head. They also had an Easter Egg hunt (all the eggs they found were placed in the dragon's mouth).



## Easter service and egg competition



The entries for the Easter egg competition were unbelievable! Mrs Page and I had a very tough job deciding the winners because the quality and creativity was so consistent. Well done to everyone who entered. I wish you could all have won a prize.

A big thanks to all of you who attended the Easter Service at the end of last term. We had performances from all classes. The hatching chick dance performed by Foxes was the highlight of my term and made us all smile!

Thanks too to Paddy for an interesting address involving wallpaper that got us all thinking about the message of Easter. Mr Falconer

Alex Elliott and Oriel Baker's winning Easter egg entries. An egg card and Paddington egg.



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**Danehill Christmas Fair**  
 It looks like the final total raised was £2500! Amazing work by the PTA - this is a significant amount for a school of our size. Thanks to all of you who supported this and I'm sure you will join me in thanking Lucy Macleod and her team!

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 The birds have sent them back to their winter roost. Once they have set up their maternity roost. We are hoping to have them back to feed. Details to follow...



Welcome to issue 8. Apologies for the lack of a newsletter last term - with the Diocese inspection, things were a little busy! This issue focuses on the learning going on in and out of school, our Easter Service, our Diocese inspection report and some key dates for the last two terms.

Thanks to all of you who bought a red nose or donated for Comic Relief.

We raised a grand total of £103.55!

Another significant amount towards



A warm welcome to 2 new members of staff at Danehill CEP. Mrs Nardini joins us as a teaching support assistant in Early Years and Mrs Filtress joins us as an MDSA at lunchtimes.

## Term 5 & 6: Key Dates

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April** - Foxes open afternoons - 3.20 to 3.45pm

**Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 SATs week

**Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> May** - Creative Writing Week and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> open afternoon to showcase the week's work

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> and Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May** - Foxes parent consultations

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May** - Danehill Discovery Day

**Collective Worships Term 5** - 2.40pm Thursdays

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> April** - Kestrels

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May** - Hedgehogs

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Foxes

**Week of 8<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> June** - Key Stage 1 SATs

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 Leavers' Service at Crowborough

**Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July** - 150 Years of Danehill Church of England School - celebration week

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** - Last day of

## **Mr Falconer's Thoughts**

Hopefully, by now you have read our Diocese inspection report. This is a great achievement for us at Danehill CofE School as the 'inspection goalposts' have changed significantly since 2009. Whilst the inspector focused on our Christian distinctiveness and the way this impacts across the school, she was also much more interested in teaching and learning than in previous years.

The inspector was impressed by the positive impact of changes since September, the speed at which staff and children have taken those changes on board and the way this reflects in our everyday relationships.

I would like to thank all the staff and Governors who have worked so hard to help make the changes and to parents who have been so supportive.

I am also very proud of the children, who showed that they have a good understanding, and respect for, Christianity and other key religions; a very necessary skill in our multi-cultural society. Our children spoke articulately about our values and powers of learning and were able to explain how these help us have such great relationships and improve our learning.

This has been a true team effort and shows what a great community spirit we have at Danehill. We cannot rest on our laurels, but it gives us a huge lift to continue to move onwards and upwards and make Danehill CofE School the best place it can be.

**Mr Falconer**

