



Newsletter

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Dear families,

Another half term has come and gone, and what a busy one we have had! We hope you all have an enjoyable half term and extended bank holiday Jubilee weekend, and we will see you on Tuesday 7th June, ready for our sports day on Wednesday 8th June am.

Willow

In Willow Class we have revisited our friendship potion and thought about the ingredients and skills needed to be a good friend. We have talked about what makes us incredible. We thought about the skills needed to be a negotiator and made a negotiator potion and recipe. We read *The Pocket Chaotic* and *The Bad Tempered Ladybird* talked about negotiating. We have collected adjectives. Our sunflowers are doing nicely and we have another new mud kitchen, thanks to Kiki's family. We have continued our beanstalk experiment and decided they need more water. Year 1s have been measuring in centimetres and counting in steps of 2s, 5s and 10s and talking about multiplication. Year Rs have been working with 2D shapes and copying patterns, counting groups of objects to 15 and reading and writing numbers to 15. Thank you again to Jack's family for sending us more bags of bark chippings for

our growing patch.



We welcomed the Silver Birch boys for a lovely afternoon of reading.

Beech

Sadly we said goodbye to Mrs Halliwell yesterday, she will be very sorely missed. We also said goodbye to Mrs Turner last week, although Mrs Burton's return to class was postponed due to Covid. We therefore look forward to her return after half term, and thank Mrs Turner for stepping in again this week. Ahoy there! Beech class have been enjoying a pirate themed fortnight after pondering some famous quotes from Captain Jack Sparrow. The quotes helped us further unpick our current theme of Negotiators. "Why Fight When You Can Negotiate?", "Not all treasure is silver and gold, mate.", "The problem is not the problem. The problem is your attitude about the problem. Do you understand?"

The children have worked in pairs (randomly selected), negotiating and agreeing how to create a treasure chest from a cardboard box. The boxes have been painted, decorated and

filled before the children took it in turns to hide them in the school grounds. We used our newly found knowledge of co-ordinates and map work to help us locate the boxes. It was lovely to see such responsible and trustworthy behaviours displayed by Year 2 as they roamed the grounds unsupervised!

Next term's theme is 'Young Leaders' and Mrs Burton and I are excitedly planning a 'Pets as Partners' focus which will look at how we need to be responsible and reliable when caring for our pets. This week's pet monitor in our class was Sophie and she had great fun cleaning out the stick insects.



However, they were a little lively considering they're nocturnal!

Holly

We have continued to enjoy our text 'The Day I fell into a Fairytale' and we have written both monologues and newspaper reports based on events in the book. The children have been able to compare this text to others such as Hansel and Gretel.

In art we have been continuing to make our animals with clay

and made sure our design is fit for purpose. We also explored the work of Andrea Dezso who illustrated for the Brothers Grimm fairytales. We have learned how to draw a horse using Rob Biddulph's step by step video.



In maths some of us have been revisiting number bonds to 100 to help us with decimals and hundredths. We also explored telling the time to five minutes and made calendars. We learned a rhyme to help us remember how many days there are in a month. Ask your child to recite it!

In science we started to use the equipment and tried out making different circuits. We used buzzers, bulbs, switches and motors. The children loved seeing what works and what does not.



In computing we have been tinkering with Scratch and watching tutorials to help us to create a game or a story. In RE we have been learning about Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) and what being a Prophet really means. We painted his name in Arabic.

Silver Birch

In Silver Birch we have been learning about Greek myths and stories. We looked at the characters, gods and types of lessons that the stories teach us.

We planned and wrote our own short stories – inventing gods and being inspired by the stories of Sisyphus, Tantalus, King Midas and Arachne. We enjoyed thinking up cruel and unusual punishments for our mortals as the gods often liked to do so.

In maths, we have been learning about circles – finding the radius and diameter and bits of string to find the circumference. We then learned about the formula and decided that it was a better and more accurate method than using string.



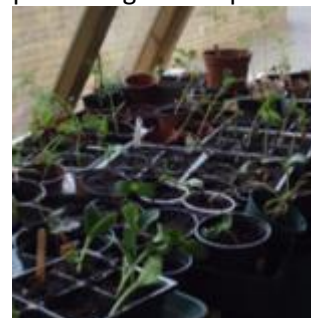
In PE, we have been getting ready for Sports Day, in music we have continued to develop our violin skills and we have also been auditioning and gearing up for our Summer Production of Robin Hood.

In RHE we have been talking about life changes, dealing with stress and how talking, exercise and enjoying our leisure time can help us deal with troubling times.

Gardening Club news

We are so excited and delighted to be successful in growing our own seedlings this year thanks to our wonderful potting shed. So far, in the ground, we have runner beans, sunflowers, leeks, tomatoes, cosmos, peas, beetroot and potatoes. We are planning on using some of the produce in October when we hold our BIG SOUP event. We have needed to be problem solvers as we discovered that our freshly weeded raised beds make the perfect toilet for

nearby cats! Sticks and netting seem to have worked in protecting our crops so far.



