



# Newsletter

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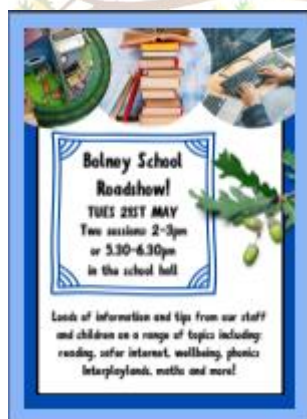
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Autumn  
Term  
Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear families,  
Many of the children have been demonstrating our value of resilience this week as interschool sports events planned were cancelled due to the wet ground. It is really hard when you build yourself up for something that either you are really looking forward to, or that you are nervous about and then it gets cancelled, so well done all who showed great resilience.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** is a date for your diary. We have a community coffee morning from **10:30-12:00** in the Rawson Hall jointly run by FoB and the children and between **2:00-3:00** and **5:30-6:30** we are running our Road Show.



We would love to see you at both events.

During our celebration worship on a Friday, children often share achievements from outside of school and we would encourage anyone with hidden talents or skills to share on a Friday. This could be any achievement and if there is nothing physical to share (like a trophy), then a photo, a prop or just being able to talk

about these achievements would be really special.

## Willow Class

In Willow Class we have talked about how we know about dinosaurs, through fossils and about what dinosaurs ate and how we know this. Last week we welcomed Petra from Horsham Museum, had the chance to hold fossils and learnt more about dinosaurs.



This week we have made our own fossils by pressing leaves into clay to make the marks that would be left behind and used a video app to photograph dinosaurs and add voices to them. We have read Harry and His Bucketful of Dinosaurs and Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs. We have practised counting numbers bigger than 10 and 20, talking about *tens*, *ones* and *units* and have practised sharing number, sharing into 2 or 3 groups, 1 by 1. We have practised all the phonics we have learnt so far. We have talked about what to do when friendships go wrong and talked about the people who help us and hold us up (we drew hot air balloons to hold their names). We have practised throwing underarm



and overarm, running relays and 2 footed jumping in preparation for Sports Day. We have been watching the eggs in the incubator in our room; they have now been in school 14 days! This time next week they may be hatching. We have candled them and checked that there were 5 embryos growing out of 6 eggs.



## Beech Class

In English we have been looking at the poem 'a tiny, burning flame'. This is a poem about The Great Fire of London. We started the unit by looking at how Michael Rosen performs his poems. We liked how he used gestures and how he had over-exaggerated facial expressions. We have put these things on our 'poetry performance checklists' to prepare us for our poetry performances.





We have loved forest school this half term (even in the rain!) We have been creating fairy gardens.



In science, we have been comparing environments for our bean seeds to grow. We have a 'perfect pot' that gets water, sunlight, soil and the correct temperature. So far it is looking green and healthy. Our cupboard pot is also growing but is yellow! We are excited to record our evidence.

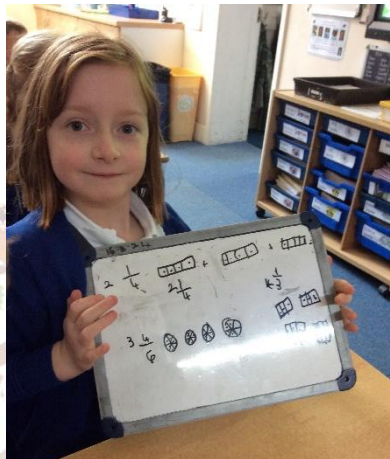


### Holly Class

Holly Class have had a busy two weeks.

In English, we have continued our film unit called Cyber Kicks and we have been learning about rhetorical questions, pronouns, conjunctive adverbs and how adverts use positive language as a way to 'hook' the consumer (us).

In maths, we have continued to learn about fractions. The year 3's have been finding non-unit fractions of amounts and the year 4's have been looking at improper fractions and mixed numbers, converting them between the two and exploring methods for tackling problems with fractions. In addition, the year 4's have been practicing their times tables ready for the national multiplication check in June.



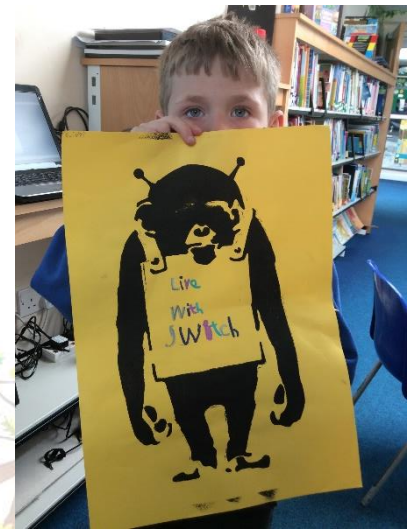
In science, we have continued our project around Sound. We carried out an investigation using rice and a drum so we could 'see' sound. We had to predict what would happen and then record our results. The groups discussed how we could change some variables such as using a plastic bowl instead of a glass one and using a metal baking sheet rather than a plastic tray. We also used ukuleles, rubber bands and rulers to make various sounds.



In P.E, we have been busy learning tennis skills, focusing on catching, throwing and using a racket. We have also started to practice for our sports day, enjoying events such as hurdles,

long jump, howler throwing and relay races.

Mrs Booty in our art lessons has been teaching the children some amazing, exciting work based on the artist Banksy. The children have produced some brilliant work and have written some really thoughtful inspirational messages for others.



### Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have been excited to learn which production we will be performing. We are going to be performing an adaptation of Holes by Louis Sachar. We read this book in the autumn term, so there is lots of familiarity and keen discussions over which characters we want to play. Year 6 have been busy preparing for SATs and have shown great attitudes as we look forward to getting them over and done with next week.

Year 5 have been learning about coordinates in maths and have found it especially helpful linking to scratch and computing which is based on a coordinate grid too. In PE we are playing tennis, and have enjoyed the chance to spread out and play on the field. In science, we have been learning about life cycles. So far we've learned about flowering and non-flowering plants, insects undergoing complete and incomplete metamorphosis, amphibians, reptiles and birds!

Nearly there – lastly we will learning about mammals!

### Cross Country

Well done to some of our year 4's who took part in the Mid Sussex cross country event, Finley and Heidi came 5<sup>th</sup> – well done!



### FRIENDS OF BOLNEY NEWS



### Wednesday 15th May - Friends of Bolney Meeting - 6:30pm

All are welcome to join us for our next meeting being held at the school where we will be discussing all of our upcoming events. Please let us know if you can make it.

### Tuesday 21st May - Community Coffee Morning 10:30am - 12pm

Some of the children will be hosting this wonderful community event at The Rawson Hall. Please come along and join us for tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes.

### Saturday 22nd June - The Pram Race!

The Pram Race is back and Friends of Bolney will be running the cafe on the day as well as the raffle in partnership with Bolney Under 5's. This is always such a fun village event!

### Saturday 20th July - Summer Family Event!

Please save the date for this exciting event taking place at The Cider Tap in Bolney. We are working hard on plans and hope for this to be a big fundraiser for the school. More details will follow soon. We are looking for raffle prizes for this event as well as Event Sponsors so please get in touch for more information if you or someone you know is able to help -

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Have a great weekend!  
Friends of Bolney

### Diary Dates:



See the website calendar for important dates:

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

**Ms Lofthouse and all staff at  
Bolney CEP School**

