

COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY AT BOLNEY CEP

Here at Bolney School, we are courageous advocates for the common good: locally, nationally and globally. 'Courageous advocacy', enables our pupils to develop a greater awareness of the challenges others face in life and to help them to understand how they can support causes and make a difference in our school community, local community and further afield.

Our school vision recognises that we want our children to leave us as fearless lifelong learners, ready to meet the world with self-confidence, curiosity and resilience. We take time to reflect upon and appreciate how fortunate we are to be part of such a nurturing school environment, surrounded by supportive peers and staff, which allows us to live life in all its fullness and flourish as individuals. We also know that life is full of ups and downs and at times all people will face challenges that need help and support in overcoming.

To this end, over the last two years, we have carried out a range of different fundraising events to support many good causes including:

- Foodbank - Haywards Heath
- Off the Fence - Brighton
- Place2Be - national
- The Children's Society - national
- Hope House - Haiti
- Comic Relief – world wide

Staff, children and families at Bolney CEP regularly support and organise fundraising events, with children suggesting and organising events of their own too. Some of the children have already planned to raise money for the charity Bliss by organising an art gallery in the summer term and others plan to hold a cake sale to support Diabetes UK. We also plan to send shoeboxes to Sierra Leone in time for Christmas. Closer to home, we are hosting a coffee morning at the Rawson Hall to acknowledge the support of our local community on the morning of May 21st.

Recently we held a community morning where the children were raising awareness of local issues such as speeding and litter. Members of the community ran a litter picking competition and are lucky winners will have their posters displayed around the village along with the speed sign the pupils created.

We are always on the look out for new charities to support, so if you would like the school to get involved in a project contact us: office@bolneyprimary.school or call 01444881352.