



Congratulations to all of our children who entered our story writing competition.



Short stories about the school values

Wow! I have been blown away by the quality of the short stories children submitted as part of our competition.

You will remember that we ended last year with a refreshed set of school values and the children were invited to write short stories about them and our mascot, Milner the dolphin. You can see below that we received lots of entries and they were brilliant.

Thank you for encouraging your children to take part. We celebrated in an assembly and

they have even been read out during 'Brilliant Books' assemblies.

Milner and Coombe

Our school now has two dolphin mascots: Milner and Coombe.



Milner reading with children in Turtle Class



Milner joining Sea Lion Class for excellent attendance

Attendance

Our school's attendance is currently 93.2% and the average attendance in primary schools in Brighton and Hove is 95.3%.

Congratulations to Sea Lion Class, which had the best attendance in the juniors for two weeks running this half term. They currently have 95.5% attendance and had Milner and Coombe in their classrooms to celebrate.



Some of our amazing story entries



Coombe joining Sea Lion Class the following week

42 DAYS OF LEARNING HAVE BEEN MISSED THIS HALF TERM BECAUSE OF HOLIDAYS BEING TAKEN DURING TERM TIME



Turtle Class had the best attendance in the infants. There was one week where they had 100% attendance.

Staff changes

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Ms Reeves at Christmas. We wish her all the best at her new school in Worthing next January.



Ms Reeves:

'What a privilege it has been teaching at Coombe Road Primary School for the last 12 years. I started working here when my son was 4 and he joined Blue class (Reception). He is now doing his A- Levels, and still talks fondly about his time here.

I feel so lucky to have been able to connect with so many wonderful children and families in the local area. Coombe Road Primary School is a fantastic community, and it is true that time at primary school are some of the best days of your life.

I will miss you all. Keep aiming high!'

Welcome

I'd like to introduce you to Mr Cappuccini, who will be joining us to teach year 4 in January.



Mr Cappuccini:

'Hello everyone at Coombe Road! I'm Mr Cappuccini and I'm very much looking forward to being part of your wonderful school.

I enjoy playing guitar, making artwork and maths. I can't wait to meet you in the new year!'

Mr Cappuccini is a very experienced teacher with 16 years experience. Over the next seven weeks, we will be working with the children in year 4 and Mr Cappuccini to ensure a smooth transition.

Year 2



Miss Brown has been giving children in year 2 extra support, so we are formalising that arrangement and she will be working in Seahorse Class this year.

Numbots and Times Table Rockstars

Maths fluency and times table skills remain a school priority. We had our rockstar assembly this week and celebrated the children's progress. Please support your children at home to learn their times tables.



Our rockstar assembly this week



Turtle Class making Loraine Pascal's recipes.

Black History Month

Turtle Class have been using 'Celebrating our Sisters' resources during Black History Month.

They celebrated the work of a celebrity chef, Loraine Pascal, and enjoyed following her delicious recipes.



Taking turns.

The children were incredibly helpful to each other, listened well and shared the cooking roles between them. Well done Turtle Class!



Cracking eggs!

Turtle Class visit the library

All classes visit one of our local libraries in the autumn term and Turtle Class really enjoyed their visit.



Meeting Shaun the Sheep at the library

The children selected books and enjoyed reading and listening to stories.



Members of the public and the librarians commented on how well behaved the children were.





Otter Class meeting our local librarians

Otter Class at the Library



Otter Class visited Jubilee Library. We shared a story, explored the library itself and brought lots of books back to the classroom!



It was a joy to see the children reading, discussing literature and enjoying stories - reading is such an important part of learning and life.

Well done, Otters!

Sea Lion Class at the Rampion Windfarm

We are having a geography curriculum focus this year and year 4 visited the Windfarm Visitor Centre. They had an excellent day - full of interactive activities, led by the staff in a state-of-the-art museum on the beach.



Thank you to our parent volunteers



Not sure what we are looking at!

We learnt a lot about renewable energy, and enjoyed eating lunch by the sea.



Our young professionals

ROLE MODELS THIS HALF TERM

In line with our new values, we have changed our certificates to celebrate children who have worked hard and demonstrated those values of respect, kindness, responsibility and curiosity.

Well done to all of these children who have worked so hard this half term:

Hanna, Baker, Rebecca, Daisy, Albert, Hunter, Charlie, Leo, Vinnie, Basma, Arlo, Daniel, Kenny, Ariyah, Aaria, Thierry, Alfie Ayana, Buddy, Tyler, Orion, Stanley, Amber, Bella, Juliette, Loojayn, Hauwa, Lyla, Lyra, Dylan, Dulce, Elliott, Juliana, Maxwell, William, Robin, Sofia and Poppy.

