

'It takes a village to raise a child.'

Whilst the rain falls outside on a dark September morning, the sunshine of the summer term at Bolney CE School seems a distant memory! A summer term that was full of exciting experiences for the children planned and taught by the dedicated staff but also ably supported by families, the Friends of Bolney and the local community.

Within our curriculum journeys, we aim to ensure that all children are offered a rich experience of life beyond the local area whilst also teaching them the importance of the community in which they live. The school is a central part of the village of Bolney and we educate the children in the importance of looking after the local community by protecting and caring for its natural beauty and the people within it. Last year, following support from members of the community, some of the children volunteered to litter pick in the village and others created posters to draw awareness to rare fungi and the dangers of speeding through the village.

Our school council thoroughly enjoyed meeting more local villagers at the Community Coffee Morning at the Rawson Hall, which was organised by the Friends of Bolney. The children took their workbooks which they proudly shared and I think the general consensus was how much the school, and learning, has changed over the years. We are looking forward to repeating this event in the Autumn Term and are hoping that villagers who have pictures and memories of time spent at the village school would be able to share those with our children.



Sport has always been important at Bolney CEP both within the curriculum and as part of the extra-curricular experiences. In addition to many of the children being involved in competitions and sports events against other schools in the summer term, we also hosted our annual sports day where families were able to come and cheer on the children in a variety of sporting events. It is always a fun afternoon for all involved and a celebration of the new skills that are learnt over the summer term in Athletics lessons.



The cricket club kindly allowed the school to use their pavilion as the backdrop for the Year 5 and 6 summer production which was a huge success. Having read the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, the class then performed a stage version to the whole school and families. The story lent itself to being performed outside and the glorious weather also fitted the bill perfectly. The whole class loved the experience and I am sure will have lasting memories of performing.



Funding for schools is always tight, so we are very lucky to have an incredibly proactive PTA group, the Friends of Bolney, who, over the course of each year, host events to raise money which goes directly to enrich the children's educational experience. At the end of the summer term, they organised and ran the Bolney Summer Blast at the Cider Tap and it felt very much like a village fete with so many families and community members attending. As with all events, we welcome the local community's involvement and are always looking for experts to come and work with or talk to the children about their passions.



For more information about the school, take a look at our website: <https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/home> or give us a ring on 01444 881352

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