



Newsletter

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Dear families,

We have continued our theme of Wise Words in worship. Last week we contemplated 'what if? For example, *What if we could walk on clouds?* The children came up with some fantastically creative ideas. This week we learnt about the parable of the wise and the foolish man – ask your child to tell you the moral.

The whole school has been busy preparing for the pantomime and a letter giving information on how to get tickets is on its way so please look out for that.

Thank you to those of you who have taken time to complete the parent questionnaire that was sent out last week. We appreciate your thoughts and feedback and this will help us to ensure that the school continues to be the best in can be. If you haven't completed it yet, this is the link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/CzW38FMNA>

Cross Country Finals

Well done to some of our year 5/6s who got through to the finals! 4 of these are now going through to represent Mid Sussex, good luck!

Willow Class

We have read the story *What The Ladybird Heard*, drawn a map and decided what we should do to the robbers. We have read *The Magic Paintbrush* and *The Empty Pot*, both stories in set in China and celebrated

Chinese Lunar New Year with food, painting and stories. We had amazing food cooked for us by Mrs Ellis brown, Leon and Toby's mum.



We have learnt new consonant digraphs ch, sh, th and ng. In Learning For Life we have talked about things we've had to persevere at and how it makes us feel and how we help people who are finding it tricky to learn. In maths we have been making number books up to numbers 8 and measuring mass and capacity. We have practised maypole dancing for our panto. We have talked about where we live and where we have been in the world and where we have family.



Beech Class

We have had a very busy two weeks in Beech Class.

We have been learning a new dance for Jack and the Beanstalk. We are going to be ghosts! We have tried our hardest to use big actions and keep in time with the music.

In English, we have been exploring a new film unit. The short film is about a cloud that makes baby animals for a stork to take to it's new family. We have been using sequencing adverbs, adverbs, adjectives and commas! Lots to remember but we have produced some great writing! We are excited for our hot task where we will write our own instructions.

In RE, we have been learning about the Islamic faith and how Muslims believe Allah is a compassionate God. Last week we looked at the stories of Muhammad and the animals and how he was kind to them. This week we looked at Ramadan and made Ramadan lanterns.



In music, we have been using the glockenspiels and played different notes such as C and D in time with the melody.



Holly Class

In Holly, we have really been enjoying Land of Roar. We are excited to find out what happens to Arthur as he meets all the characters and explores the land. This has helped us in English as we are building up to our own stories. We are using the idea of the camp bed portal from Land of Roar and have planned our own. We've focused on describing the build up and tension until we get to the mysterious land on the other side.



In maths we have been working hard on division – applying our times tables knowledge, use of inverse and arrays to calculate efficiently. We have learned how to use the bus stop method and we have also been solving difficult multi step problems using the bar model to help us. We are now moving on to measurements – focusing on converting cm and m and mm and cm. We've looked at real life examples of conversion and using measures and we've been keen to explore using metre sticks and rulers to accurately

measure different items in the classroom.



In PE, we are working hard in dance to create sequences. This has required good communication and teamwork to plan as well as our dance skills. In history and geography, we are continuing to learn about the Maya. We've planned our own fictional Mayan cities – looking at maps of existing settlements. In computing, we've been continuing to work on publishing skills. The children have learned how to navigate our shared folders, find and save documents and edit. We have focused on copying and pasting images, creating text boxes and changing the layout in word. In music, we are learning recorders and this has been a good chance to practise notation and identifying the notes we need to play. We have also enjoyed making props and the setting for the upcoming panto!

Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have continued to explore the characteristic of achievers and we are now writing our narratives either in third person or as Danny. We have been revisiting the use of commas, subordinating conjunctions and coordinating conjunctions. Ask your child what is meant by FANBOYS and A WHITE BUS. In maths, we have all been continuing to learn fractions but this time multiplying and dividing. We also have increased our mental maths in

each lesson and the Year 6's have been completing many different tasks including '6 a day' challenges. We have launched a competition using TT Rockstars where teachers and children are set a challenge. Your child has been given a log in as a reminder so please make time to explore at home. In science, we have continued with forces and learned about friction, air resistance and water resistance. We made different size parachutes to see which one landed first. We recorded our results in a bar chart and discussed our results.



We have been really lucky this week in KS2 when Off the Fence, the charity we support, came to talk about what they do and how we can help.



Rev Julio told us some hard-hitting facts about homelessness and the School Council are going to be working on a project to further support this amazing charity.



Diary Dates:

See the website calendar for important dates:

<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.

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/home/223209>

**Ms Lofthouse and all staff at
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