



# Newsletter

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## Dear families,

Over the last couple of weeks, the whole school have been putting their understanding of democracy into practice with the Year 6 cohort applying for leaderships roles and the rest of the school standing for school and eco councils. Last week, our school polling station ran successfully and votes were counted and verified!



The new 2023/4 School and Eco representatives have been announced and today they received their badges. Congratulations to them all.

## Willow Class

In Willow Class this week we have shared Hansel and Gretel. We have retold the story in our own words and put events from the story in order. We have made and decorated our own gingerbread houses. In maths we have been comparing objects and using a language of length and height. We are continuing to learn new sounds in phonics, practicing drawing these letters and learning to blend them into words. We

have had fun with our mini-mes.



## Beech Class

We have had a very productive time in Beech class this week! We had a lovely visit from the history man who taught us all about the different types of castles and why they are now made of stone!



He showed us armour throughout the years and we could see how the helmets changed.



To finish off this fabulous experience we

have been writing short books that we will bring home to share all of the exciting things we did with the history man.



There are more pictures on the Beech class page of the website. In science this week, we have been experimenting with different materials. We explored which type of plastic would make a good shield for our castles, a plastic bag or a plastic box lid. We concluded that the plastic box lid was a better shield because it is hard.



## Holly Class

Another busy two weeks have passed and we have crammed in lots! In English we have been continuing our text Escape from Pompeii, writing settings of both the pre eruption and post eruption of Vesuvius. We realised how this was an emotive piece of writing to do and we had to really use the skill of empathy to even start to imagine what it is like to leave everything behind and your home being destroyed. We

have written postcards about the History Man visit which the children loved and they learned so much. He had many objects and artefacts to explore and he made it very interactive, it was great fun!



In history we continued to learn about the Army and their equipment. We also looked at Britain before the Romans invaded and found out about hill forts. We used our art time to make our real shields and these will be ready for after half term when we become Holly Class Roman Army.



In maths we have continued to explore place value; Roman Numerals in Year 4 which was actually rather complicated and partitioning bigger numbers in Year 3. We have been making time to practice number bonds and timetables too.

In drama, the children have designed their own Roman God and this week had to design their costume. They will be using these to create their own stories.



In science we used chocolate to

learn about the Rock Cycle. We made sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks, messy but fun!



### Silver Birch Class

We have been using our Shackleton themed interplaylands to help us add detail to our writing. We have been writing diaries from the point of view of our crew characters and trying to make them as realistic and historically accurate as possible. Making our interplayland allowed us to think about the small details aboard the ship – and hopefully show this in our writing!

In maths, we have been focusing on calculations with year 5 looking at addition and subtraction and year 6 looking at more efficient strategies for multiplication.

We have finished Holes and have thoroughly enjoyed finding out how it all ties together in a very satisfying ending. We may watch the film version at some point and see how it compares! We have continued to investigate reversible and irreversible changes in science – particularly looking at how salty water can be made drinkable through evaporation and condensation. Something that Shackleton's crew may have needed to consider! We decided it wasn't a very efficient approach and are hopefully now more grateful for our fresh, clean water.

In RE we have had lots of fruitful discussions about religion – what role it plays in our lives, how people with different

beliefs can disagree and find common ground with atheists and considered how we would define ourselves.

### Internet Safety

Please could I draw your attention to the fact that some of the children are accessing potentially inappropriate images on computers which come from YouTube animations and they are also sometimes using phrases from these animations in an unkind way. Although children cannot access YouTube at school, (and may not be able to at home), they may still be able to search for the Google images. For information, the following titles have been brought to our attention:

Rainbow Friends  
Five nights at Freddies  
Hello Neighbour  
Poppy Playtime

### Parent Governor

We are on the lookout for a new parent Governor to join our board. If you are interested, please let us know.

### Values Awards

*Last week's certificates:*

Love Arya T  
Respect Millie H  
Resilience Greyson M  
Honesty Oliver E

*This week's certificates:*

Love Jake G  
Respect Arthur D  
Resilience Andre C

### Friends of Bolney NEWS:

This half term has gone so quickly! It is a shame that our Bear Hunt Obstacle Course could not go ahead as planned (unpredictable British weather!), but we will be rescheduling for a date after half term and we are glad we could still have the Cake Sale. Thank you for all of your cake donations, we raised an incredible **£243.65!**



Next half term we have lots of great events in the lead up to Christmas! Here are some dates to remember:

**BOLNEY BONFIRE NIGHT -**

**Friday 3rd November from 6pm**

Friends of Bolney will be running a Popcorn and Candy Floss stall.

**CHRISTMAS WREATH**

**WORKSHOPS -**

**Wednesday 29th November at**

**7pm** - spaces available, book

before the 31st October to

secure our early bird price of

£40 per person.

**Thursday 30th November at**

**7pm** - Sold Out

**CHRISTMAS FAIR & RAFFLE -**

**Saturday 2nd December 1pm -**

**4pm**

**AGM Meeting - Tuesday 14th**

**November at 7pm**

Please join us for our AGM and

we will also be discussing

Christmas Fair plans.

Many thanks for your support so

far this year and we hope you

have a brilliant half term!

*Friends of Bolney*

**Diary Dates:**

See the website calendar for lots more dates:

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

**Ms Lofthouse and all staff at  
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