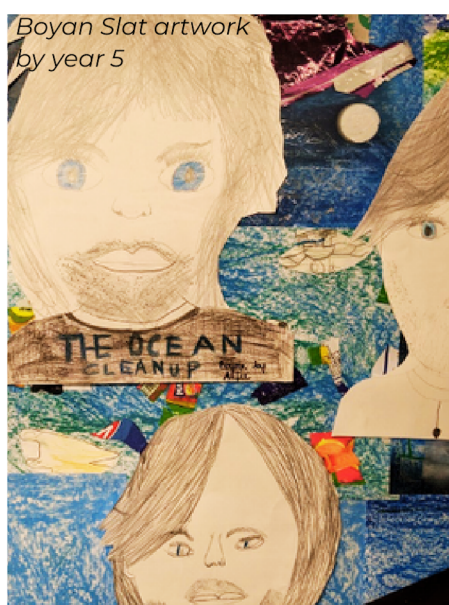




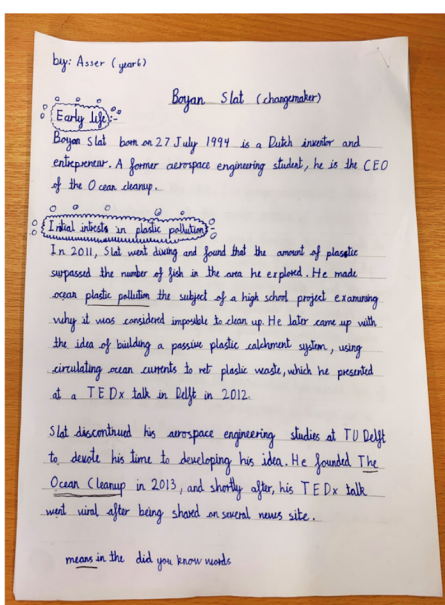
We've gone green!

We have launched our 'Our Cty, Our World' programme alongside our new geography curriculum and we've had a very positive response from our school community, particularly from our children.

The children wore green clothes to raise awareness of environmental issues and have been learning about our 'change maker' this term: Boyan Slat.



Several of our children were so inspired that they did some extra research at home and shared it with the class.



Thank you to those of you who came to our parent and carer's event to find out more about our geography curriculum.



Parents and carers discussing the environment

Important: We are a nut free school



The school has always been a nut free school and we have children who attend with nut allergies.

However, there have been recent incidents where parents and carers have included some chocolate spreads that contain nuts or Nutella style spreads in packed lunches.

It is not always obvious with some packaging that some chocolate spreads and biscuits contain nuts, so please check the labels.





Stingray Class learning about the Victorians

Preston Manor Trip

Stingray Class visited Preston Manor and enjoyed learning about the past. They took part in an engaging workshop and explored different artefacts.

Not only did they have a fun day experiencing the past but they also displayed our school values and received considerable praise for their attitude and behaviour from the museum staff, members of the public and bus driver!

Well done Stingray Class.



Attendance

Attending school is required by law. If a child's attendance falls below 96%, we will make you aware.

If your child's attendance is poor, we will invite you in for an Attendance Support Meeting to discuss it. We will follow the attendance policy and you are at risk of a fixed penalty notice of £60 per parent per child if your child's attendance falls below 95%.

Holidays will not be authorised but you will need to fill in a 'Leave of Absence' form for safeguarding purposes (so that we know you and your family are safe). If we are unable to contact you, we may refer the case to Front Door for Families. There are only very exceptional circumstances when leave of absence can be granted.

Please continue to call us each day your child is absent from school on 01273 077130. This is a safeguarding procedure so that we are aware your child and family are safe.

Lexia Star School

Our children have been using Lexia to give them a boost in their phonics learning.

In fact, our children have been working so hard on Lexia that we have been awarded 'Star School' status by Lexia!



We continue to celebrate children who work hard in phonics during our celebration assembly.



Sea Lion Class have been learning about volcanoes.

Volcanoes

Year 4 have been learning about Pompeii and volcanoes. They made a rather impressive volcano and erupted it outside.



Uniform

Children should be in uniform every day unless there is an exceptional reason or they have been asked to wear clothes for sport. Details of our uniform can be found on our website.

