



Newsletter Friday 4th October 2024

Ambition Belonging Courage

Key dates:

w/c 7th - Y6 Bikeability begins

Wednesday 9th October - Y3 and Y4 multi-skills festival 1.30pm

Friday 11th October - Harvest collection in KS2 Hall

w/c 14th - Bikeability continues

Wednesday 16th October 3.30-6.30pm and Thursday 17th October 3.30-5.30pm Parents' Evening

House Point Results

 **Winning House** 
Cowdray

Cowdray **Parham**
809 397

Goodwood **Petworth**
759 675

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a joyous week of poetry and children working collaboratively. It has been wonderful to see so many enthused young poets in school.

We introduced children to our new school values on Monday. Children, staff and parents have fed into this suggesting values of importance to them. As a whole staff and governors we pulled these suggestions together to form our

ABC of values:

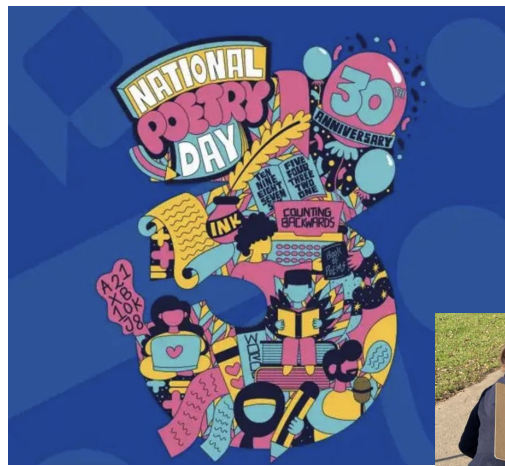
Ambition, Belonging and Courage.

These values are important in driving our vision and expectations for children as they journey through the school.

This term we have held a with a variety of workshops for parents: neurodiversity, phonics and maths- thank you to staff and parents for supporting these. Information is on the website if you weren't able to attend and we are always happy to talk to parents individually about these topics. Please look out for future workshops and information.

Ms Ley





poet Anotosh Wojick

A celebration of Poetry

This week, in recognition of National Poetry Day, all children across the school have been exploring and learning to perform poems.

Today, we had a visit from the poet Anotosh Wojick who worked with some children in Year 4 to develop soundscapes around the theme of 'Voices in Nature'. Thank you West Sussex Art Society for organising this.

Children in the infants and juniors performed their poems to each other and we gathered published poems from all year groups to send out to our local care homes for them to enjoy - 'poem post!'





We are incredibly proud of Eloise from Kerr Class in Year 2 for her recent act of kindness! Eloise has had an incredible 12 inches of her hair cut to donate to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides wigs for children who have lost their hair due to illness.

Thanks to the support of her family, friends and the community, Eloise has now raised an amazing £800 for this worthy cause.

Well done Eloise - You are a star!

Thank you to all of those who attended the Times Table Workshop on Thursday after school and phonics on Tuesday. If you would like to see a copy of the slides, please find them on our website at [Billingshurst Primary Academy - Home learning](#). If you would like a copy of the Times Table Rock Stars Parent Guide, please find it attached to the newsletter, and also on the website under the maths section.

Note from the Governors – “It has been a busy week for governors. We met as a full governing body on Wednesday and this meeting included a review of the school’s performance data for 2023-24 and had a focus on the school’s development priorities for this academic year.

Also this week, governors carried out monitoring visits linked to safeguarding and art. A member of the governing body attended each of this week’s open days for prospective families considering joining our school next September and the Governor linked to maths joined the maths workshop yesterday”

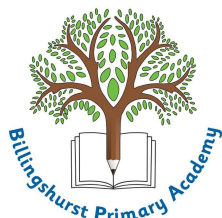
BPA bees - REMINDER - “We will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the KS2 hall on Monday 7th October at 3.30pm. We will be reporting on last year’s fundraising and activities, as well as electing the new committee. Please join us!”

Letters home this week:

Parent consultations

6 weeks and a bit meetings - EYFS Parents only

Flu jab



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