HECTOR, DUSKY, SPINNER AND ORCA NOW HAVE NEW HOUSE CHANTS TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS. ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT THE CHANT IS TO SEE IF THEY KNOW IT!



Well done to our football team

Mixed Football at Coldean

Well done to our footballers, who played out a very entertaining 2 - 2 draw with Coldean Primary School.

Ten players from Sea Lion and Stingray Classes represented our school community with the usual Coombe Road determination, respect and exemplary sportspersonship.

Girls Tag Rugby Festival

Ten girls from Key Stage 2 took part in the School Games Tag Rugby Festival at Hove Rugby Club.

Behaviour throughout the day was exemplary - including on the bus, where two members of the public praised our school for having such well-mannered and respectful children! The girls took part in all activities and demonstrated both teamwork and sporting excellence.

A big well done to: Nyla, Juliana and Angel from Stingray Class; and Poppy, Vega, Lola, Daisy, Lexie, Ayana and Domi from Sea Lion Class. Also huge thanks to Jess, who came along as a parent helper, and an extra-special well done to Nyla, who won the Determination Award for Coombe Road!

Stingray trip to the beach



Stingray class had a wonderful cross-curricular trip to the beach this term.

They enjoyed a range of activities, including: litter picking, building towers, sketching and creating kindness stones.

Inspired by our change-maker, David Attenborough, we discussed various ways we could look after our environment and help to keep our beaches clean.



Looking after the environment



A break in the sunshine



This trip was part of our wider work to embed learning about respecting our environment into our geography curriculum.

Postponed trips

Based on weather forecasts of thunder, lightning and heavy rain, we have had to postpone two library trips: Sea Lions and Stingrays. These will be rearranged.



Reading with parents

Parent and carer workshops

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to one of our curriculum workshops this half term.

Discussing our approach to reading



We have had a literacy one and maths one in Turtle Class and a reading and PE one for the whole school.

Parents and carers watching a PE lesson



Thank you to those of you who were able to come along to any of our events this half term. It has been nice to see you and discuss our curriculum.

Curriculum evening

It was a pleasure to see so many parents and carers at our curriculum evening the other day.



The word that came up over and over again was 'pride'. The children were so excited to show off their work and it was really useful to discuss our curriculum with you all.



Thank you for coming.

We will hold our next one in-between the more formal parent consultations.

Reading Mornings



Our read with your children Fridays continue to be popular. Thank you for coming.

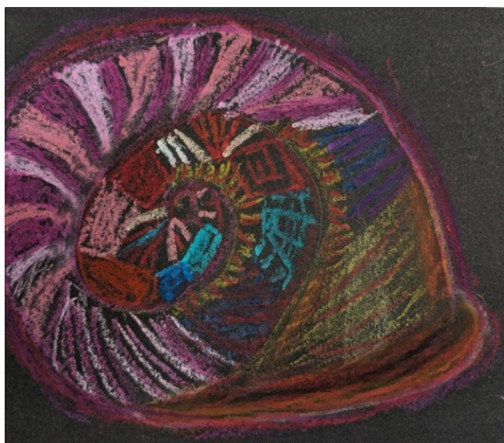


Our next reading mornings for parents and carers of children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will be Friday 3rd November and Friday 1st December.





Sea Lion Class artwork based on their trip to the windfarm



Stingray Class studied sealife and created mixed media artwork

Children's artwork

The children have been studying artists linked to the themes of their trips.



You can see from the picture on the right that Stingray Class have been using a range of materials to print impressions of fish - Well done!



PARENTS



YOUR CHILDREN NEED

YOU

JOIN THE PTA TODAY

We need your help...

Our school PTA has done an excellent job over the years by not only organising fun events but raising considerable funds for the school.

I am pleased to announce that one of the things they have managed to fund is OPAL - 'Outdoor Play and Learning' - and this will have a hugely positive impact on the children's breaktimes and lunchtimes when it is implemented.

They have also organised our Neon Party in November - See their invitation on the next page.

However, we have not recruited new members in a while and we need your help please.

We are looking for people who are willing to join the PTA to help organise or support future events and also take on some key roles.

