



Newsletter

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Friday 15th
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Dear families,

One of the highlights of the last two weeks was the community coffee morning that we ran at Rawson Hall. We invited members of the community to bring their memories of our school to share and they and the School Council shared experiences over a cuppa and a cake. The children were a credit as always and found out some interesting facts about the history of the school and the village. The children were particularly interested in the photos of the oak tree on the playground that used to get in the way during netball matches! It was also fun to see pictures of sports days through the years and maypole dancing! Members of the history society kindly shared a slide show of pictures of Bolney now and then.



A big thank you to the group of parents who set up the hall and served refreshments and to those parents who donated cakes and flowers for the tables.

Winter PE kit

Please may we remind you of the winter PE kit which is shown below.

Winter PE Kit
Bolney house colour t-shirt
Black tracksuit bottoms/ long leggings
Grey or white socks
Bolney sweatshirt
Black or white plain trainers
Black Bolney tracksuit top with logo

Shorts are still permissible due to the warm weather that we are experiencing should your child wish to wear them **but not** on top of leggings. Any black tracksuit tops must have a school logo on them.

Willow Class

Willow Class have started the half term with a new big question; How Will The Story End? focusing on Traditional Tales and rhymes and on nurturing the key characteristics of becoming Team Players and Friends. We have shared stories, like Rama And Sita – The Story of Diwali and drew Rama, sequencing the story events and retelling the story in our own words. We have painted our Diwali Diva lamps. We shared the story Jack And The Beanstalk and drew Jack and the castle. We have acted the story out with figures. We made our own

worry dolls and have been learning Nursery Rhymes. In maths we have practised reading, writing and counting numbers 1 – 5. We have been working out 1 more and 1 less for numbers 1-5 and challenged ourselves to find as many ways of making 5 as possible. In Learning For Life, we have talked about we are good at. We have learnt more sounds and made poppy suncatchers and talked about Remembrance Day. We had a visit from the Fire Service and talked about their job and how to stay safe.



Beech Class

It has been an incredible start to the term. We have blown Mrs Martin away with our phonics. We have been learning about when the 'c' makes the 's' sound and when the 'g' makes the 'j' sound. In our phonics lesson we, as a class, wrote down as many

words we could think of with that sound. We came up with 21 for the 'g' sound. We had words such as gem, register and giganotosaurus!

In PE, we have started our dance unit. The movement we are working on is all about a toy box. We started to think about the speed, weight and size of our movements in the context of toys from the past and present.

In RE, we are learning about the nativity and why Christmas is important to Christians. We retold the story using figures to see what we could remember. This will help us when preparing for the nativity!

Holly Class

We have been learning about arrays in maths and how if we are solving 6×5 as a number sentence, we can use our knowledge of the 5 times table even if we are unsure of the $6 \times$ table.

In English, we have been writing our top copy diaries about our Stone Age experiences and are in the process of completing our roundhouses in DT.

We have learnt about the digestive system in Science and continue to develop our hockey skills in PE.

We have also made poppies in a variety of colours in order to pay our respects to those men, women and animals who have lost their lives defending their countries.

Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have had a productive and exciting start to the term.

In English, we have written character descriptions of Tutankhamun and Remembrance poems. We started by gathering words for both pieces of writing. We discussed how our writing needs

to create a picture in our minds and this was quite challenging, particularly for the character description because we do not really know what Tutankhamun actually looked like. We did use our knowledge from our research and our VIPERS text to support us.

We decided to write Haikus for our Remembrance poetry to go with our art. We all used mixed media to create a wonderful image of poppies. We are in the process of making a display for this work.

Before half term, I mentioned that we shared our non-fiction work with Willow Class but I didn't have any pictures, I thought I would share one in this newsletter.



In addition to the pictures of Willow and Silver Birch sharing work, I want to share with you a picture of another task that we did on the last day of term; mummifying a dolly peg! The children had to use their imagination to use 'natron' (cinnamon and salt), linen (a jay cloth), and images of organs to put into their clay sarcophagus when they are completed.



In science, we have been discussed the legal age for drinking alcohol and we found out that this is different around the world. Ask your child what we found out.

In P.E, in hockey, the children learned about Indian Dribbling. We played some games and then we had a match where we had to dribble, pass and defend. The children did brilliantly in cross country!

Another exciting event that took place this half term, was a visit from Chef Mark and we had our second session of Table Talk. This session was all about cutting skills. The children loved every minute and made a salad. Most had eaten it by the end of the session!



Football tournament

Well done to the team for representing the school at football tournament this week.



Christmas Fair

Friday 6th December 2024
2:30-4pm



Non-uniform days on:

Friday 22nd November – Sweets
and teddies

Friday 29th November – Bottles

Any raffles prizes can be given
to Zoe in the office.

School Disco



Diary Dates:

See the website calendar for
important dates:

[https://www.bolneyschool.org.
uk/web/calendar/223211](https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/calendar/223211)

Please also take time to look at
our website, which has a lot of
information that you may wish
to see, including class pages.

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**Ms Lofthouse and all staff at
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