



Newsletter

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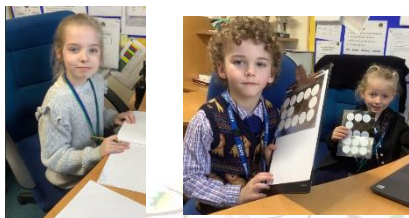
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Dear families,

It is incredible to think that we are already four weeks into this term; it has been so busy! Three more Wonka ticket winners spent a morning as head teacher and did a great job as well as Beech and Holly holding non-uniform days won by one of their classmates!



This week started with an inspired assembly led by Mrs Cheney to launch Science week and classes have welcomed visitors and have linked with the local community throughout the week. On Thursday, we held a 'caring for our community' morning where each house team focused on an aspect of Bolney village that they could help.

Restoration Team Restoring the old Mill Post	Fungi Squad Identifying and protecting our environment
Bird Feeders Protecting our wildlife	Speed Limit reminders Keeping cars safe on the roads

See if you can spot our signs up around the village!



Thank you to all those who have completed the recent parent questionnaire, it is helpful for us to hear your opinions and to make changes as a result.

Comic Relief – thank you for your donations we raised £78.07!

Willow Class

Willow Class have been thinking about everyday superheroes such as nurses, doctors and RNLI crew. We have been visited by Martin the RNLI crew volunteer and GP Dr Richard. We have read Supertato: Veggies Assemble and Eliot Jones Midnight Superhero. In phonics we have learnt more vowel digraphs. In maths we have focused on recognising, comparing and counting sets of objects up to 9 and 10.



In science we have observed changes around us that show us spring has arrived.



We have talked about activities we like to do to stay fit and healthy. We used drama to re-enact the Easter story.

Beech Class

In PE, we have been exploring how animals move. We looked at jumping animals such as kangaroos, frogs and lemurs. By moving like these animals, we were able to learn new ways of traveling and understanding the animal more. For the Kangaroo, our legs were together but for the lemur, we jumped with our arms forward.



Beech class love our history unit. We have been focussing on the life of Queen Victoria and her reign. We know that she was a monarch and when we looked at her family tree, we see our King, King Charles the 3rd! This week we looked at the rules and Laws the King and Government put in place. We discussed the laws we would declare if we were King/Queen. Some examples were, all children can drive cars, everything is free and you can only buy sweets and chocolate from the King/Queen. People can only buy sweets and chocolate from the king.



To celebrate Science week, we welcomed in a real life scientist – Miss Taylor's mummy! She works in biology and she brought in

some living things for us to see. She brought in giant hissing cockroaches, giant African land snails, woodlice and many more. We loved to see them crawl around! Additionally, she brought in some preserved insects such as tarantulas and centipedes. It was so much fun.



Holly Class

We can't quite believe that this is nearly the end of the spring term! In English, we have been writing our narrative 'Flood' and the children have impressed me with their descriptive and emotive language. Not only have we been writing narrative but also persuasive writing in our travel brochures and informative writing about natural disasters. Next week we will be designing and making a house that could withstand a natural disaster such as a flood or an earthquake. We will be testing our designs too! In maths, we have continued with division, focusing on division where we have remainders. We have learned different methods as well as using different equipment to help us. We have been using TT Rockstars and the children have enjoyed beating their speed test scores. If you can support your child doing more of this at home, we would be

extremely grateful.



In science, we designed and made our 'traps' to help an animal living in the dark catch its prey.



Some 'traps' were more successful than others but the children loved designing in their chosen team and then carrying out their design.



They also loved getting into a sticky mess!



In Computing we starting tinkering with Logo, another programming system. This time we followed instructions verbally to write something on a whiteboard. Although we all followed the same instructions, all our whiteboards looked different!

Silver Birch Class

In Silver Birch, we have been writing stories based on WW2. There has been a wide range of

topics including evacuation and the Blitz to the Battle of Britain and spies. We have been focusing on using speech effectively to add detail and character to the story as well as describing effectively to entertain our reader. So far, we have some enjoyable and interesting stories being developed.

In maths, Year 6 have been finding percentages – including a challenge to find out exactly how many green eyed or left handed people there are in the world. Year 5 have been focusing on decimal place value.

In science, we have been finishing off our space unit and it was great to see how much the children could remember and describe what they had learned.

In history, we have been learning about key events in WW2 such as Pearl Harbour – considering how America became involved and the impact this had. We have also learned more about the Kindertransport – learning about one of the key organisers – Sir Nicholas Winton and hearing first hand recounts from some of the children that were saved.

In RE, we have been looking at Islamic art and discussing why pattern, colour and shape are so important when images of the Prophet and Allah are not allowed. We have created our own patterns inspired by the decorations found in the Blue Mosque in Istanbul.

Our new rear playground has been tested by the School Council and will be ready for use on Monday!



WELLIES

Please could each child bring in a labelled pair of wellies to be kept in school for play times. The back playground is very muddy at the moment and the children's school shoes are often equally muddy. This means not only are we sending the children home with muddy shoes which we don't like to do but then mud is being trodden through the school as well. Wellies will alleviate both problems and will ensure that children can be outside whatever the weather. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Friends of Bolney NEWS

We enjoyed hosting the after school craft clubs last week and the children loved making their creations! Next week...

Easter Egg Hunt - Wednesday 20th March

We will be running an egg hunt during school hours. Every child will be given a chocolate egg to bring home.

Cake Sale - Wednesday 20th March - 3:15pm

The children will be organising a cake sale in the hall after school and they have asked if parents can kindly donate some cakes. Please bring donations in the morning on the 20th March. Thank you.

Shed Roof request -

Is there a parent who would be willing to give some time to felt the roof of the shed that is in the front playground? If you can help please get in touch at friendsofbolney@gmail.com

Have a great weekend!
Friends of Bolney



Diary Dates:

See the website calendar for important dates:

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

Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School

