



# Newsletter

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Dear families,

I have been so impressed with our enterprising children over the last few weeks, showcasing this term's characteristics of Change Makers and Critical Thinkers. Scarlett and her team raised over £80 for Stroke UK with an arts sale and other groups have come forward with some great ideas for future fundraising, including our golf ball venture.

Sports day was a fun event; thank you for all those that came to support the children – they all did so well. Mrs Green did a fantastic job of organising both the track afternoon and the field events earlier this term. Thanks to the FoB for providing refreshments too.



CONGRATULATIONS to red team who won the sports cup this year!



## Willow Class

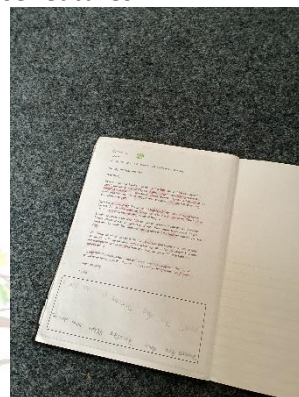
We have read *The Bad Tempered Ladybird* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We thought about cakes we could give the Ladybird to make him happier and the animals the ladybird could meet. We wrote our own items for the caterpillar to munch through. We have kept careful watch over our caterpillars. They have now all turned to chrysalides and we are still waiting for them to hatch into butterflies. In maths we have been adding and subtracting numbers in maths. We have learnt new ways of writing the sounds we already know. We have been on a minibeast hunt and made raspberry jam and sorbet. We have written instructions of how to make sorbet.

## Beech Class

We have had a very busy week of learning in Beech Class!

In English, we have started to explore a diary entry from the Great Fire of London. The diary belongs to a young girl who woke up to the smell of smoke on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1666! We examined the diary entry and highlighted parts we thought made the writing interesting for the reader. We found that we highlighted lots of expanded noun phrases and adverbs.

Next week when we start our writing, we will use some of these features.



In PSHE, we have been looking at the process of age and how our bodies will change with age. We made consistency books to show the process of growing up! We had lots of fun!



In maths, we have been using denes to show the tens and ones in numbers. We split the tens and ones in a part-part whole model and the year 2's were challenged with a part-part whole model with 3 parts!





In RE, we looked at the story of Zacchaeus and how he had faith in Jesus when he climbed the sycamore tree to hear Jesus' teaching. We drew around our feet to show walking by faith and wrote how he felt when Jesus called him by name.



### Holly Class

In English, we are really enjoying our book 'The Boy Who Biked Around The World, Part 1 Africa'. We have plotted Tom's journey so far using a World map and a map of Africa. This is helping us with our geography skills too. We have been looking at writing in first person as Tom but also how writing in second and third person feels to both the writer and the reader. The book flits between first person and third person and we discussed how this makes the text more exciting. Our short burst writing task was to describe Africa as a continent. We used information gathered from the text in addition to our amazing Sierra Leone work. As we had an amazing sports afternoon, we decided to give the children some choice in our P.E lessons. We had football, tennis, rounders and cheerleading areas and the children could choose to do all 4 or stick to their favourite. What was really rewarding to see was how we saw different children joining in football.



As football is all around us, we have decided as part of our project of Creativity and relating to the big question, 'Am I courageous enough to try something new?' to hold a 5 aside football tournament later in the term. We have been designing emblems and mascots. We discussed the importance of colours and the message we want our teams to display. The children have enjoyed starting Electricity in science. We started learning about battery or mains operated appliances, then we gave the children cables, switches, bulbs, crocodile clips, buzzers etc. to tinker with.



In maths, Year 3's have been exploring time. We have revisited some areas but this week we looked at Roman Numerals and telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Please ask your child about times they do things at home- this will support the learning in class. The Year 4's have been learning about money as we had been learning all about decimals. We have considered how estimating and rounding are useful skill in real life.



### Silver Birch Class

In Silver Birch, we have been considering our key question "How should society be organised?" We have used our map work skills to create our own countries and capital cities. We looked at the urban planning of cities like London, New York and Barcelona before deciding how best to map out our invented capital cities. We also considered the climate zone we wanted to be in, the flags, emblems, national anthems and national symbols we wanted to have. Next, we looked at types of government and ideologies in more detail before deciding if we wanted a republic, absolute monarchy, constitutional monarchy and for some – no government at all... We then looked at budgets and spending in maths. We looked at what governments are responsible for and considered what we thought would be top priorities. We each had a budget of £120,000,000,000 to spend, which we had to justify. We also presented this spending in pie chart / bar chart form. We will be continuing this project with presentations on our country to the rest of the class. The children will then be voting on which other country they would most like to live in! We have also been busy preparing for the production



and it has been great to see many of the children are ready to rehearse and attempt to practice without the support of their scripts.

In PE, we have been playing cricket games. There has been some excellent fielding, throwing and catching which has led to some very tight scorelines.

### Pram Race

Many of the children took part in the pram race last weekend and a fun time was had by all. A huge thank you to the Friends of Bolney for running refreshments in the café.



### Diary Dates:

See the website calendar for important dates:

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

**Don't forget the BOLNEY SUMMER BLAST at the Cider tap in Bolney on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm. If you can help out on a stall, please let the Friends of Bolney know.**



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

### Friends of Bolney NEWS:

Sports Day was really enjoyable last week. The children all did so well in their races and well done to Mrs Green and all of her helpers for a wonderful event. Thank you for supporting the refreshment stand which raised over **£75**.

It was brilliant to have The Bolney Pram Race back again and was great to see so many children and parents from the school take part. Our involvement at the event through the cafe and sweet stall earned **£614.59**. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who volunteered in the cafe and thank you to the organisers for including Friends of Bolney in the day.

### Bolney Summer Blast! - Saturday 20th July - 2pm at The Cider Tap

We have been working very hard to make this event really fun for the whole family and hopefully raise a lot of money for the school. Thank you to all the sponsors who have come on board, we really appreciate your support in helping make our plans a reality. Please invite family, friends and neighbours to the event, spread the word!

We sent out a volunteer sign up sheet this week via WhatsApp. It is going to take a real team effort from the whole school community to get as many people there as possible and to run this event. We really hope that you will be able to offer some of your time to help run a stall and there is the opportunity for the children to run the Teddy Tombola as well. Please sign up on our online sheet...

<https://volunteersignup.org/EJBHA>

Look out for more event details being shared soon. Follow us on Facebook - Friends of Bolney C.E.P for all event updates.

Have a great weekend!  
Friends of Bolney