



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Half term is upon us already and it is lovely to see the children playing in the field and enjoying being outside. Please have a look at this powerful short film by Max in Year 5 that we shared in worship this week.

https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/site/silver_birch/223523

Willow

Willow Class have been talking about the pirate code, the rules that pirates followed and we wrote our own pirate rules. We have been writing list poems, imagining and describing the items that could be in a pirate's pocket. In maths year 1 have been working on multiplication and division and are now working on fractions, finding half of shapes and numbers. Year R have been doubling and been naming, talking about and sorting groups of 2D shapes. Thank you to the families who came to learning sharing. We will share learning again next half term.



Our growing patch is taking shape, thanks to Mrs Glew and the year R children.



Beech

Beech Class have been continuing to plan our pirate stories and how to include the four sentence types: statements, commands, exclamations and questions. In maths we have

been busy with assessments and we are looking forward to going back to time but also we have been working on our mental maths. An excellent website for helping with this is called Mental Maths Train from the Top Marks website. We made our structures secure on our volcanoes and looked at how to add the pneumatics part of it.

We have had our marble treat and the children loved watching Ice Age and the Dawn of the Dinosaurs. We have continued to research pirate history using books and the internet. In DT we have been making volcanoes for our pirate islands.



We had some excellent and creative pieces of home learning to share too, thank you to everyone for the hard work.



Holly

In Holly we have been working extremely hard on our writing portfolios. We have been finishing off stories, redrafting and proof reading older pieces of writing to add to our collection of best pieces. The children showed excellent concentration, resilience and maturity to work so hard all week.

In maths, we have been working on plotting coordinates and revising

shapes (Y3) and translating shapes on grids (Y4).



We shared our home learning tasks, and it was great to see such a range of creative, well written, well-acted and well-presented pieces of work.



In PE we finished off our Greatest Showman dances and it was very impressive to see

how much the children remembered and were able to collaborate to add to their sequence.

Silver Birch

Over the last two weeks, we have been incredibly busy in Silver Birch. Last week, the Year 6s sat their KS2 tests. This was a challenging week for them, however, they ensured that they were calm, when completing the tests, reading the questions carefully and checking their papers thoroughly. We were very proud of them. We have also continued building our writing portfolios. This gives the children opportunity to revisit pieces of writing they have completed during the year, edit and improve them before writing them neatly. What has been brilliant is that the children have carefully evaluated their work and celebrated the effort they have put into it. We have also begun looking at our end of year production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. This will certainly be a

challenge for the children. Before auditions, the class have spent time looking over the libretto to familiarise themselves with the songs so that they are able to give their best performance.

Hope and Joy

This week eight of our Year 5 children visited our local care home, Eastridge Manor, to share some hope and joy with the residents. We stayed for an hour and during that time the children had the opportunity to share work, special belongings and stories as well as finding out a little bit about the interests of those they were talking to. There were also some very good words of advice from a lady called June - "You gotta work hard".



We were so impressed with how the children initiated and responded in conversation and the staff at the home were amazed at how relaxed the residents were. We are looking forward to another visit very soon.

Benjamin gets Baptised!

Following their recent work exploring the question 'What makes our church a special place?' Year 2 visited the church today and were excited to witness, and take part in, the baptism of our very own baby doll, which the children named Benjamin Josh. Reverend Ruth talked about what baptism means to Christians and the children were fascinated to see in the font.



They also had time exploring the church identifying the features we have been learning about. Please remember the church is open every day and you are always welcome.

Stay and Play

It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents join us for 'Stay and Play'. Both Willow and Silver Birch classes did science and Beech and Holly did coding. School was buzzing with enthusiasm!



Bolney visitors

As part of our Bolney visitor programme we were delighted to have three visitors over the last fortnight! All have been fascinating and very popular.

Mrs Hide talked to Y2, 3 and 4 children while she cut Mrs Kenny's daughter's hair! The children were fascinated by this and were amazed at all the things Mrs Hide needed to do and know as well as how she uses her sense of feel to check that the hair is cut to the same length on each side.

Unfortunately the photos we took of this were accidentally deleted!

Dr Greenwood shared her training to become a doctor and what being a GP meant and what she does. She showed the children some of her equipment. The children asked her so many questions and she explained how every day at work is different and how she likes to help others but not all the paperwork that comes with it!



Mr Reed who has Charlie's Pedal Shed in the village also visited us and brought one of the tandems he has. He showed the children different parts of a bike explaining how bikes work and how to keep safe. Some of our enthusiastic cyclists then had a go on the tandem. Mr Reed works for a charity called Charlotte's Tandems (<http://charlottestandems.weebly.com/>) to help people who may not be able to ride a bike due to physical difficulties experience what it is like on a bike by riding on a tandem. The tandems can be hired from the charity. We learned that the rider of a tandem is called a pilot and the other rider is called a stoker.



Sport

Children from Y3 and 4 attended a tennis tournament at Warden Park Academy, here is their report: *We were split into girls and boys A and B teams and played 8 games against other schools. We all enjoyed the matches very much and finished 6th overall out of 9 schools. We think the year 3s tennis skills improved the most throughout the matches and award Ari and Amelia for players of the tournament. We would like to thank parents and carers and Mrs Green for taking us.*



It was lovely to receive an email from a parent who watched the event saying how brilliant the children were at supporting each other and showing

our values: *"It was a joy to watch them be such awesome kind and considerate little people, and great ambassadors for the school showing lots of our key values!" Thank-you and well done to all of them.*

Our Reception children went to a Balance Bike day at Broadbridge Heath Athletic Stadium today. They cycled lots, had a fantastic time and really showed our values too.



Basketball Finals

Lots of families who went to the O2 had a great day watching the basketball finals and learning all about the game. Many thanks to Zoe for organising this.

Workshops for parents

We are holding two workshops next term. One is for supporting your child with reading on Tuesday 18th June at 2.15; this is for all year groups. The other is for maths on Wednesday 26th June at 1.30 to 3.00. This is a repeat of the previous maths workshop as parents liked it so much. This time we will also invite your child to join you at the workshop.

Music recital

Please join the children and Mrs Nagendra for a music recital where the children who go to choir and play instruments with Mrs Nagendra will be performing for family and friends. Siblings in school will also be able to attend.

This is on Tuesday 2nd July at 2pm.

Uniform

Please can you check if you have the wrong school cardigan. Indy has lost hers, it does has her name in.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Mabel for showing love by being kind, Anaïs for showing love by being kind and thoughtful, Larna for showing love by cheering others up and Mrs Cheney for showing all our values by being the best teacher.

Key dates for your diary

Summer Half Term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019

Inset

Monday 3rd June 2019

Whole School Photo

Tuesday June 4th

BookTrust Pyjama Day

Friday 7th June

Summer Garden Party

Monday 10th June at 2pm

Sports Morning

- whole school

Thursday 20th June from 9.15am

Parents reading workshop

Tuesday 18th June at 2.15pm

Parents and children maths workshop

Wednesday 26th June 1.30-3pm

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Inset

Monday 8th July 2019

Worth Abbey Y6 leavers service

Y6 parents are welcome
11th July at 10.45

Friday 12th July

Non-uniform day for Village Day
tombola donations

Year 5 and 6 Production

Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th
July at 6pm
Rawson Hall

'Budge up' morning (meet your
new class)

Thursday 18th July

End of Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

**We hope you have an enjoyable
half term and see you Tuesday
June 4th.**

**Thank-you all for your
continued support with all
that we do.**

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