



Newsletter

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Dear families,

This week the school had a new headteacher for the morning! Rafferty Hill won his prize in a Wonka bar during a Friends of Bolney fundraiser and did a fantastic job!



During the morning, he went on a learning walk and was impressed with the work that he saw.

Pupil voice is so important, as is the parent voice. To that end, a family survey is being sent home next week so that you have the opportunity to offer your views. Please watch out for the link to the online survey.

Willow Class

Willow are still enjoying our Superheroes topic and have been talking about everyday superheroes and thinking **How Would You Change The World?** We have read The PaperDolls and made our own class string. We have read Supertato and designed a machine that Evil Pea would use to turn him into chips!



We have danced like Superheroes and are ready to film our dance next week. We have practised counting in twos and doubling in maths. We have been reading and writing vowel digraphs ai, ee, igh and oa.

Beech Class

We have come back with a bang in Beech Class! Although we faced the disappointment of our trip to Woodsmill being postponed, we have kept our heads high and showed resilience.

In year 1 maths this week, we have been exploring non-standard units of measure. This is when you measure something without using cm, meters etc. We decided to use multilink as they are all the same size. In the classroom, we measured chairs, toys and our water bottles!



In year 2 maths, we have been looking at the sides and vertices of 2D shapes. It was good to recap over hexagons, pentagons and octagons!

In RE we have been exploring the Easter story. This week specifically, we looked at Palm Sunday. This was when Christians believe Jesus came to Jerusalem on a donkey. We made our own palm leaves and took turns walking through the leaves to relate to how Jesus might have felt. We discussed how Jesus knew this would be his last visit to Jerusalem so we said he might have felt scared or sad.



Holly Class

We have started the spring term with a busy two weeks.

In English, we have been using examples of figurative language: similes, metaphors, personification and hyperboles in our narrative writing. We have started to write our version of the story based on the wonderful illustrations in the class text 'Flood'. We have also started writing a beginning of an adventure story in our Short Burst writing tasks.

In maths, we have continued with multiplication and division, focusing on division where we need to make exchanges. The children found this challenging

to start with but are now feeling more confident. We also completed some booklets based on many different areas of maths which the children enjoyed. We continue to use TT Rockstars and times tables.co.uk to practice speed tests ready for our test for Year 4's in June.

In RE, we have continued to explore Hindisum and we discussed Karma. We played snakes and ladders which the



children loved and it was really funny watching and listening to their reactions at the different stages of the game. Snakes and ladders or Chitram Moksha, originated in India and taught Hindu children how to ascend into higher realms of life, and avoid wrongs which reduced a player to lower levels. The children could see the link to our lives and our values of resilience!

In science, we have started to discuss animal adaptations and we are going to be designing a new animal that can adapt according to its environment. Firstly though, we are designing a trap in a cave for an animals that live in the dark. We have started to design our traps and we will be making them out of shoe boxes. We will then test out our 'traps' to see how much food the animal may have trapped. We have to use a variety of materials to do this; ask your child all about it!

In Computing we made our own music using Scratch. We had to

add backdrops, sprites and different instruments.



In RHE, we have made paper chains all about how we are all special in our own unique ways. We had to consider how we are special and then link our chains together. The children chose who they should link with depending on what they had written!



Silver Birch Class

In Silver Birch, we have been designing, creating and testing out air raid shelters. We looked at Anderson and Morrison shelters from WW2, considered the pros and cons about each type, before making our own. Our challenge was to make a design that could withstand 1kg being dropped on it. We were pleased to find that lots of our designs survived – even when we increased the height we dropped our weight from to 1m!



In English, we have been working towards story writing. This is a chance for us to show all our history and WW2 knowledge and we have planned stories – covering spies and assassination plots, evacuation and code breaking. We will be writing them next week.

In maths, Year 6 have been learning algebra and have been pleasantly surprised to find it's not as terrifying as they expected it to be. Year 5 have been multiplying fractions.

In RE, we are continuing to learn about the importance of Tawhid in Islam – the idea of 1 God.

In RHE we are focusing on healthy living – firstly looking at body image and mental health.

In computing, we are designing games in scratch – we are aiming to make levels, increase difficulty and make our games as entertaining for the player as possible.

Parent Consultations

You are warmly welcome to sign up for a meeting with your child's teacher on either Wednesday 6th March or Tuesday 12th March from 3:30-6pm if you haven't done so already. Please see Zoe if you are having problems making an appointment. Mrs Burton and Ms Lofthouse also have meeting slots available.

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.

Litter Picking

This is being held on Saturday 2nd March at 1:30 from the Rawson Hall. Help keep Bolney village clean and tidy by joining the villagers on a litter pick.

Values Awards

This week's certificates:

Love Mrs Cheney

Respect Elsie G

Resilience Holly Class

Honesty JJ and Mason

Friends of Bolney NEWS

We hope that all of the children enjoyed the Disco last Friday! We have a couple more fun events planned for the children this term...

After School Craft Club - Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th March 3:15 - 4pm

We will be hosting two after school sessions in which the children will decorate a gift for the lady they love to celebrate Mother's Day. £5 per child.

Take home kits are also available for £3.50.

To book a place for your child/children or to order a take home kit please contact Danielle on 07876303659.

Easter Egg Hunt & Cake Sale - Wednesday 20th March

We will be running an egg hunt during school hours and the children will be organising a cake sale for after school and asking parents if they can kindly donate some cakes.

Matched Giving -

We have been very lucky that Dawn Haynes who hosted a Quiz alongside Friends of Bolney last year was also able to secure **£1,304** of matched giving through Lloyds Bank. We are hugely appreciative of all her efforts and this money will go to benefit all of the children at Bolney school. If your company offers matched giving schemes please get in touch, it is a great way of boosting our fundraising!

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

