



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

What an amazing term this has been with so much going on, fantastic learning, superb visitors and brilliant help and support from all of our wonderful families. We hope you have a very enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday April 23rd.

Willow

We have been writing biographies of Mary Anning, fossil hunter. We used all our dinosaur knowledge to invent our own dinosaurs and describe their features.



In maths year 1 have been measuring and comparing length. Year R have been getting the hang of money and time, ordering events from their daily lives. We finished our *Land Before Time* topic in style, by celebrating our learning with parents on Thursday afternoon.

Next term we'll be finding out more about pirates through our *Walk the Plank* topic.

Beech

In D.T., science and maths we have designed our volcanoes and decided what materials we would like to use to build it. We had a go at using Mod Roc and paper maché. Also we sorted materials into whether they could be used for the inside or the outside of the volcanoes so we used a Venn

diagram to help us do this. We discussed what happens if we want to place materials in both categories and the children understood that we have an overlapping section for this.



In English we have finished our biographies and finished writing our facts based on a fantasy dinosaur. We have had a busy week writing!

In maths we have been revising partitioning using chips and peas (tens and ones), addition using the same equipment and some unfamiliar word problems. We discussed how to explain our thinking and making sure we answer everything clearly.

Holly

We have been learning to tell the time in year 3. This has been very challenging and the children have shown great resilience and a desire to crack it! The Year 4s have continued focusing on area and solving problems with complex shapes. In English, we have written newspaper reports about the discovery of new species in the Amazon. We used our science lessons to think about what the characteristics the animals would need to survive, acted out the discovery and wrote in the role of reporters. Here's a selection of some of the home learning topic projects.



Silver Birch

The children have been busy writing their Viking sagas - they are incredible! The class then compared their stories to their Egyptian stories and they were able to see the progress that they have made since the autumn term. In maths, we have been looking at constructing circles. Although, this was a difficult skill to master, the children were able to rise to the challenge and use compasses accurately. The final project of our Viking topic is to create Viking long ships. The children have been researching how they are going to make them float and so far they have created prototypes with sugar paper.

Fabulous Visitors

The children found Alison Lapper inspiring and incredible. She told them about her life as a child and how she learnt to use her mouth and feet. She showed them some of her art and led painting workshops with some of the children who could only use their mouths or feet to hold the paintbrush. It was very messy and great fun!



We were all so impressed with Alison's attitude to life, how she shows resilience and perseverance and has such a 'can do' approach to everything. Many of the children remembered how Alison said "Impossible isn't a word, the word says I'm possible."

What a fantastic message to give to our wonderful children.



School vision

Mrs Harvey has been working with the children in the school council, worship council and the pupil governors to create a child friendly version of our school vision.



They have some amazing and creative ideas and we are looking forward to seeing the final result.

A visit from two headteachers

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Allen from Bolnore Village Primary School and Mr Carter from St Paul's Catholic College to our school yesterday. This is part of our work together as a group of schools. Mrs Allen and Mr Carter spent most of the day with us, visiting classes and talking with the children. They found the children happy, confident, articulate and keen. They were impressed by how engaging the learning environment is and how we are like a family. It was really nice to hear such complementary things about the school. Thank-you to everyone for making our school such a special place.

Little Big Sing

The children in year 2 joined 9 other local schools to sing together. This was a wonderful event and a fabulous opportunity for the children to learn and sing

with children from other schools. It was brilliantly led by Mrs Secker from West Sussex Music.

Maths workshops

We held two maths workshops for parents this week where Mrs Burton shared the methods we use in school to support addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Parents said that the workshop was extremely helpful to see how equipment and drawing helps support the more formal calculations. If you would like help with supporting your child with their maths please speak with your class teacher. We aim to repeat the workshop in the summer term.