Mrs Halliwell

In honour of Mrs Halliwell the gardening club made a scarecrow. We were all sad to see Mrs Halliwell leave us yesterday. She has made a huge difference to so many children in the 14 years she has been here. She will be missed very much though she will come back and help us on Sports Day after half term!

Mrs Browning will be our learning Mentor after half term.



Baking with Harley!

Some of the children enjoyed baking dot biscuits today with our Wellbeing Ambassador, Harley. This links with our half term theme of 'Keep Learning' for the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Harley is an expert baker and showed the children how to make biscuits today.



The recipe will be coming home in case anyone fancies learning something new over the half term holidays.



An important visitor

Mims Davies, the MP for Mid Sussex, came along to our school on Friday 20th May.



After a tour of the school, Silver Birch class spent the morning with her to learn more about democracy and how MPs find out what their constituents want help with.

Jubilee Posters

"Thank you for the bunting and posters. They will be used to decorate the banking hall of the Lloyds Bank branch in Burgess Hill. They will be displayed from

this Friday for a week or so, parents/children are welcome to pop in to have a look. Opening hours are 9am-3pm Mon to Fri, and 9am-1pm on Saturdays"
Dawn Haynes/Lloyds Bank

Kwik Cricket

10 of our pupils stepped out in Bolney whites on Tuesday afternoon, dodging the rain showers, for the annual Kwik Cricket competition.



William reported *'We attended a cricket tournament with other Mid Sussex Schools. It was a good experience since it is some of our first competitive cricket matches!'*

Container Design Competition

We have arranged for a mural artist to paint the storage container in the playground using design ideas from the children on the theme of 'green and growing'.



This may help with ideas:



These are also on our website: https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/may_2022/610030

The winning designs will be incorporated in the final design by the mural artist. They need to be returned to school by Friday 10th June.

Off the Fence Treasure Hunt

Earlier in the year the children choose Off The Fence as the charity to support this year. To raise funds for this Brighton-based charity for homelessness the house captains are arranging a treasure hunt for each class on Friday 15th July and are asking each family to donate £1. For information about the charity please visit <https://www.offthefence.org.uk>

Parent Helpers Kidzania Trip

We are excited about our trip to Kidzania. Thank-you to parents who offered to help. We have asked parents who regularly volunteer in school or help to run the Friends of Bolney so we have plenty of adults for the trip now.

New classes for 2022-23

We will inform you of your child's new class and teacher after half term. This is after the teacher resigning deadline date so we know who will be here!

Travel Plan

We are updating our Travel Plan – this plan helps us identify where the risks of travelling to and from school are and what we are doing to reduce them. We would very much like some parents to help us with this plan. If you are interested please let Zoe know.

Changing Me

After half term each class will be learning more about their bodies, this includes some of the correct vocabulary for different parts of the body including their genitals so please be prepared to hear some of these words!

Holiday requests and attendance

We appreciate that during Covid holidays were few and far between, but we are seeing a high amount of holiday requests. Can we remind you that our attendance policy states that no holidays will be authorised during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances and that holidays in term time need to be avoided. This is in line with expectations from the Department of Education. We have not been sending letters following unauthorised absence due to the issues with holidays and COVID. As things are now more settled we will start sending these letters following any further unauthorised absences as requested by WSCC.

Showing our values well:



Amber for showing love and Tristram for showing respect.



Saskia and Ailbhe for showing love.

Diary Dates:

INSET Monday 6th June

Sports Morning

Wednesday 8th June 2022
(15th June is our reserve day)

Non-uniform days

Friday 10th June and Friday 24th June in exchange for a bottle.

Kidzania – Whole School

Wednesday 29th June

INSET day: Monday 4th July 2022

New Year R Story Time

Wednesday 6th July and
Tuesday 12th July at 2.15

New Year R Parents Meeting

Wednesday 6th July 6.30pm

Diocese Y6 Leavers Service

Christ's Hospital Chapel
Thursday 7th July 1.30

NEARS Sports Morning – KS2

Monday 11th July at Handcross
Park School

Sharing work with families

Monday 11th July from 2.30

Silver Birch Summer Production

Wednesday 13th and Thursday
14th July 6pm at the Rawson Hall
(COVID situation allowing)

Off the Fence Treasure Hunt

Friday 15th July

Meeting new teacher and class

-“Budge Up” morning
Monday 18th July 9.30-10.30
including new Year R

Jubilee Garden Party and farewell

Wednesday 20th July at 2pm

Y6 Leavers Service

St Mary Magdalene Church
Thursday 21st July 9.15

Last day of summer term

Thursday 21st July 2022

INSET days 2022-23

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Monday 20th February 2023,
Monday 5th June 2023,
Monday 3rd July 2023.

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

**We hope you have an
enjoyable half term and
Platinum Jubilee celebrations.**

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

