



Newsletter

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Term
Newsletter
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Dear families,

It has been a busy couple of weeks in school and it was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Service last week. Thank you to everyone that donated to the FoodBank in Haywards Heath, our offerings were gratefully received.

Congratulations goes to our new council members. Following campaigning and voting, we now have a School Council, Eco Council and Rights Respecting Council who are all eager to begin in their roles.

Willow Class

We have had a lovely time in our classroom!

We started the week by reading the book 'Room on the broom' by Julia Donaldson. It was so exciting to see who would join onto the broom next!

This inspired our mud kitchen space and it transformed into a potion making kitchen! We used lots of different natural materials to make different potions.

Additionally, in drawing club, we drew our own brooms and added our own characters to fly with us. On some of our brooms we even had Father Christmas and Spider man!



In science, we have been exploring transparent and opaque materials. It has been fun learning new words and trying to use them in sentences!



In Key Stage Assembly, we took part in 'restart a heart'. This is where we learnt what to do if we found someone not moving or breathing.

We learnt where to press on somebody's chest and that we needed to push to the beat of baby shark.

We understand that one of the most important things is to call the emergency number 999 and they will help us quickly.

The teachers made it clear that we only use CPR or call 999 if it is a real emergency.

Beech Class

In Beech Class, we have read The Teddy Robber by Ian Beck about a boy whose teddy is stolen in the night by a Giant. We have described the main character Tom and the Castle where the Giant lives. We have written a diary about Tom's adventures and talked about the features of diary writing. We have also been learning about different types of sentences; commands, questions, statements, exclamations and compound sentences. In VIPERS, we have finished our book, Little

Red and are looking forward to our next story, Woolf. In Science, we have looked at natural and manmade materials. In Maths, we have been comparing and partitioning 2 digit numbers, combining parts of numbers and representing this on bar models and part-part-whole models. In Music, we have been singing working songs and finding the pulse in the songs. In Art, we have continued with adding features to profile pictures and have enjoyed using tools to manipulate photos on the iPads. In Learning For Life, we have talked about rewards and consequences.



In PE, we have been travelling and practising forward roles. In RE we have been learning about the importance of doing good deeds in Jewish families and thought about the good deeds that we could do. We have also talked about what to do in the event of an emergency, who to call, what to say and what to check for as well learning about to put someone into the recovery position and carry out CPR.

Holly Class

Holly class has been writing Harvest poems inspired by

autumn and our senses. In our Stone Age story/drama our villagers have been writing diary entries about their struggle to survive. They have just reached a new settlement and are writing speeches to convince the tribe leader to let them stay. We've looked at persuasive strategies like exaggerating and embellishing.

In Forest School, we've finally finished our Stone Age wattle and daub house. It looks brilliant and we were so excited to crawl inside and enjoy it. The final job was stuffing the roof with plenty of hay to make it as warm and cosy inside as possible.

We also made Stone Age bread! We sharpened sticks to hold over the fire and wrapped our dough around, which we had ground down. The bread was dipped in honey!

We're continuing to calculate efficiently in maths. We've looked at different ways to add – by partitioning, by rounding numbers to make them easier to calculate and then adjusting and by redistributing or 'flicking over' some ones from one side of the equation to the other. Ask your child about 'piles of rice' and see if they can explain!

In PE, we've been orienteering. We've learned directional language and compass points, and we've been navigating directions on a course. We've also been using our map of the school and markers to race and find letters and numbers at specific points.



Silver Birch Class

Another busy and productive couple of weeks in Silver Birch. One event we took part in these last two weeks was 'Restart A Heart' live lesson. The children watched and learned about CCC; ask your child what these letters stand for. We practised CPR on our wobble cushions, sweatshirts and our Jigsaw pieces. The Year 6's could remember when we had Little Lifesavers in school. In addition to this, we wrote a fact file all about the Circulatory System for Beech Class to read. Also in science, we discussed legal and illegal drugs and the impact on our bodies.



In English, we have been working on our publishing of our narrative. The children have focused well and have considered their audience when writing- we are looking forward to sharing these with you soon. In maths we have started Place Value; investigating and exploring numbers up to a million. Composing, decomposing, ordering, rounding and discussing how smaller numbers such as 94 can help with scaling up by 1000 or 10,000. We became a human number line and played Higher or Lower with our playing cards. We have looked at finding patterns to help us and how we need these skills for real life and our jobs. We are still finding some children are not confident with their times tables- please continue to practise these at home. Logan wearing his

number!



We started our clay Death Masks! Messy but fun!



Thank you to all the children so far that have sent in Project home learning- we have had some excellent pieces.

Walking Bus

From the week beginning 12th October, the walking bus will be available on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning. The bus leaves the Rawson Hall at 8:25.

Friday Celebrations

Class leaves went to:



Diary Date	Event (Where events are for specific children, it will say 'email')
Mon 12 th October 1pm	Flu nasal spray
Tues 13 th Oct	Individual school photos
Sat 17 th Oct	Rawson Hall Jumble Sale
Mon 19 th Oct 1:30-3:30	Open afternoon for prospective parents
Mon 19 th Oct 5-6	Open evening
Tues 20 th Oct 9.30 – 11.30	Open morning
Tues 20 th Oct 3:30-6	Parents' evening
Weds 21 st Oct 3:30-6	Parents' evening
Fri 23 rd Oct 9am	Open celebration assembly followed by work sharing
Fri 23 rd Oct 3:15	Beech Class cake sale

Value awards went to:



Ms Lofthouse and all the staff at Bolney CEP School

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>



Bolney CE Primary School
Open Sessions

A talk and Q&A with our Headteacher, followed by a tour given by current pupils. No need to book.

Mon 19th Oct: 1.30pm, 2.30pm & 5pm
Tues 20th Oct: 9.30am & 10.30am

We look forward to welcoming prospective parents and carers to our wonderful school!

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1 November



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& MORE!

CARF OPEN
TEA, COFFEE,
CAKES &
TREATS

Donations welcome!
Items can be dropped
off at Rawson on
the day from
10.30am

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
2PM - 4PM
AT RAWSON

Volunteers needed!
For the sale, the cafe
and cake donations
- all help greatly
appreciated!

WOMBLES
ALWAYS
RECYCLE

Small things make a big difference