STEM books

On Monday we had visitors from Usborne Books and Roche, the pharmaceutical company, to present us with a number of books to promote children's interest in STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. They have also given us resource sheets to use with the books. Their aim is to provide these books to all Haywards Heath schools with sponsorship from different companies. We are very grateful for this kind donation. We were also delighted to discover that one of the visitors, Lauren, is an ex pupil and now works for Roche!



Very helpful volunteers

Mr Mendelson and his work colleagues very kindly volunteered to remove the wobbly climbing apparatus in Willow's outdoor classroom last weekend. We are extremely grateful for this as it was a huge object to remove and dispose of. Please join us in thanking Mr Mendelson for his time and hard work!

Sport

We have had lots of sporting events over the past two weeks. Jonathan represented us and Mid Sussex in the Sussex cross

country finals. He did exceptionally well and came 11 out of 135 runners. The Mid Sussex team won the event. Well done Jonathan.



Netball

We played two friendly matches with St Peter's at Cowfold and Twineham. Though the team had the ball lots they didn't manage to score any goals but there was some amazing intercepting of passes.

Cricket

Some of the girls from KS2 went to the Triangle for an indoor cricket festival. They had great fun, developing their batting, bowling, throwing and catching skills.



Tennis

There was a tennis festival for year 3 and 4 children this week. Again the children had the chance to develop their tennis skills though it was very cold!



Multi-sports festival

This was also for Year 3 and 4 children from our more local schools. The children had the chance to try lots of different sports including tennis and basketball. They had great fun trying different sports and learning new skills.



Well done to all the children, they showed great teamwork and sportsmanship in all of these events. They represented the school so well by showing our values at all times. We thank all the parents who helped with transport and for their support.

Easter Egg Hunt

We were grateful that the rain/sleet/snow managed to hold off for the Friends of Bolney's Easter Egg Hunt yesterday. The children loved finding the tickets and getting their eggs. A huge thank-you to the Friends of Bolney for arranging this and providing refreshments.

Fundraising

Thank-you for supporting Parham and Petworth's Tombola to raise money for BookTrust UK and the Rocking Horse Children's Charity. We had so many things donated and raised £59.

Bolney Horticultural Society Spring Show and Bolney Garden Nursery

Mrs Glew kindly took all of our pots of daffodils that the children had planted with Mrs Sheppard to the show and entered one of the beautiful tulips from the front of the school into the show.

We were delighted to win 1st prize with the tulip.

There was a fascinating talk about growing your own vegetables as part of the show and Mrs Glew and I made lots of notes to help with the gardening we are doing at school!

The Horticultural Society sent us a delightful card to thank us for taking part and very kindly gave us some garden vouchers. Mark at Bolney Nursery also gave us some seeds and potatoes to start off our class gardening curriculum which is extremely kind of him. The children have started with digging over the beds, planting



the seeds and chitting the potatoes. We hope we will see some signs of growth when we return from our holiday!



Easter Service

Please join us for our Easter Service which will be on our first day back, Tuesday 23rd April at 2.15pm in the church.

Bolney Ball

Have you got your tickets for the Friends of Bolney's ball which will be held on Saturday 27th April at the Rawson Hall? It promises to be a great event.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Rose for showing love by helping others with their learning and Annabelle for showing love by being a good friend.



Declan and Sukie for showing love by being a good friend.

Key dates for your diary

Summer Term Starts

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Easter Service

St Mary Magdalene church
Tuesday 23rd April at 2.15pm

Friends of Bolney - Bolney Ball

Saturday 27th April
at the Rawson Hall

Summer Half Term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st
May 2019

Inset Monday 3rd June 2019

Whole School Photo

Tuesday June 4th

Sports Morning

- whole school

Thursday 20th June from 9.15am

Inset Monday 8th July 2019

Worth Abbey Y6 leavers service

Y6 parents are welcome
11th July at 10.45

Year 5 and 6 Production

Wednesday 17th and Thursday
18th July

End of Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

**Happy Easter and thank-you
all for your continued
support with all that we do.**

**Mrs Kenny and all staff at
Bolney CEP School**