



Baydon St. Nicholas

Church of England (VA) Primary School

Succeeding Together

End of Year Newsletter July 2018



We may have reached the end of the school year but it has been anything but quiet! It has been amazing how action-packed the past two terms have been! It is also a time for goodbyes and looking towards the future. So please enjoy this glimpse into life at Baydon!

Sponsored Walk

At the end of May, the whole school took on the challenge of the sponsored walk. Throughout the whole day, we saw determination, perseverance, kindness towards others and smiles a plenty! We managed to raise over £2500 which will go towards our

building costs for the new classroom. Well done everybody!

The Little Mermaid

Right at the end of Term Six we presented our annual whole school musical and wow! We certainly have lots of talent at Baydon! The children put in fantastic amounts of effort and the result was fabulous - even Sebastian the crab would have been impressed! The children danced, acted and sang as if it were a West End show and the audience loved every minute.

Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip

Robins and Goldfinches visited Cotswold Wildlife Park at the beginning of July to support their work on African animals. It was a very hot but wonderful day where we all learnt lots more about a huge variety of animals! Robins and Goldfinches were excellently well behaved and a credit to our school.





PREPARING THE BOAT



WORKING TOGETHER

Year 6 Residential to Rockley

This year saw our first week long residential for Year 6 pupils to Rockley Outdoor Education Centre in Dorset. The children spent a week windsurfing, paddle boarding, canoeing and sailing not to mention a number of fabulous activities on land including raft building, crabbing and team games. Each and every child pushed themselves to the limit, tried new activities and enjoyed everything that was on offer. "It was absolutely amazing. We all had a great time with our friends. It felt like we were all a little family. Everyone was getting involved and being pushed to their limits trying all new things - even new food! It was amazing!" Year 6 child.

Sport at Baydon

The past two terms have once again seen lots of competition against other local schools. In June, pupils from Year 6 took part in a Quad Kids tournament and, later in the same month, Years 3 and 4 participated in an athletics tournament. In addition, a group of our girls attended a girls only cricket event at Marlborough College where they met a member of the England Cricket Team. We will continue with our increased presence at these tournaments during the next academic

year though we do rely on parents being able to transport to and from the venues, so thank you for your support.

Our Year 6 pupils successfully completed a Sports Leader course in Term 6.

To qualify, all pupils had to carry out five hours of coaching different activities as well as completing a theory booklet. Well done Year 6!

It was hot but our pupils gave it their all in our annual sports day this year! During the athletics tournaments in the morning to the track events in the afternoon, we saw countless examples of dedication, determination and personal success! This year, the house cup went to Ashdown and will remain adorned with green ribbons for the next year!

Drumming Presentation

Some of our pupils who participate in drumming lessons performed in worship during July. Pupils performed pieces that they had chosen for their forthcoming exams and we were very impressed! We were even lucky enough for a performance from their wonderful teacher Sarina Parsons. Drumming lessons are provided by the Slater school of music. If you would like your child to have lessons, then please see the school office for more information.



VICTORIOUS ASH DOWN AT SPORTS DAY



Mrs Osbourne

After many years of wonderful and dedicated service, Mrs Osbourne is taking her very well deserved retirement! Under Mrs Osbourne's leadership, Wagtails has gone from strength to strength and she leaves it operating five days a week - mornings and evenings! Mrs Osbourne has also consistently given up her time to support the school on trips or help in school at a moment's notice. Wagtails held a leaving party in honour of Mrs Osbourne and showered her with gifts for her garden. Goodbye Mrs Osbourne and thank you for everything, we will miss you very much.

Mrs Bridge

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Bridge at the end of this term. Over the past three years, Mrs Bridge has worked part time in Goldfinches and is moving to a full time position much closer to where she lives. Although we will miss her, we wish her all the best in her new adventure, good luck Mrs Bridge!

New Classroom Open!

After Easter, Skylarks were in for a treat when they moved to their new classroom on the other side of our school site. The new classroom (complete with adjoining toilets) is a fabulous space and Skylarks are very much enjoying using their new classroom.

The old classroom is now being used for multiple purposes including Wagtails,

music lessons and as an intervention space.

HOWEVER, we are not finished yet! This summer sees the very much needed replacement of the school boiler and renovation of the main school building children's toilets.

All this work does cost money however and we will still be fundraising to cover the final totals into the new year, so please bear with us!

Church and School Fete

The fete was a fantastic success this year and many thanks to the committee for their organisation. As part of the celebrations, pupils at Baydon investigated what our school was like during Victorian times and became time detectives! They (with the support of parents and Mrs Blackwell) created bags of sweets and Victorian spoon people to sell and Year 6 manned their own stalls. A total of approximately £3800 was raised for Church and School - great!



