



Newsletter

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Spring
Term
Newsletter

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Dear families,

What a joy it has been to complete the spring term with us all together. We look forward to, what we hope is an uninterrupted summer term!

Willow

In Willow Class we have finished our Change Makers topic by thinking of what changes we would make to make the world a better place and what we can do to make this happen! Year 1 have been measuring weight and length and Year R have been adding 2 numbers together. In our Jigsaw sessions we have talked about how we feel when things are tricky and how we face obstacles. We loved visiting the church and this concluded our RE work about placing crosses in an Easter Garden. We have built our own Easter Garden and added our own crosses.



Beech

Beech Class have had a busy couple of weeks. We have been making a Woodland scene out of clay. We used many different materials to mark make, create patterns and used slip to join pieces together. In RE we also used plasticine to make any object relating to Easter. The children were only given a coin-sized piece of plasticine and had to make as many objects as possible. We had hot cross buns, bunnies, crosses and spring flowers. In science we have been making our own paint using natural

materials. The children loved seeing that it was a success! In our Jigsaw lessons we have been setting goals and working towards them. Some of us have learned the Macarena dance, learning to count in two's in French and making cards. We have had to work as a team, show resilience and know how to work out the steps to reach the goal. In music we listened to Debussy's Claire De Lune and used watercolours to paint the pictures it created.



Practising techniques with clay

Holly

We have been incredibly busy in Holly Class over the last couple of weeks! We have now completed our shape unit in maths which concluded with the children making structures out of art straws. As a class, they came up with their own criteria of what must be included and then were scored on the content as well as their artistic impression. The children were certainly very proud of what they had achieved.



In English, the children have created their own animals that they thought might exist in 50 million

years' time, gone on spelling scavenger hunts and managed to write some superb writing that explores character's feelings. It has also been lovely to see how proud the children are of their work because they have been so desperate to read it out in class! Most recently, the class made crosses out of Mrs Harvey's Christmas tree! The children discovered that it helped symbolize Jesus's death. The class has placed a larger cross in the entrance of the church and invite people to leave jars of flowers around it.



Silver Birch

In Silver Birch we have been learning about how the Viking and Anglo Saxon communities interacted, fought, settled and shaped Britain. We debated how Ethelred II should have dealt with the 'Viking problem' – using violence, alliances or by converting the Vikings to Christianity! The children debated really well – we focused on listening to others, building on their points or challenging them courteously. All the children could make a point, listen to others and consider differing opinions before reaching a conclusion themselves.

We also learned about the fight for the throne after the death of Edward the Confessor. We learned why Harold, Harald and William all wanted to be King and how these events led up to the Battle of Hastings. We have written reports

about the contenders and included some gory facts about the battles. In maths we have investigated shape! We tried to find all the possible nets for a cube (there are 11!) and Year 5 also tried to spot the link between the number of faces and vertices of 3D shapes and how that helps us with the number of edges.

We have continued to build our marble ramps in science – and had to show lots of resilience to fix problems and tinker with them until things worked!



Decorating Canopic jars we made from clay

Keeping in touch with learning

As mentioned previously, we do appreciate that it is hard not being able to 'see' learning that is happening in school - usually shared via classroom visits, book-looks or assemblies and we are planning to utilise our class twitter accounts for this purpose in the summer term. Please see our [website](#) for the account names so you can request to join your child's class account.

Over the past four weeks teachers and children, across the school, have worked on a range of creative projects and here are just some of the outcomes:

Willow - Creative Easter garden



Beech - Woodland scene sculpture in clay

Holly - Cross sculpture in church and garden designs



Silver Birch - Canopic jars



Y6 Forest Schools – tic tac toe – KS1 were delighted to discover this homemade game during playtime – thank-you Y6!

Easter celebrations

Each class enjoyed spending time in the church this week looking for signs of Easter. They loved the Easter garden, many of the saying how calm and peaceful it was. They laid palm crosses and lit candles. The children asked so many thoughtful questions. The church is open every day should you wish to visit with your family. Please look in book bags for an Easter card and message from Reverend Michael. Every child beautifully decorated eggs using different media. These will be displayed at the Bolney Horticultural Society's Easter Celebration on Saturday 10th April between 3 and 4pm.



Covid symptoms

Please email office@bolneyprimary.school if your child develops any symptoms of Covid in the next two days.

Home Learning

I do apologise as I thought I had shared about using Microsoft Teams for some of the home learning with you in a previous newsletter. We have made this decision to ensure that we do not lose any of the skills we have recently developed as it is a platform we will continue to use. If a class needs to self-isolate due to Covid we will need to provide remote learning for that class and Teams will be used for this. If you need any help with using Teams please contact us.

Easter Egg Hunt

The children loved the Easter Egg Hunt on Tuesday. It was so lovely to see the children excitedly looking for raffle tickets and showing kindness and caring to others while doing so. A huge thank-you to the Friends of Bolney for running this and giving everyone an egg.



Diary Dates

Parent and teacher consultations

Tuesday 27th April and Thursday 29th April 3.20 to 6pm.

Wednesday 5th May for Holly Class from 3.20pm

Summer Term

Starts Monday 19th April

Ends Friday 23rd July

Summer Half Term

Week commencing 31st May

Sports Morning

Wednesday 23rd June

INSET days 2020-2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Monday 5th July 2021

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

Happy Easter everyone.

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School