



Baydon St. Nicholas

Church of England (VA) Primary School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Summer Term Newsletter 2021



After a completely unexpected and, at times, challenging year, we are thrilled to be able to share with you the wonderful term we have enjoyed as a school!

We Are Britain

Our whole school theme of 'We Are Britain' for Terms Five and Six was a great topic for children of all ages to explore. Children explored this theme in many ways.

Sponsored Walk

In May the school set off on the FOBS sponsored walk! It was wonderful being

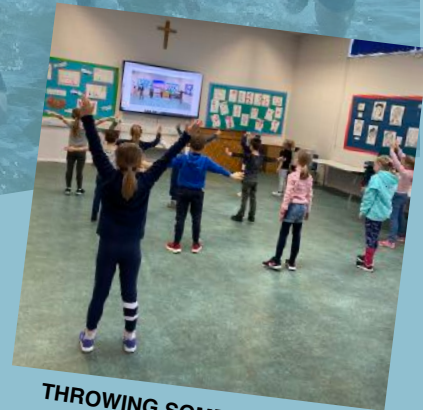
able to explore our surroundings while raising money for the school. Some of the money raised will be spent on playground markings to make our playgrounds more fun! Thank you FOBS and volunteers for firstly making the event happen and secondly raising money for the school - it really is appreciated!

Charity Fundraising

Throughout this year, our House and Vice Captains have been in charge of raising money for charities. Ashdown took on the challenge of raising money for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. After deciding that a virtual dance teach was called for, the Year 6 team worked fantastically well together and the dances were enjoyed by all classes!

Wiltshire Air Ambulance

As well as being the chosen charity for Ashdown House, we were visited by the Wiltshire Air Ambulance to teach pupils in emergency first aid. Pupils enthusiastically participated and felt that they were much better prepared if they were ever in an emergency



THROWING SOME EXCELLENT MOVES COPYING THE YEAR 6 ASHDOWN PUPILS!



SOME OF OUR PUPILS HAD A REALLY LUCKY DAY DURING THE SPONSORED WALK!





KEY STAGE 1 ATHLETICS IN THE MORNING WAS A SUCCESS!



RUNNING INTO SPORTS DAY



COUNTING SPECIES FROM THE RIVER KENNET

Sports Day

Although we greatly missed the presence of our wonderful parent body for the track events, the whole school was able to gather (albeit socially distanced) and participate and cheer others on! Morning field events were led by the Year 6 pupils as part of their sports leadership programme, and, in the afternoon, pupils participated in a range of track events including hurdles, sprints and the egg and spoon! The afternoon was topped off with an ice lolly, where we heard that Burdette had won the cup this year! Thank you to all staff who helped make this day special, but especially Mr Smith

and the Year 6 pupils for their work in supporting others.

Rockley 2021

A very excited group of Year 6 pupils, including Mr Smith and Mrs Gilbert, set off for a week's adventure in July to Rockley in Dorset. The group had the time of their lives exploring activities and the sea! Watersports included canoeing, sailing, paddle boarding, windsurfing and

crab fishing! Year 6 were exceptional, expertly displaying the school values of kindness, respect and perseverance all week. They made our school shine as did the sun!

We are so fortunate that we were able to give the pupils this year the opportunity for a residential trip, as one of our pupils said this week *'I feel I now have more confidence, I can look after myself more and I know I can do things I couldn't before'*.

Action for River Kennet

Key Stage 2 took part in some really exciting sessions with Action for River Kennet looking at how we can look after rivers, save water and what lives in our local river. The final session involved investigating the different types of species in water, it was lots of fun!





THE FIRST OUTDOOR WORSHIP



LOTS OF QUAIL QUESTIONS!

Coming Together Again

This term saw our first whole school worship as a school, and an outside version at that! It was a fantastic moment to see the school all together again at last!

Quail Visits

We were lucky enough to be visited in our classrooms by some baby quails! Pupils thought that they were incredibly cute and were very envious of the Mills family! Many thanks to Dr Mills, one of our Governors, for bringing the quails in to meet and greet our children!

Forest School

Forest school continued this year very successfully, even through lockdown. Robins and Goldfinches enjoyed lots of forest fun in the paddock, while our Key Stage 2 classes each had the opportunity to be down at the forest!

Cotswold Wildlife Park

Robins and Goldfinches classes set off on an adventure to Cotswold Wildlife Park where they found out about lots of different animals, and had really interesting and exciting talks from the keepers.



FISHING GAMES IN ROBINS! OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ENJOYING USING THE OUTSIDE AREA FOR LOTS OF CREATIVE GAMES.





A PHOTO FROM TODAY OR THE 1800'S?

Victorian Day

Baydon went back in time for a Victorian Day! Pupils experienced what life might have been like at Baydon during the Victorian era, but also explored the fun and games that pupils could have had!

Disco Night!

Right at the end of term FOBS were able to hold a KS1 & 2 disco! Although an incredibly warm evening, the children were not deterred from dancing and loved every minute of it. A huge thanks to FOBS and our parent volunteers for making this happen.

Moving on from Year 6

The current year 6 have been an absolute joy! They have approached everything that was thrown at them over the past year in their stride and have been a credit to our school.

This year pupils are moving on to a range of different schools including St

Johns in Marlborough, John O'Gaunt in Hungerford, King Alfred's in Wantage, Park House in Newbury, Dauntsey's in Devizes and Churchward School. So goodbye and all the best wishes to Martha, Ralph, Jeni, Olivia, Casper, Millie, Jack, Tom D, Evie, Alex, Same, Rosie, Nico, Thomas L, Annabel, Ben, Shay, Riley, Katie and Elliot.

Looking Ahead

September sees the start of the new year and we say goodbye to Miss Raspberry and Mrs Chamberlain as they both retire. They have both been wonderful teachers, friends and colleagues. On the last Tuesday of term we held, as a school, a good bye assembly where presentations of cards were made to leaving members of staff. We wish them both the happiest of retirements!

We also say farewell and thank you to Mr James has been an integral part of setting up forest school. We wish Mr James the best for the future. Mrs Hallsworth will be continuing to run school in the forest next year.

In September we are also welcoming fourteen new pupils to Robins. It was wonderful to meet the new pupils for a small taster session at the end of the term.

And, it is goodbye from me. It has been my privilege to be the Head of such a wonderful school and, although excited about my new challenge, I shall miss you all.

Thank you

As always a huge thank you to the wonderful members of our families and community who rise to the occasion and support in a variety of ways, and of course FOBS. Together our school is a wonderful, supportive and thriving place for children to be. We wish you all a restful and happy summer.

Mrs Knighton, Mrs Gilbert and the Baydon School Team.



LEARNING GAMES OF THE PAST



DISCO TIME!