PRESENTING GIFTS TO MRS OSBOURNE



CHURCH AND SCHOOL FETE

Science Week 2018

Science week was a fantastic success this year throughout the school. All staff and pupils took on the challenge of creating an exciting and informative week. Highlights included the alien slime investigations with Miss Newman and the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Science Fairs held at the end of the week.



KEY STAGE 2 SCIENCE FAIR





LOOKING OUT FOR WILD
ANIMALS ON RAMSBURY ESTATE

Ramsbury Estate Visit

Thanks to Ramsbury Estates, Skylarks spent a very happy afternoon visiting the Estate and, like many other local schools, planted cowslips as part of a scheme to protect the Duke of Burgundy butterfly. They had a wonderful day and were a credit to the school.

French Visit to Baydon

Soon after Easter, we had a special visit from a group of people from churches in France who are linked to our local churches here. They much enjoyed joining us for Worship and spending some time in classrooms seeing the differences in how the curriculum is delivered here in the UK. They were very complimentary about our children and our school!

Pinewood Maths Day

Once again, a group of our mathematicians were invited to Pinewood Preparatory school for a maths challenge afternoon. The children enjoyed a range of activities using problem solving skills, logic and reasoning. They all really enjoyed the maths as well as meeting children from a number of other schools.

2018 Attainment Success

As usual, our end of Key Stage 2 SATS (Standard Attainment Tests) were tackled in May by our very talented Year 6. We are proud to report that the school is above national and Wiltshire averages across all subjects with our reading results 'significantly above', once again.

In Key Stage 1, our teacher assessed results are also above national and Wiltshire averages.

Year 1 pupils also participated in the National phonics screening with 87% of pupils being successful.

In Foundation, we received a moderation visit in June during which a representative from the County Council visited our school to check our assessments are correct and in line with national standards. This year, we have 85% reaching a good level of development. Well done to all those pupils involved!

Congratulations to all the children involved for all the effort that they put into these assessments and to the teachers for preparing them so well.



THE MATHS TEAM 2018



MRS BRIDGE IN HER
LEAVING WORSHIP



Moving on from Year 6

We will miss our current Year 6 cohort very much but it is time for them to move on to their next stage of education and new schools. As part of their leaving celebrations, they have taken part in the Leavers Day with pupils from other local Church of England Primary Schools, as well as having a fun day and holding their own Leavers' Service on the last day of term here at St Nicholas Church. This year, pupils are moving on to a range of different schools including St John's in Marlborough, John O'Gaunts in Hungerford, King Alfred's in Wantage, Park House in Newbury and Braydon Forest in Purton. Good luck and we will miss you Betty, Tara, Eve, Elliot, Faye, Daniel, Zack, Thomas, Ella, Connor, Jemima, Beth, Brodie, Jake, Aston, Charlie C, George, Rebecca, Evie, Imogen, Dennis, Alina and Charlie M!

Looking Ahead

September sees the start of the new year and we will be welcoming Mrs Chudasama to our staff team. She will be teaching in Robins for one day a week and two days in Goldfinches. Miss Hayhoe will also be rejoining us after maternity leave and will be teaching Kites with Mrs Wigglesworth.

Following the retirement of Mrs Osbourne, Mr Harris will be taking over the Wagtails' reins in September and will be supported in the first term by Miss Gould.

In September, we are also welcoming nine new pupils to Robins. It has been wonderful, over the past two terms, to meet the new families during the induction evening, parent and teacher interviews as well as the three induction mornings for pupils.

Next term, we begin our year with a slightly updated topic plan which sees the whole school investigate the Deep Dark Woods. It sounds exciting!

Thank you

We are blessed with a dedicated team of staff at Baydon and, without them, these wonderful events pupils have been involved in would not have been possible. In addition to this, a huge thank you to our families and members of the community who rise to the occasion and support in a variety of ways, from being a Governor, attending trips, ferrying children to different sporting events, supporting our end of year musical (a special mention to our costume department here of which we are losing some key members this year), reading in school, fete support and of course FOBS. Together, our school is wonderful place to work and learn.

We wish you all a restful and happy summer.

Mrs Knighton, Mrs Gilbert and the Baydon School Team.



SHARING FLOWERS ON THE SPONSORED WALK



LOTS OF TALENT ON DISPLAY AT THE DRUMMING WORSHIP



FINDING OUT ABOUT RHINOS AT COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK

