



Newsletter 14th June

Learning, growing and achieving excellence together

Dear Parents and Carers,

School has seemed very empty without the majority of our Year 6s this week and we are looking forward to having them back in school on Monday to share their adventures and tales. Thank you so much to our wonderful staff and volunteers who have made the trip possible and for giving the children special memories.

This week we welcomed in our new cohort of families that will be starting with us in September. Children and families had fun sharing picnics and playtimes outside. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us with the picnic.

The senior leadership team are currently working on planning the school's priorities for next year which will be shared with you in due course. The stakeholder questionnaires feed into this and play an important role in how we shape the school for our young people. In this newsletter you will see an overview of children's responses which have provided interesting food for thought for next year. Thank you to everyone who engaged with these.

Have a wonderful weekend
Ms Ley

Congratulations to Lucie and Georgie!

Their hedgehog house came 3rd at this year's South of England show! Well done for your creative and thoughtful design to keep the hedgehogs safe! The house is now back at school to home our local hedgehogs!



Billingshurst In Bloom

You will remember our huge efforts to improve the school grounds on Ground Force Days back in the autumn and spring terms. All of our hard work is now paying off and the new Reading Garden and planters around school are looking fabulous. Our children are also doing a great job at watering the plants to keep them alive!



Year 6 – Tile Barn – Residential

Year 6 have had a fantastic week at Tile Barn! They have all made us so proud by trying out all of the activities and showing real resilience. They've made so many lovely memories together and have been a real credit to the school. Here is a flavour of what they have been up to and some thoughts from the children!

Ethan B - I have really enjoyed myself, especially the night line course. I've also played so much football with my friends that I've lost my voice!



Millie B - I got all the way to the top of the climbing wall! I felt so proud of myself as my aim was to just get off the floor!



Sky E - I loved the fire lighting because we got to make pizzas! I've never done it before.

Hermione C - I've improved my communication because we've done a lot of teamwork activities. I've also made new friends because I've been in groups with people from different classes.



Dexter S - The low ropes activity was really fun because we had to work as a team to get across the course.

Leo H - I enjoyed the rock climbing as on my first attempt I only got halfway up, and then the second time I reached all the way to the top!

Liam D - I loved the vertical gym because I reached the top and even stood up. I think I've overcome my fear of heights!



Evelyn P - I reached all the way to the top of the vertical gym which I didn't think I'd be able to do. It was really fun because I could look down at everyone from the top.

Maria O - I was scared of the high ropes at first but I'm really proud of myself for giving it a go. I also scored a bullseye during the archery activity.



Year 6 - Activity Week

We have had a brilliant Activity Week. The week began with us playing lots of team games and even going on a treasure hunt around the school. We then started designing and making our trendy trainers, fabulous high heels or funky boots out of Modroc. They look fantastic and we certainly have some aspiring fashion designers amongst us.

On Tuesday, we had a wonderful time toasting marshmallows, eating s'mores and telling stories around our own campfire. We even got to make our own dens in Daux Woods.

All week we have been planning for our grand finale - our tea party. We researched recipes, visited the shops and baked for a full day. We had a splendid time eating plenty of sandwiches, cakes, savoury bites and we even took some home to share with our families and friends. What a wonderful way to end the week!

Well done to all the children who have been fantastic throughout!



Talented athletes

On Wednesday, 4 children from Year 5 attended The Weald 'Talented Athletes' afternoon along with 40 children from other local schools. They started off with developing their tennis doubles skills before moving on to relay techniques. They took part in the 400 meter relay, making sure to start running before their team mate got to them. Next, the group split in half with some playing cricket and others playing rounders. Mr Meaney clarified some of the rules on 'no ball', and lots of rounders and runs were scored!



Pupil Survey Feedback

This week, Mr Hampson led an assembly to give the children some feedback from the pupil survey which was completed last half term. Below are the key themes that we celebrated and key themes we will work together to improve. All of the responses have been reviewed by the governors and leadership team. Children throughout school think their teachers support them in their learning and it was great to hear that children believe this is a kind school.

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| <p>Children throughout school think teachers support them a lot</p> <p>You love the Golden Rules</p> <p>Most children agree that we help you to respect people</p> |  <p>Things you love...</p> <p>Children in this school are kind</p> |  <p>P.E.</p> <p>Art</p> | <p>Art</p> <p>More Art</p> <p>Things we can improve together...</p> <p>More equipment and coaches</p>   <p>Enjoy Learning</p>  <p>Help to follow the Golden Rules</p> |
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BPSCA - WE NEED YOUR HELP at the Summer Fun Day! Sign up to volunteer, sell cakes, run a tombola, or supervise one of the many games at the Summer Fun Day. The children love being in charge of a table with their parent for an hour, so adults please put your name down for one of the activities: <https://volunteersignup.org/WHDHR> RAFFLE TICKETS have gone home in bookbags; if you want any more, please ask at the school office. Prizes include a 60 inch Panasonic TV, and tickets to over a dozen local attractions like Tilgate Park, Drusilla's Zoo, and the Capitol cinema.



Note from Chair of Governors - Last week, I attended a meeting of the Parent Comms & Engagement Working Party. This group was set up a year ago in response to feedback from parents and carers regarding communications between school and home. This is an active group, led by Mrs Hatrick and supported by governors, that provides feedback, but also recommendations on how communications can be improved. If you have strong views about the school's communication or have any expertise in this area then we would love you to join us. The group usually meets in school once each half term (alternating between afternoons and early evening) with some members joining virtually if that suits them best. If you would like to learn more, please contact Mrs Hatrick. This week, Chris Evans attended the year 6 residential in his governance capacity. He commented on the hard work and commitment of the Billingshurst staff in organising and running the residential, as well the enjoyment and engagement of pupils.



House Point Results



Winning House - Goodwood

Cowdray

Parham

629

671

Goodwood

Petworth

757

691



Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 18th June – Yr3 Ukulele Concerts

(Morocco – 9:30am, Egypt - 10:15am, Madagascar – 11:00am)

Tuesday 18th June: Yr 2 trip Arundel Castle

Tuesday 25th June: Transition day

Thursday 27th June: KS2 Choir Big Sing – The Weald

Saturday 6th July: Summer Fun Day

Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 Production (2pm)

Wednesday 17th July – Year 6 Production (2pm and 6pm)

Letters home this week:

KS2 Choir Events – Summer 2024



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