

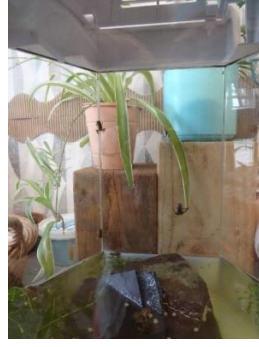
## Chelmondiston Church of England Primary School

*'Love other people... as we love ourselves.'* (Luke 10:27)

There have been many highlights this summer term at Chelmo!

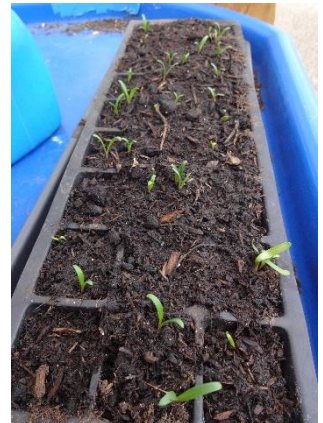
Our Platinum Jubilee day was a huge success! The Chairperson our Parish Council, Mr Cordle, presented children with special commemorative mugs. Also each class created portraits of Queen Elizabeth II at a different time of her reign. These were all displayed in our class galleries. While visiting our galleries, families enjoyed our Jubilee treasure hunt – which included clues that moved around! Our PTA provided refreshments for all, which included a cream tea.





Outdoor Learning plays a huge part in our curriculum. Cygnets (Reception and Y1) have enjoyed hunting for wildflowers and learning the parts of trees and plants. They have planted beans and sunflowers and are watching them closely, very excited to see how quickly they are growing.

Melissa class children (Y2) had to say goodbye to their pet frogs after spending the last few weeks watching the frog spawn develop and change. Every day they checked to see how they had progressed. On the day the children came into school to discover that the frogs had started to climb the tank wall, it was decided that they should return to their original pond to live a happy life. In Science Year 2 children are enjoying their topic about plants. The first plant they decided to grow was spinach as this is a tasty food to feed our pet snails. Children observed the crop emerging from the soil into little shoots. They also planted pumpkin and sunflower seeds to go in the school garden and the children planted sunflower seeds to take home and take care of. The children also spent time planting up their wonderful vegetable beds supplied by the PTA. Children planted runner beans, lettuce, courgettes as well as other plants and flowers.



On the last Forest School session, the class had an exciting time having a fire. The children discussed the need for safety around fires and to be aware of their own safety and that of others. The children roasted marshmallows over the fire and made them into s'mores.

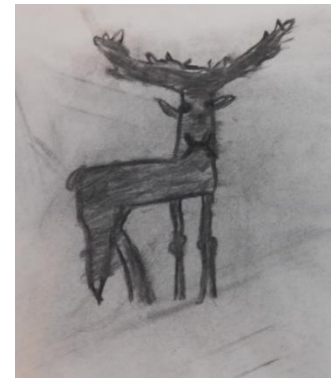




Edith May (Y3) have been enjoying their topic on rocks and soils and were also very keen to plant up their raised beds.



The class have enjoyed learning about Prehistoric Art. They have all taken great care with enlarging their initial drawing in pencil and then using charcoal to add detail. They have learnt the technique of breaking and crushing charcoal then rubbing it gently over a drawing before adding details of feather or fur.



In English, Thistle (Y4) have been enjoying reading *Ug, Boy Genius of the Stone Age* by identifying anachronisms in the book. After watching a clip from *The Flintstones*, they have designed Stone Age inspired belongings that are not historically accurate to the era. Some of the creations are the Stone Phone, The Stone Age Bus and The Nintendstone Switch. They will use these designs to write a non-chronological report.

As in all classes, Outdoor Learning has been at the centre of much learning. As part of our ecological awareness, the class has planted a range of flowers and vegetables and are excited to care for and watch them grow.



In Edme class (year 5/6) children have been keen to improve their culinary skills.



Straight after SATs week, the children made their very own version of spaghetti bolognese. Having redesigned the basic recipe, they worked in small teams to cook it from scratch. The focus for the session was to develop knife skills. Aside from cooking, the children used an app to generate the nutritional information guide for their recipe and designed a bespoke package to sell their product.

Time was also spent weeding, preparing and planting up the Edme raised bed and refreshing the pots at the front of the school with some cheerful-looking summer bedding plants.



#### Other news:

We were delighted to be announced as winners of a spring photo competition held by Bourne Garden Centre (see picture below) and we have already put our prizes into good use.





Also Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed extra enrichment Harry Potter themed Quiddich PE sessions.



At the time of writing, we are preparing for our Nature and Photography sessions next week to build on our Spirituality day in the autumn term. Children will consider and appreciate the beauty in nature around us.

For more information about our school please see our website: <https://www.chelmondiston.suffolk.sch.uk/>

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