



# Newsletter

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**Dear parents and carers,**

## **Willow**

Willow Class have been busy this week. Year R children have been writing pirate messages in bottles for their year 6 buddies to read and year 1 children have been finishing their pirate stories and writing out work in best. In maths year 1 have been focusing on place value to 100 and year R have been writing addition calculations based on smarties! We learnt about pirate food and drink. We have been finding out about famous pirates. We made pirate grog (no rum)! We loved the summer prayer space!



I popped into Willow class this afternoon and the children were very excited to show me a video of their music performance. They have been working on this with Mrs Bohm who had recorded a rehearsal for the children to watch so they could suggest improvements. Please do visit Willow's page on our website to watch the video.

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/site/willow/223508>

## **Beech**

Beech Class have been writing poems about things that could have been found in a pirate's pocket. We have also started writing diaries from the point of

view of a child that finds themselves on a ship. We have talked about first person, past tense and keeping it factual using our topic lessons to help us.

In maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. We found that 3D shapes have 2D shapes on them! We have been making shapes using different resources and then having a go at drawing them.

We played the glockenspiels in music along the song we have been learning 'I wanna play in a band'. In science we investigated how soil and compost help plants to grow. We found out that the best soil is loam soil. We also took part in our Prayer Space in the quiet area of the playground. There were lovely activities and the children were engaged throughout.



## **Wall of Prayers**

In researching their BIG question 'How do Jewish people show they belong to God and each other?', Beech class have been finding out about the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Last week we read and acted out the Hanukkah story and discussed the miracles that God performed. We learned that the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed twice - once by the

Greeks and once by the Romans - and that the Western Wall is all that remains. Jews and non-Jews from all over the world visit the Western Wall to pray and meditate. It is customary to write short prayers on pieces of paper and leave them in the crevices of the wall. Today we wrote our prayers and hopes for the future and tucked them into the cracks of one of our oldest walls. Following on from yesterday's prayer space, it was good to be able to recognise similarities between religions and many of the children's prayers today contained a world vision of working to make the world a better place.



## **Holly**

In Holly we have been focusing on multiplication and division. We have been investigating factors in Year 4 and investigating patterns with multiplication in Year 3. Year 3s explored what happens to the answers when you multiply a number by itself e.g.  $10 \times 10$  and then change one factor to one more and the other factor to one less e.g.  $9 \times 11$  then  $8 \times 12$ . Year 4s found factors and recapped area and perimeter when designing different sweet boxes. In English we have been researching and writing up information about chocolate as part of our Maya topic. We have

rewritten recipes to make them sound clear and appealing and researched the origin of chocolate. We have also been busy preparing our packaging for our upcoming brownie sale! In PE, we had a class handball tournament, where we learned the rules of what was a new sport for many of us. We then had a mini league competition which was won by the pink team!

### Silver Birch

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have completed their writing portfolios. They are immensely proud of the finished products and were given time to reflect on the progress that they have made throughout the year. It will be certainly be something they will treasure for the rest of their lives. The class are in full rehearsal mode for our performance of 'Joseph' and they are really pushing themselves with their acting and their singing. In our topic work, the children have begun their research projects based on their chosen 'Hall of Fame' person. We have revisited how to conduct effective research and the children will use this to create a piece of work based on their chosen person next week.

### Sports Morning

We had a fabulous sports morning. The children were amazing, we had fantastic support from family and friends and the sun shone! Thanks to Mr Pitt's and Mrs Green's brilliant organisation we enjoyed lots of races and field events. The final scores were very close with only one point between each house with Uppark winning the Sports Cup.



A big thank-you to the sports leaders from Warden Park Academy as they were a great help. And a big thank-you to the Friends of Bolney for organising

refreshments, including ice lollies for all the children, and to Beacon Fencing Ltd for their kind donation for the refreshments.

### Silver Birch's Trip to Madame Tussauds

Unity and Annabelle wrote this report about the trip.  
*On the 19th June, Silver Birch went on a spectacular trip to Madame Tussauds in London. Once we were dropped off at Haywards Heath station, we made our way to the platform-all of us buzzing with excitement. We carefully stepped on to the train; our adventure had begun! When we had finished our train journey, we took the tube from Farringdon to Baker Street.*



*All our minds were blown away as we stepped into the first room - everything was so realistic! One of our favourite rooms was the jungle room where we were introduced to the giant gorilla (King Kong).*

*The class's other favourites include: the cat walk- which the teachers even joined in on; the Spirit of London ride where we experienced the progression of London and the extraordinary 4D Marvel show. Each room had a different theme, such as: sports, fashion, music, party, jungle, Star Wars, Marvel, actors, world leaders and royals. Overall we feel it was the greatest school trip ever and hope we will be able to travel by train for school trips more often.*

We are delighted that they enjoyed it so much and how they showed our school values so well, representing the school brilliantly. Please see the June 2019 folder in the Gallery on our website for some photos and videos of the children singing on Farringdon station. Apparently some passengers even got off their train to listen to them!

[https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/site/june\\_2019/412777](https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/site/june_2019/412777)

### Prayer Space

On Thursday we were delighted to be able to welcome Liz Styles, Youth Worker at The Point Church, and her team of volunteers to our Peace Garden for a day of reflection and prayer activities.

Each class visited for an hour and journeyed in small groups, rotating round the following five activities: Leaf rubbing - recognising all that we have to be thankful for; sand and water encouraging us to say sorry and forgive; Mr Glew's 'Bolney Ocean' - praying for the future and our hopes to be heard; mirror reflection - looking at the world God has created; and planting wildflower seeds- thinking about the fruits of the spirit and sharing our needs with God.

Liz reminded us that God hears our prayers but that he may not always respond in the way we would like him to. We may have to be patient.



The feedback from the children was glowing and clearly had a positive impact. "It was amazing! It gave you a minute to relax and be calm and it was indescribable and it was better because it was outside." "I cannot describe how thankful I am to be able to do this - thank you."



### NEARS Sports Festival

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children attended a mini sports festival with other NEARS schools at Twineham on Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>. This was led by the sports leaders at Twineham where the children took part in a number of



events to develop their ball skills, team work and interpersonal skills. The children loved working with their peers from other schools and doing a range of activities. They all agreed that the Twineham sports leaders did a wonderful job.

### Parents reading workshop

We have had two workshops for parents, one of reading and one on maths, both were very well received. Thank-you to those parents who attended. We will be sending a questionnaire home before the end of term for some feedback on the workshops.

### Get your tickets now!

#### Year 5 and 6 production

Tickets are now available from Zoe for Silver Birch's production of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. A letter has been sent home today with all the information.



Poster designed by Jonathan

### Village Day

Last week we found out whose design was chosen for the front cover of the Village Day programme. Annabelle was the winner. There were so many great designs!



The programmes are now available to buy. All the entries for the front cover are included in the programme.

### We are always learning!

A very excited Mrs Green came to show me how the carrot seeds she had planted with the children had grown! Mrs Green has been learning about growing vegetables with Mrs Glew and is so delighted with the result!



### Upcoming trips

Willow and Beech to Woods Mill  
10<sup>th</sup> July

Year 5 to Connect with the  
Countryside at Ardingly  
Showground  
11<sup>th</sup> July

### Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Harry for showing love by helping others and Mrs Green for showing love.



Ailbhe for showing all our values and Eddie for showing love by helping others.



Here is Sapphire and Mrs James photo from the week before.

### Key dates for your diary

#### NEARS KS2 Sports Morning

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at Handcross  
Park School starting at 10am

#### Music Recital

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2pm  
Refreshments will be available  
thanks to the Friends of Bolney

#### Inset

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

#### Worth Abbey Y6 leavers service

Y6 parents are welcome  
11<sup>th</sup> July at 10.45

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Non-uniform day for Village Day  
tombola donations – bottles  
please – these will be collected at  
the gate in the morning

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Village Day – 2-5pm in  
Batchelor's Field – children's  
parade at 1.30 from the Eight  
Bells

#### Year 5 and 6 Production

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>  
July at 6pm  
Rawson Hall Tickets for £3

#### 'Budge up' morning

(children meet their new class)  
9.15am Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July –  
including a meeting for new YR  
parents

#### End of Summer Term

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

#### INSET days 2019-2020

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020  
Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> 2020  
Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 (so we  
finish the school year on Friday  
17<sup>th</sup> July)

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

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