Please make sure that you label uniform, especially coats, so that it can be returned if it is lost.

Ice

Turtle class have been investigating ice in science. They explored the ice in different states, watching it melt and change from a solid into a liquid.



Social media

We start every unit of computing with an e-safety lesson and we have had an assembly on it too. Please make sure that children are supervised when using electronic devices at home, check their permission levels and discuss why age restrictions exist. Many social media platforms have an age restriction of 13 or 16 years old.



CHILDREN CELEBRATED FOR HARD WORK THIS HALF TERM

Every week, children are chosen by their teachers for demonstrating the school values of respect, kindness, responsibility and curiosity. They are given certificates and the House with the most points can celebrate by having a no uniform day on the following Monday.

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

Eli, Chance, Frankie, Daisy, Asser, Oliver, Luca, Hunter, Sara, Noah, Atlantis, Domi, Theo, Sasha, Isabella, Deam, Ali, Charlie, Phoenix, Isabella, Sophia, Teejay, Daisy, Harleigh, Maisie, Isaac, Eden, Felix, Sofia, Tyler, Herbie, Lara, Joe, Bonnie, Lola, Archie and Phoenix.



The Sussex Dolphin Project



The Sussex Dolphin Project

The Sussex Dolphin Project is a charity committed to protecting local dolphin species through research, awareness and education. They are at the centre of a dolphin sightings network and educate on the importance of a healthy marine environment, encouraging action to protect local marine life and habitats.

They came in to meet the children and will be working with the school over the year.



Thank you!

Some of our local businesses have been very generous and we want to thank them.

Firstly, Carpetright kindly donated a new carpet to the school for our sensory room. And thank you to Mr Rowe and Mr Tester for picking it up and fitting it!



Secondly, B&Q have been generous by offering us a range of materials, starting with paint.



We have also benefitted from a Co-op grant, which we used to keep the costs of trips down.



Our reading raffle

Our children have been earning raffle tickets for the chance to win a book each week. Every time they read at home and bring in their signed reading diary, they get a raffle ticket.



Kit, our first winner

Well done to Kit, our first winner. Congratulations to Iliana, Adam, Ayana, Rebecca and Carlo who have also won this half term.



Our boys team

The School Games

Well done to all of the children who joined the Coombe Road squad to take part in the School Games athletics event at BACA.

They demonstrated the school values and tried their best against children older than them. It was a fun afternoon and for some of our children it was the first time that they had represented the school - Well done everybody.



Determination

Huge well done to Lenny, who received the determination award. He not only tried his best but supported the team and showed excellent leadership skills.



A sharp turn by Vinnie



Our girls team



Year 1 Antarctica inspired artwork



'Go Global Asia Week'



When we return after the half term, we are holding our 'Go Global Week'. We will have a geography focus on our chosen continent of Asia and learn about different countries.

Each class will become a country and the children will make passports and visit them. They will research the countries, collect and analyse data, and write country reports.

Turtle Class - Thailand
Angelfish Class - Sri Lanka
Seahorse Class - Vietnam
Otter Class - Japan
Sea Lion Class - China
Stingray Class - India

It will also be a great opportunity to learn about the impact of floods and droughts, along with water conservation.

Medical Conditions

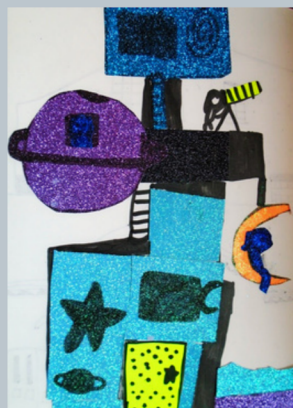
It is really important that you let the school know if your child has a medical condition. Please see Lumina in the office who will provide you with a medical conditions form to complete.

Please ensure medication is provided straight away, is in the original named packaging and is in date.



If your child has been diagnosed with asthma or has an allergy, we will also need a copy of your child's plan.

We are currently working with the NHS to become a designated asthma friendly school.



A year 4 designed house in the style of Franco-Swiss architect, Le Corbusier

Year 6 clay monkey inspired by Frida Kahlo



EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 reading with parents and carers

Please remember that the parents and carers of Turtle Class, Angelfish Class and Seahorse Class are invited in to school on the first Friday of the month to read with children.

