



Newsletter

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Newsletter
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Dear families,

Firstly, may I extend a big thank you to families, staff, governors and of course the children for supporting each other and the school during our recent Ofsted Inspection. We will share the outcomes with you as soon as we are able.

Thank you to all those that came to the parents consultations last week, we hope that you found the new take away mid-year report card useful. Thank you for also sharing your thoughts regarding the FoB during those evenings. The results should really help with the planning of future fund raising.

We welcomed Janet O'Shea to school this week who spoke to the children about her work in Sierra Leone and how our shoe bags were received. We want to work with Janet more and support a link school in Sierra Leone.

Science week has been fun and engaging and we enjoyed an assembly packed full of experiments led by Mrs Cheney, our Science lead.

Hockey Festival

Some of our year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a MSA Hockey Festival this week.



Netball Tournament

Well done to our fantastic netball team who **won** the MSA schools' tournament recently. A big thank to a dedicated parent who ran training sessions before the event.



Willow Class

In Willow Class, we have read No Dinner, a story from India. We drew the main character, an old woman, and thought what animals might be trying to catch her and how she could escape. We have read No More Room For Baby Roo, set in Australia. We drew the main character, Baby Roo and learnt about animals from Australia. We designed our own pouches. In maths, we have been adding 2 groups of numbers together and working out doubles. We have also been measuring length, height and talking about time.



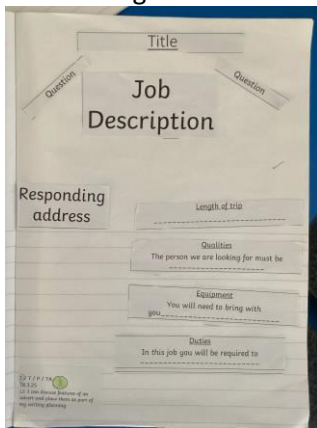
We have been scientists, observing changes in science experiments and making predictions. We collected carbon dioxide in balloons from 2 different experiments. We have been observing tadpoles and been making predictions about shadows and about size of reaction with coke and mentoes. We have been noticing the changing seasons; buds on trees and spring flowers and painting daffodils. We have learnt more new vowel digraphs. We enjoyed a visit from Janet O'Shea and learnt about Sierra Leone, about Brama School and heard about the food and climate in Sierra Leone and tried fruits that grow in Sierra Leone. In Learning for Life, we have talked about the importance of staying safe and the importance of following instructions right away.



Beech Class

We have had a lovely time in Beech class. We started to plan our explorer adverts. We discussed the features of a good advert and how we can make it eye catching.

We planned our layout too and were introduced to the concept of sub-headings.



In PE, we have been exploring balancing and on Thursday we specifically looked at rolls. We all had a turn and gave feedback to each other.



In RE, we learnt about Jesus and why He died on the cross. He died on the cross to save us by taking away our sin.

We had a jug that represented Jesus, a jug that represented sin and a jug that represented us. When sin was poured into Jesus, the colour didn't change. When Jesus was poured into us, we changed from purple to clear.



Holly Class

In Holly, we have been inspired by Silver Birch's amazing writing on The Ridge. We have also watched the film and have been given creative licence to write whatever we want. Most of us opted for a descriptive story style recount

or retelling but there have also been some more poetic flowing styles.

It has been a good opportunity to put into practice some of our story writing skills we've developed this term. It has been nice to see the children considering vocabulary and using synonyms when they edit. In maths, we have finally finished our unit on area and perimeter. We have also been attempting to beat our sound check scores on TTRockstars. Most of us are very happy with our improvements so far. We are moving on to fractions next so this times tables fluency will be helpful.

We've enjoyed learning about the muscles and skeleton in science this term. We are now trying to learn and name some of the key muscles and bones in the body. We also enjoyed learning about how muscles work in our arms and hands and we liked observing the muscles and tendons moving in our hands and lower arms.

In PE, we've been playing tennis. We're learning the right stance



and types of shot and we are working towards playing rallies. We've been watching memorable tennis games and sets before we have our lessons and the children have enjoyed learning about some of the world's tennis stars.

In drama, we are making stop motion sequences to go with our parables. We are learning the Godly Play retelling style and have made the images and props to go with it. We will hopefully be narrating and reading aloud over the top of our stop motion animations.

We also really enjoyed learning more about Sierra Leone. We had lots of interesting questions to ask Janet as she told us about daily life and schools. We are looking forward to connecting with the children over there and hopefully sharing letters.



Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have had a busy two weeks. We have been continuing our Vipers text The London Eye Mystery and we are on Chapter 11. We have read about so many similarities to our own trip; disposable cameras rather than digital and busy queues!

In English, we have completed our scrapbook/blog/leaflet style writing. The children have shown many skills and they look great as well as being interesting to read- we will share with Beech Class soon.



In maths, we have continued with decimals in Year 6 and working on SATs style questions. The Year 5's have been exploring fractions (again) finding quantities and multiplying.

In science, we carried out an investigation to find out if baking cookies is a reversible or irreversible change- we enjoyed eating them afterwards. We could link this lesson to maths and ratio- ask your child how these link together.



This also links to British Science Week's theme of Change and Adapt., pictures to follow of our investigations in class but here are a couple from Mrs Cheney and Leon's assembly demonstrations!



Parking

There have been a number of complaints made to the school recently about people parking poorly at the top of Walder Close in the new housing estate. Please can we ask that you are mindful of residents when using that area to drop off or pick up children and park only in the bays provided.

Parent Governor vacancy

Please see the email that went out this week if you are

interested in becoming a parent governor at our school.

BOLNEY CEP SCHOOL

Be the Best You Can, Guided by God

Your School Needs YOU!

- We need new parents to join our friendly team of governors! It's a great way to use your experience and skills to help the children learn.
- You will get to know more about what your child doing and learning.
- You will help make the school make important and difficult decisions!
- Our team is made up of parents(you), teachers, people from the community and me the Pupil Governor.
- We meet up every term in the evenings. If you have anymore questions please contact Sue or Clive. Thanks for reading.

Frankie Watson - Parent Governor

Stations of the Cross Easter Journey on Friday 4th April between 2:00-3:15. All warmly welcome. On arrival, please come through the green gate to the school hall where you will start your journey.

Diary Dates:

See the website calendar for important dates:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/calendar/223211>

Please also take time to look at our website, which has a lot of information that you may wish to see, including class pages.

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/home/223209>

Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School

JUNIOR CRICKET
BOLNEY CRICKET CLUB

ALL STARS
AGE RANGE 5-7 (17.30 - 18.30)

JUNIOR COLTS
AGE RANGE 8-11 (17.30 - 18.30)

£30.00 Per child for a 10 week program. Every Friday, from May 2nd - 11th July 2025

We are proud to offer a jam packed programme bursting with games and activities that cater to all skill levels. Your little one will kickstart their passion for staying active and playing cricket, all the while making buddies in a super safe and fun setting at Bolney Cricket Ground.

Welcome meeting Friday 2nd May at 5.30pm

To book **ALL STARS** Please register at www.ecb.clubsparc.uk
To book **JUNIOR COLTS** Please email Bolneycclts@gmail.com

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