



Newsletter 15th September 2023

Learning, growing and achieving excellence together

Edition Theme:
KS2 Learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and like us in school, have welcomed some breaks from the hot weather!

It has been really good to see many more aspects of school life spring into action in the second week. Looking ahead in the diary it is great to see clubs, curriculum activities and meetings with parents booked in and up and running.

On Wednesday we had an informal coffee morning after children were dropped off. This was a great opportunity to meet some more parents and answer some of your questions. Thank you very much for coming along, I look forward to meeting more of you on occasions like this in the future. But of course, the real "showstopper" was the Key Stage 2 choir! The singing was really fantastic and the way the children engaged with a very lively song was wonderful to see. So, a huge thank you to those children and of course Mr Hampson and Mrs Pullen. Also thank you to Mrs Hatrick and Mrs Cobden for helping set up and run the coffee morning.

There will be an informal tea/coffee meeting next Wednesday, the 20th of September at 2:45pm in the Key Stage 2 hall. The Key Stage 2 choir will be there, so I look forward to meeting more parents.

We'd like to say a really sad farewell to Mrs Hammond as she is leaving us today. Of course, we want wish her the very best for the future and give her the biggest thank you for her hard work over the last four years and the valuable contribution she has made to our children in that time.

Looking ahead, I hope to set up some other occasions or activities, hopefully with the support of BPSCA, when we can invite parents in... perhaps to help us out with some activities.

Have a great weekend!

Brian Ball – Interim Headteacher

Reading Volunteers

As we look towards the new school year, we would like to offer an invitation to any parents, grandparents or carers who are able to volunteer their time to read in school with the children. If you are interested in joining our group of reading volunteers, we ask that you join us for a brief training session on either Tuesday 3rd October 9 - 9.30am or Thursday 5th October 2.30-3pm. Please complete the [Microsoft Forms](#) to register your interest.

We look forward to working with you on our reading journey.

Head's coffee date

20th Sept 2.45pm

SEND coffee dates

27th Sept 8.45am

Reader's workshops

3rd October 9 - 9.30am

5th October 2.30-3pm



Year 6 – Geography

On Monday, the Year 6 children were launched into their first topic 'Layers of the Landscape'. They were immersed in a Geography themed day where they took part in a fact-seeking scavenger hunt around the school grounds. Armed with a blank map of the United Kingdom, the children went off in their groups searching for information about the UK. Once they had hunted high and low for the fourteen clues, they collated their information to create a geographically accurate map of the main cities, counties, rivers and mountains of the UK. We were particularly impressed with the time and effort the children spent on ensuring they presented their maps beautifully with accurate information.

Year 5 Sports leaders

Mr Meany, from the Weald, visited Cambodia class this week to develop our sports leadership skills. After a fun, fast-paced warm up, Mr Meany set us a challenge to create a simple task station for younger children using only three or four pieces of equipment. Cambodia rose to the challenge. They showed great teamwork as they demonstrated their tasks to each other and had a go at each other's stations in a round robin event. Mr Meany will be back over the next few weeks to visit the other Yr 5 classes. Those children who show a real interest in sports leadership will then have an opportunity to do further sessions with Mr Meany.



Year 4 Archeology dig:

This week has been an exciting one for Year 4! Pieces of Roman pottery were discovered by the children in the raised bed outside Chile classroom as part of our Autumn Term topic Rampaging Romans – What did they leave behind? After this discovery, the children wrote questions to investigate, ordered dates on a timeline and handled Roman artefacts from the Novium Museum. We are moving towards learning about how the Roman's legacy impacts us today.

Year 3: Stone Age Fire

We had a very exciting start to the week in Year 3 when we enjoyed a campfire in our nature area! The children gathered around the fire to learn about why a fire was so important to the people and their way of life. Ask your child to see if they can remember the 3 main reasons... We then used this experience in our English to help us learn about onomatopoeia, personification, alliteration and metaphors. Finally, we have written poems about a fire using what we have learnt.



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From Governors

This week saw our first monitoring visit for the new academic year. Our two SEND Governors had a useful meeting with the interim headteacher and SEN Co-ordinator to discuss the ongoing improvement journey for SEND. They were delighted to see the priority being given to this area of the school's work and pleased to hear that a growing number of parents are attending the SEND coffee mornings. The next SEND coffee morning is on Wednesday 27th September at 8.45.

From BPSCA

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Year Group Meetings: Straight after school

Don't worry if you can't make the meeting; all meetings will be voice recorded and uploaded onto the Year Group page on the school website.

EYFS: Friday 22nd September, **Wales class**

Year 1: Thursday 21st September, **Germany class**

Year 2: Thursday 21st September, **Greece class**

Year 3: Wednesday 20th September, **Morocco class**

Year 4: Wednesday 20th September, **Brazil class**

Year 5: Monday 18th September, **Maldives class**

Year 6: Monday 18th September, **Japan class**

Cowdray winning house !

Cowdray House got off to a great start this term. Congratulations children in Cowdray for collecting so many house points.

Cowdray

436

Goodwood

378

Parham

401

Petworth

386

Thank you boys, for standing in as Cowdray representatives



Upcoming dates:

29th September Year 4 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace

w/c 2nd October Bikeability begins for Y6

17th and 18th October Parents' Evenings

Letters home this week:

Year 6 NCMP Pre-measurement letter

Young Voices Choir

Reading Volunteers letter

Watch out for House and Sports Captains and Vice Captains announcements next week...



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