



Newsletter

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Dear families,

I have been really proud of our children this week with their contributions towards community ventures. On Tuesday, we held a community coffee morning in conjunction with the FoB at the Rawson Hall. Many local residents came along to meet with our children and to talk about their school experiences and to look at their work whilst enjoying tea and homemade cakes. The children were a real credit and we have received some lovely thank you cards as a result. Thank you to FoB for organising this.



We also held our first 'road show' this week, with staff and children sharing information on how we teach and learn in different areas of the curriculum. The children's explanations were detailed and thorough, showing a real understanding both for their curriculum and their audience.



Thank you to all families who supported these ventures. For families that are particularly interested in the online safety aspect please look at <https://nationalcollege.com/categories/online-safety> for more useful information.

The school enjoying their team point golden time today! Now you see them...



Now you don't!



Appointments during school time

We are noticing a rise in the number of medical appointments during the school day, which, as you can imagine, is disruptive to learning. We politely request therefore that these are booked for after the end of school and where that is not possible, please bring confirmation of any appointments when collecting your child early.

MCAS (Bromcom)

Some families have mentioned that they are not receiving notifications from MCAS following an email or text being sent. Bromcom have advised that they have recently had an update, therefore it would be advisable to uninstall your app and reinstall again. This should fix the issue. Remember to note your username and password. The school ID is 13239. All families should be using this as the main contact between school and office. Many thanks.



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Willow Class

Willow Class are well on their way to answering the big question, *Why Did The Dinosaurs Die Out?* We will shift focus slightly after the half term holiday to think about habitats and minibeasts. We have talked about what the world was like during the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods and theories around why the dinosaurs died out. In maths we have talked about addition and subtraction and about numbers getting bigger and smaller. We have talked about relationships, personal space and body privacy. We have practised all the phonics we have learnt so far. In PE we have practised throwing underarm and

overarm, running relays and 2 footed jumping.



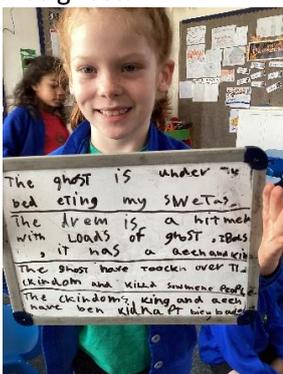
We have used a video app to photograph dinosaurs and add voices to them. We are still watching the eggs in the incubator and although they are 6 days late; we are still hoping...

Beech Class

In RE this week we have been looking at why the disciples appointed Jesus as their leader. We wrote things like 'because He was the Son of God' and 'because he was a trusted man who performed miracles. Following this we looked at more miracles of Jesus which allowed us to talk about miracles we might like to see.



We have loved learning our 'common exception words'. Each morning we put one of the words into sentences and as a challenge we can try to add adverbs and adjectives to our sentences. Yesterday our word was ghost!



The Year 2s had an incredible time at the 'Little, Big Sing' on Monday, thank you to those who drove! They did the school proud.



Whist the Year 2s were at 'Little, Big Sing', the Year 1s got to have an active phonics lesson. We played a game where Miss Taylor would tell partner 1 a word we would need to run to partner 2 and sound out the work for them to spell. We enjoyed this lesson! It was great to learn in the sun!



Holly Class

Another productive, busy two weeks.

In English, we have continued our film unit called Cyber Kicks amongst some short burst writing. We have learned about pros and cons, selling features, second person tense and how to write persuasively. The children have been given a choice of writing an advert for a pair of Cyber Kicks trainers or a product they own. One of our short burst writing tasks was to write about chocolate muffins- they did an amazing job at persuading me to eat one or two!

In maths, we have used our fractions knowledge to move into decimals in Year 4 and

money in Year 3. We have looked at the term equivalent again and explored tenths as decimals and as fractions. The Year 3's have enjoyed counting and adding pounds and pence- their knowledge of this area was really strong! We also had to go at word problems and how we would tackle a method for working them out. We all used the column method, regrouping was a challenge; especially in subtraction.

In science, we have continued our project around Sound. We designed sound creatures. These were drawings as a result of listening to various sounds, taken from the National Gallery. Then we decided to make animal ears. We also had a closer look at our ears and we now know what all the parts are- ask your child if they could name one part!

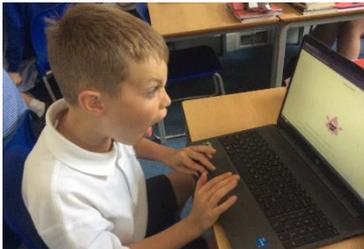


In Art, Mrs Booty has worked hard continuing with the work inspired by the artist Banksy and now all the children have completed their inspirational messages and their 'rats'.



Computing has been fun but also had a serious side this week as we discussed how we can easily add content to a website

or webpage and how damaging this could be. This led to a chat about sharing appropriate content, relevance and how we need to wait and think before acting or posting something. We tinkered with Chrome Music Lab and the children could see how they could add content (safely). This also linked nicely to our science as we were able to make lots of sounds!



Again, making the most of the odd day of glorious weather and the new playground equipment, we had some reading time outside!



Silver Birch Class

In Silver Birch, we have been delighted to have finally finished SATS and our attention has turned towards writing and the production. We have been writing lots about life cycles and it has been impressive to see how much the children have retained over the term. We also wrote additional scenes for our Holes production. The children noticed some bits had been left out and were keen to write the scenes (and perhaps give themselves more lines!) We will potentially add some of the scenes the children have written into our final performance. In maths, we have finally come back together as a class and

have been revising area, perimeter, volume and surface area. There have been productive conversations, challenges to find 'proof' and enjoyment for the year groups to work together again.



Attendance

Please do consider carefully before requesting to take your child/ren out of school as this can be detrimental in many ways. It can affect friendships and cause confusion over missed learning. This is particularly the case when absences are tagged on to the beginning of terms (when new projects are shared) and at the end of terms (when assessments are done). Taking children out of school may also result in parents/carers having to pay a FPN (fixed penalty notice) which is £60 per parent per child. However, in some cases, paying a fine is not an option and parents/carers may be summons to court and could receive a criminal record. Potential employers, insurance companies and other organisations would then be about any criminal record. Should you wish to discuss this further, please do let us know.

Walking Bus

We are delighted to announce that the walking bus timetable will be extended for the rest of the Summer Term. The bus will now run on a **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** leaving the Rawson Hall at 8:20am starting from Tuesday 4th June.

Diary Dates:

Inset Day – Monday 3rd June
Return to school for children – Tuesday 4th June

See the website calendar for important dates:



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

Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School