Without these roles being filled, it will make it very difficult for the PTA to continue in its current form:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Chair:

- Facilitates meetings in a manner that encourages everyone to contribute
- Sets the date and agenda for meetings and keeps the discussion on track
- Delegates tasks to committee members
- Ensures decisions are implemented
- Liaises with the school about fundraising priorities

Secretary:

- Assists the chair with planning meetings
- Communicates with the school and committee members, including circulating the agenda before PTA meetings
- Takes minutes at meetings, recording the key points, decisions made and relevant action points
- Manages communication between the committee, volunteers, school and school community
- Prepares the publicity for events, including flyers, posters and tickets

Treasurer:

- Manages the day-to-day finances
- Keeps a detailed and accurate record of the PTA's financial activity
- Reports on the finances at meetings in a clear, concise way
- Arranges floats for events
- Ensures money is kept safely before and during events
- Banks the takings from events and fundraisers
- Makes Gift Aid claims
- Implements procedures for making payments and claiming expenses
- Completes the Charity Commission annual return
- Gets accounts audited where necessary

Please get in touch with me if you are able to help us in any of these roles or if you are able to join the PTA team.

NEON

Party

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

3.15PM - 4.30PM

TICKETS: £7

(INCLUDES, POPCORN, DRINK, NEON BISCUIT AND NEON FACE PAINTING)

TICKETS BOOKED VIA THE OFFICE

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Breakfast Club and Buddies Pricing Structure

I'm afraid that Breakfast Club and Buddies operated at a considerable loss last year because of cost increases, so we will again have to revisit our pricing structure.

After half term Breakfast Club will be £3.

We will also have four tiers of payments for Buddies:

3:20pm-3:45pm, Late pick up - £3.50

3:15pm-4:15pm, 1hr - £7

4:15pm-5:30pm, After sports club - £8

3:15pm-5:30pm, Full session - £15



Please also be aware that if you have a child doing a club, we cannot let siblings stay at Buddies for free while the club is taking place.

As a school, we are currently looking for local sponsorship and grants to keep the cost of food down at Breakfast Club and Buddies. If you can help with this, please let us know.

ASC Demand Avoidance

Between 1pm and 3pm on Tuesday 28th November, there will be an ASC Demand Avoidance session available to any parent or carer of a child with ASC or on the pathway to assessment for ASC.

It will be a good way to share information and discuss strategies.

If you are interested, please contact Clare Burcome.

Halloween

There is no Halloween Party this year. It was decided that a Neon Light Party would be more enjoyable for our children and this will be on Friday 10th November - Some of the children found the costumes a bit scary last year.

Please ensure that your children are wearing school uniform as usual on Tuesday 31st October.

Donate Day

Thank you so much for your generosity. Our donate days are incredibly successful and our next one will be on Thursday 9th November. Sheila Walker will be in touch nearer the time.

In the meantime, please can you let the school know if you can offer any donations of decorating paint, especially masonry paint.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 30th October - Return to school

Wednesday 1st November - Year 1 trip to the Booth Museum

Friday 3rd November - 8:55am to 9:25am, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers invited to read with children

Tuesday 7th November - [TBC] Year 3 trip to Devil's Dyke

Wednesday 8th November - Year 3 pedestrian training

Wednesday 8th November - Individual school photos

Thursday 9th November - 2pm to 3:30pm, Years 5 & 6 netball festival

Friday 10th November - 3:15pm to 4:30pm, Neon Light Party

Monday 13th November - Start of anti-bullying week

Tuesday 14th November - [TBC] Year 4 trip to Devil's Dyke

Tuesday 14th November - 12:30 to 3pm, Years 5 & 6 cross country

Tuesday 14th November and Thursday 16th November - Year 2 parent consultations

Wednesday 15th November and Thursday 16th November - All other year group parent consultations

Tuesday 21st November - [TBC] 2pm to 3:30pm, Year 3 & 4 girls football festival

Wednesday 22nd November - Year 3 pedestrian training

Wednesday 22nd November - Years 1 & 2 geography trip to the seafront

Friday 1st December - 8:55am to 9:25am, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers invited to read with children

Wednesday 6th December - Year 3 pedestrian training

Friday 8th December - 3:30pm to 3pm, Years 5 & 6 basketball festival

Tuesday 12th December - 9:15am to 9:45am, Reception and Year 1 Nativity Christmas Performance

Wednesday 13th December - Children will have Christmas dinner at lunchtime

Thursday 14th December - 2:15pm to 3:15pm, Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 'Carols and Cafe' Christmas event

Friday 15th December - Last day of term