The next reading event will be Friday 8th March, 8:55am to 9:25am.





Turtle Class have been to the church to learn more about different beliefs

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year starts tomorrow and Turtle Class have been making and tasting noodles to celebrate and learn about different cultures.



Uniform

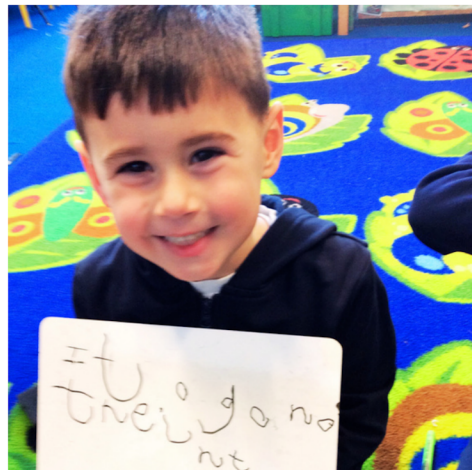
St Martin's Church

Thank you to our parent volunteers who made our church trip possible. It is really appreciated and the

children had a fun and memorable day, learning about the building, exploring their surroundings and seeing artefacts.

Writing

Writing in Turtle Class is going from strength to strength and the children have been working very hard. Well done Turtle Class.



The children enjoyed being in such an old building and exploring their new surroundings.



OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING (OPAL) - COMING SOON!

OPAL has one simple mission: "To ensure that every school child has an amazing playtime every day - with no exceptions". This is a vision Coombe Road School and the PTA share and, after listening to our community through, it was clear that improving playtimes was a clear priority. As a result, PTA fundraising has focused on this for the last two years.

The PTA wanted to provide something that would benefit every child in every year and the OPAL programme does just this. OPAL will begin to roll out in the summer term of this year and a working group has been set up to implement it with opportunities for parents to be involved and learn more as we go. You can check out their website here: <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk>

'Buddies Afterschool Club' telephone number

With thanks to Caroline Lewis for her kind donation of a mobile phone, 'Buddies' now has a new phone number.

You can now get hold of Chris or Mandy on:

07454 633608



Gift Amnesty

The PTA would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the gift amnesty!

You donated 50 fantastic gifts that they can be used for prizes throughout the year to raise funds for the school. What a great start to 2024!

Our new PTA committee

At the start of January, a new committee were elected to the Coombe Road PTA. A huge thanks to John Lewry and the outgoing committee, for all of their hard work and dedication. And a special thanks to all of the Coombe Road staff who give so much of their time to help the PTA charity too.



Chair: Katy Brown

Katy has two children at the school, Dylan in year two and Lyra in year one. Katy has no PTA experience, but bags of enthusiasm and a small dose of insanity. She is delighted to be leading this wonderful charity and giving back to the school.

Treasurer: Ant Spencer

Ant has a daughter, Lola, in year four. There is nothing he loves more than keeping things neat, tidy and well organised. Oh, and a good spreadsheet of course!

Secretary: Claire Clarke

Claire has two children at school, Phoenix in year two and Orion in Reception, who both love Coombe Road School. What she lacks in touch typing skills, she hopes to make up for with enthusiasm, and is thrilled to be able to support this lovely, caring school.

The PTA welcome new members to any of their meetings. Do come along and get involved with the fun. The next meeting is in the Student Castle Community room on Wednesday 21st February at 7:30 pm. The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th March at 7:30 pm, also in the Student Castle Community room.

'DREAMING BIG' PTA EVENT

We are pleased to share news of our recent "Dreaming Big" PTA event, where the new committee, along with some experienced PTA members and some eager fresh-faces, had a brilliant meeting brainstorming as many fantastic ideas as possible to raise funds for the school.

There were over 70 creative ideas discussed! We look forward to some fabulous events throughout 2024, and thank you to everyone that attended.





Name our Eco Plant Competition

SeaLion Class were awarded the school plant for being the most eco class this half term.



✿ Can you think of a name for our new monstera plant? ✿

As we begin our 'Our City, Our World' project, we are encouraging our classes to be as eco-friendly as possible. Our eco-councillors decide who wins the eco-class of the week, by regular visits to see how well we are looking after our classroom environments.

