



Newsletter

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Newsletter
Friday 27th
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Dear families,
Thank you to all of you who attended the meet the teacher afternoons last week. If you were unable to attend, parents' evenings are coming up soon so do please sign up for a meeting. In school, we have spent time in worship over the last two weeks thinking about our vision and values.



Bolney C.E.P. School's Whole Child Vision

Each child is unique. We partner with families to nurture the 'whole child' – by understanding their specific emotional, spiritual and learning needs – so children flourish.

Children leave us as fearless lifelong learners, ready to meet the world with self-confidence, curiosity and resilience.

Be the best you can, guided by God.

The children are able to explain how they are individually special and how school staff and families help them to be the best they can be to help them to flourish. This week, we held a values morning, where each house team focused on producing a piece of art work that linked to the meaning of one of the values. See if you can spot them around our school.

The children have enjoyed some unique experiences this week. Firstly, Lucy from the Wintershall Retreat has been in to school to teach our children about Godly Play. This was her first session and she will be back over the course of the term and the year to work with all classes. The children were respectful and curious while she shared stories and prayer and enjoyed the art activities too.



Also this week, we have welcomed Chef John McManus from the Table Talk Foundation who is leading a series of lessons with Silver Birch to teach them cookery skills and help them to understand the link between food, health and the environment. We have been extremely lucky that one of our parents has 'adopted' our school through his business so that we can participate in this scheme and the children certainly loved the session today when they were challenging their senses during a taste test. Other sessions include: knife skills, bread making and learning how to be 'front of house'. They looked very professional in their aprons and chef's hats! A huge thank you to our adopter.

Willow Class

Willow Class have shared stories like **Silly Billy** and **All Kinds Of People**. We have drawn and made our own Worry Dolls. We have also read **The Dot** and **Harold & The Purple Crayon**. We painted our pictures based on The Dot and imagined what we could do with the purple crayon. We have played games to help with our listening and turn taking. We have talked



about the season of Summer and things we like to do at that time of year. We have talked about Summer weather and noticed that the weather and nature is changing. We enjoyed our first PE lesson with our new coach. We listened to an NSPCC Assembly about Speak Out Stay Safe. We have practised songs for Harvest Festival, experimented with mixing colours and been noticing rhythm in music. We enjoyed a visit from guest reader Mr Short, Enzo's dad and learnt some sign language. - We have investigated Toys from Cuckfield Museum with our buddies, thinking about the materials they are made from.

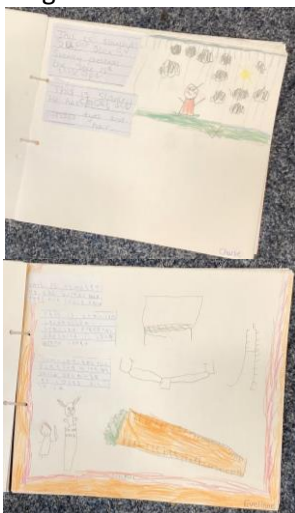


Beech Class

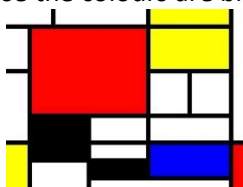
Over the last two weeks we have been studying the text 'Stanley's stick'. The story is about a boy called Stanley who uses his

imagination and pretends his stick is lots of exciting things. Our favourite was the dinosaur and the boat! We completed the unit by making our own pages of the book! We wrote

about Stanley's appearance and what we would do with our stick. Our ideas included a slide, a fishing rod and a cradle!



This half term in art, we have been studying some colour artists. Specifically, we have looked at primary colours, secondary colours and tints. We love these lessons as we get to experiment with the paint! We really like the work of Mordian because the colours are bright!



In PE, we have been learning the importance and responsibility of coming in 2nd, not 1st. This has been hard for some of us to understand but we know how crucial it is to be good sports people. We learnt a new game called wolves, farmers and sheep. Wolves must try to catch the sheep. If a sheep is caught they need to lay on their back with their legs and hands in the air. The farmer's job is to rescue the sheep by running once around them. Then, the sheep can get back up and are back in

the game! We have had lots of fun!



Holly Class

In Holly, our drama and English work with our invented Stone Age village has continued. We acted out the moment the villagers realised they needed to leave due to rising seawater in Doggerland. We then considered the pros and cons of moving north to the unknown and newly formed island of Britain or moving south to the more populated areas on mainland Europe. After lots of good discussion points and debate, the village decided to take a risk and move north. We were able to explain why less people nearby could mean more resources for us but could also mean more trouble...

In maths, Year 4 have been rounding numbers – building on our place value and number line work. Year 3 have been consolidating place value and presenting numbers in lots of different ways.



In PE, we were excited to have our first lesson with our new PE teacher – working on fitness and learning how to dribble in hockey in our other lesson. Our RE Godly Play session was an engaging way to learn about the Christian calendar. We had some beautiful artistic and creative responses to this after we learned all about it.



In music, we have continued to enjoy our drumming lessons with Russ. We've looked at notation and we are beginning to identify and read notes in order to play along as a group. In science, we have been learning about the digestive system – beginning at the top with teeth! We have looked at different animals and what you can tell about their diet from their teeth. We also looked at the names and functions of different teeth. We also made animal teeth necklaces with Mrs Wood in our art lesson! Finally we put ourselves in the role of Stone Age tool makers and practised flint knapping using the much softer and safer alternative of soap! The classroom still smells lovely and fresh!

Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have enjoyed a fun-filled two weeks, we can't quite believe we have been in school four weeks!

In English, we have continued with the film unit based on time travelling back to Ancient Egypt. We are writing as the time traveller and writing about all that he/she experiences in this new world. We are relishing the

text, The Secrets of a Sun King. We have learned many historical facts and we are only on Chapter 4- ask your child what they have found out so far. In science, we have been learning about the blood and its four components. We made smoothies from strawberries, pineapple juice, marshmallows and sprinkles- can your child tell you what each ingredient represented? We also have explored the heart and found out what it really looks like and how important it is.



In P.E, we have continued to focus on fitness and exercise and completed circuit training tasks based on our own individual fitness and set ourselves a challenge to beat our personal best scores. We have been really lucky to have Lucy from Wintershall come to visit us and she performed the Church Time story to the class. We then took part in some activities based around the bible. It was a lovely experience.



During wet play, the children were demonstrating resilience when completing a puzzle, they were very proud that they managed it after several attempts.



Harvest Food Bank Appeal

We are proud to support Haywards Heath Foodbank. They have let us know that they need longlife milk, longlife fruit juice, pasta sauces, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned fruit, longlife puddings, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, packet rice, biscuits, cereal, shower gel, shampoo, baby bath/shampoo, nappies sizes 3,4,5,6,7 and baby formula. Please leave items in the boxes outside the school office.

MCAS

Within the MCAS app is an area for DATA collection. Please can you check this for up to date contact information and also medical information. Any medical changes need to come through the office to change. You should be able to change your contact details through the app.



Walking Bus

We are very excited to announce that the walking bus will now be running **every morning at 8:20 from the Rawson Hall**. Currently we have 30 children that use the bus and two very kind parents that help

every day in order that the bus can run. If any parents could give up 20 minutes to help any morning that would be much appreciated. The walking bus is a great way for children to have a gentle start to the day, catch up with their peers and chat (and sometimes sing) whilst also getting some fresh air and exercise. **Please let Zoe know if you can help.**

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

Friends of Bolney NEWS:

AGM Meeting - Thursday 3rd October, 6pm at the school

Please join us for our AGM meeting where we will be voting in new committee members including Chair (or Co-Chairs), Secretary & Treasurer. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting even if you do not wish to take on a named role. If you are interested in a role or have any questions at all please get in touch by email friendsofbolney@gmail.com Or complete the survey <https://forms.office.com/e/RFnarK639h>

If you are able to let us know in advance if you will be attending that will be very helpful. Many thanks.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools - 2nd September - 30th November 2024

Asda is donating millions of pounds to primary schools through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is download the Asda Rewards App and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools selecting Bolney CEP as your school, then shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda / George using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school.

Even if you don't shop at Asda / George, Bolney School will get an introductory £1 for everyone who signs up!

We hope to see you at the AGM on the 3rd October.

Friends of Bolney