The winning class gets to look after our school plant but it needs a name! As a result, we are holding a competition to find one. Please pass on any suggestions to Miss Fay by Friday 22nd February 2024 and we will announce the winning name in assembly.

'Milner's Pantry'



There have been times this term where families have been without food or unable to get food.

To support our community, we will have our own pantry on site - 'Milner's Pantry'. It will be a selection of long life goods that families can call on to tide them over when needed.

We would very much appreciate some donations of food with a long shelf life - dried or tinned food - along with things like shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes to help us stock up and get started.

If you do have anything suitable, please leave it with the school office.



Eco Easter Headwear Competition!

Design an Eco Easter bonnet, crown, helmet or hat using **recycled** or **natural materials** and win egg-citing prizes at the disco!



PTA: Eco Easter headwear competition

If your child would like to come to our PTA organised party (poster over the page), they may also wish to enter our headwear competition.

There will be extra points awarded if it is eco friendly!

Thank you

Thank you to some of our parents in Turtle Class who have been in school to do some activities with Mrs Tribe.



PTA Organised School Party

Come to our PTA organised Easter Party. There will be dancing, games and snacks. The highlight will be the judging of our home made eco bonnet competition.

OUR SCHOOL, OUR PARTY!

Easter Disco

Thursday 28th March

3:15-4:30pm

£7 with drink + snack

Tickets via Parent Pay

**ECO EASTER BONNET
COMPETITION INCLUDED**

Coombe Road Talent Show - For children in KS2

The School Council met and decided that we should have a talent show, so it has been organised for 2:30pm on Tuesday 26th February. Parents and carers of children in KS2 are welcome.

Coombe Road School Talent Show 2024

**Tuesday 26th February
2024 at 2:30pm**

Key Stage Two only

**Adults welcome! Contributions
of £1 go to the Sussex Dolphin
Project**

**If your child is interested in
participating, please ask them
to speak to either Mr Milsted or
Mr Cappuccini**

**(Please be aware we will only
select a limited number of acts for
the show)**



WE ARE HOLDING AN ASC COFFEE MORNING AT 9:00AM ON TUESDAY 26TH MARCH FOR ANY PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN ON A SSV PATHWAY TO DIAGNOSIS

EVENT INVITATION

COME TO OUR PARENTS & CARERS SCIENCE WORKSHOP



We would like to invite you to join us for a 'Science Workshop' in school on **Tuesday 12th March** from **8.55am - 9.45am**.

We will explain how we teach, assess and support the learning of science, and how essential your support is to ensure our children understand the importance of the subject.

Please complete the SchoolPing form if you would like to attend. It would be great to see you there.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 19th February - Children return to school
w/c Monday 19th February - 'Go Global Asia Week'
Thursday 22nd February - Donate Day (Information to follow)
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
Friday 8th March - 8:55am to 9:25am, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers invited to read with children
w/c Monday 11th March - Science Week
Tuesday 12th March - 8:55am to 9:45am, Science workshop for parents and carers (see poster above)
Thursday 14th March - 9:00am to 1:30pm, Under 9s Albion Cup (Mixed) in Lancing
Thursday 14th March - Parent consultations for all year groups
Friday 15th March - Science fair and Red Nose Day
Friday 15th March - Our student teachers finish their placement at Coombe Road

Wednesday 20th March - Parent consultations for all year groups
Thursday 21st March - Let's Dance at the Dome (rehearsal and performance)
Thursday 21st March - 9:00am to 1:30pm, Under 9s Albion Cup (Girls) in Lancing
Tuesday 26th March - 9:00am to 10:00am, ASC coffee morning (for parents and carers of children on a SSV pathway to diagnosis)
Tuesday 26th March - Year 1 & 2 trip to Stanmer Park to learn about living things and habitats
Tuesday 26th March - 2:30pm, KS2 Talent Show with KS2 parents and carers invited
Thursday 28th March - Easter Party
Thursday 28th March - Last day of school
Wednesday 17th April - 2:30pm to 3:15pm, Relationships and Sex Education curriculum consultation for parents
Thursday 18th April - 2:30pm (weather permitting), Reading Buddies Picnic with all parents and carers invited