



Science week was a huge success

What a half term!

This really has been an incredibly busy and exciting half term. Among other things we have had Science Week, World Book Day, Red Nose Day, a Dance at the Dome, sporting success, our first Talent Show in a long time and of the course the Easter Party.



Congratulations to Mia and Lyra for winning the competition to design the Sussex Dolphin Project logo.

I also want to say a huge thank you to so many of you because you have been doing so much reading with your children.

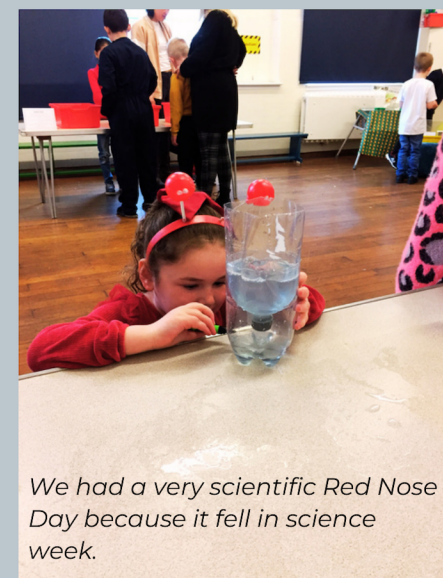
Every time a child reads at home and brings in a signed reading record they get a raffle ticket and we have got loads in the draw! Well done everyone.



It was a joy to see so many of you supporting our KS2 Talent Show. The children did really well.



Comic Relief



We had a very scientific Red Nose Day because it fell in science week.

Well done everyone for supporting Comic Relief. It was a fun day of dressing up and science.



THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO MILNER'S PANTRY - IT HAS BEEN REALLY APPRECIATED



Well done to all of our dancers for representing the school so well at the Brighton Dome.

'Let's Dance' at the Brighton Dome

Well done to our highly trained dance squad who represented the school at the Brighton Dome.

We also owe a huge thank you to Ms Watson for her hard work and choreography to enable the team to attend. It was an amazing evening and I'm sure that all the parents and carers who came along to watch had a terrific evening.

The team really did the school proud and some of our children showed immense courage in getting up onto the stage and performing for the first time.



Well done to our amazing comperes

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.

Talent Show

Mr Cappuccini and Mr Milsted were incredibly impressed by how many children wanted to take part in our KS2 Talent Show - it required bravery and determination.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to watch too! Well done to our two fabulous comperes: Poppy and Lola! We thoroughly enjoyed working with all our acts; they all deserve so much credit, so well done to Dulce, Hauwa, Bonnie J, Manuella and River; Mila, Domi, Ayana, Vega, Ava, Lexie and Juliette; Nyla, Alfie, Jacob, Asser, Lenny, Tyler and Phoenix.



There were a variety of acts



Thank you to our PTA for organising our Easter Party!

Easter Party

Well done and thank you to our fantastic PTA who organised the Easter Party.

There were amazing Easter eco-bonnets and the children had a lot of fun. The PTA also raised around £720 for the school!



Well done to our eco-bonnet winners.



The standard of bonnets was high!



The Talent Show acts were amazing!

You are amazing!



Support for our school continues to grow in our community and I am so grateful to everyone who has volunteered to improve our learning environment - Thank you!



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:

Lyla, Miylah, Herbie, Liliana, Reggie, Nyla, Ariyah, Phoebe, Sasha, Willow, Nathan, River, Jenson, Hauwa, Amelia, Oliver, Kasey-Joe, Diya, Charlie, Joe, Hanna, Vinnie, Harper, Arlo, Ethan, Ibrahim, Azaan and Isabella.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME - THEY WILL GET A RAFFLE TICKET



Well done to all of the children who helped run our science fair.

Mixed Football at Lancing

An absolutely FANTASTIC day was had at Lancing FC, as our Year 3/4 mixed team played a series of high-quality games against a range of schools across Brighton and Hove.

While our children found the standard to be incredibly high - and subsequently, results did not go our way - the behaviour and attitude of the team was second to none.

As a result, we became a fans' favourite - other schools were cheering us on and even chanting the names of our players! It was honestly one of Mr Milsted's best experiences of sport at Coombe Road, so huge congratulations go to Oliver, Benji, Domi, Reggie, Daniel, Elliot, Vega and Poppy.

Thanks also to Mrs Butler, who came and supported us.

PTA Summer Raffle

Throughout next term the PTA will be busy collecting donated prizes for the summer raffle.

If you know anyone or work for a business that might like to donate something (big or small), please contact Claire Clarke on:

secretary@coomberoadschoolpta.com

Or catch her in the playground at pick up!



Designers of the Future

Our years 4s have been designing clothing in the style of famous designers, like these Coco Chanel hats.



By the end of science week, our children looked like scientists!



Our science fair was child led



Our quarter finalists!

The Albion Cup

Taylor Swift's 'Shake It Off' was the battle cry on the team bus as our Girls' U9 footballers travelled to Lancing FC for the Albion Cup recently.

We shook off a 2-1 defeat to Goldstone by winning our next two games 3-0 and 2-0, respectively. We finished the group stages on the wrong side of a 1-0 scoreline to Coldean.

Our previous two wins were enough to see us through to a quarter-final showdown with Saltdean, a competitive game that we lost 2-0.

Well done to Sofia, Manuella, Lola, Ayana and our goal scorers: Vega (3), Lexie (1), Poppy (1) and Domi (1).

We are proud of you!

Boy's Football at Coldean

On Monday 4th March, our Year 3 and 4 footballers put in two battling, competitive displays against Coldean's teams.

It was a joy to watch Arlo and Theo make their Coombe Road debuts, alongside Benji, Reggie, Oliver, Elliot, Daniel and Buddy.

A special mention goes to Oliver for his eye-catching and whole-hearted goalkeeping display!



*Turtle Class
exploring nature*



Turtle Trip to Stanmer Park

Turtle Class went to Stanmer Park to learn about nature. They had a wonderful time and their attitude and behaviour was perfect.

We are very proud of you Turtle Class. Thank you to our parent volunteers too - it is good to have you.



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 3rd May, 8:55am to 9:25am.





Thank you to everyone who came to our Easter Party

Sensory Room

The sensory room is coming along nicely. Now, all newly decorated and carpeted, work has started to set it up.

Items kindly donated by parents will be used in the room which has an 'under the sea' theme.

Milner's Pantry

Thank you for your donations to our Milner's Pantry. Should you experience difficulties with providing food for your families and are unable to access a food bank in an emergency, please do let us know. We will be discreet and keep your requests confidential.

Please keep sending in donations if you can - dried and

tinned foods, cereals, shower gel, tooth paste, tooth brushes, nappies, pull ups, baby wipes, shampoo etc.

Thank you.



Well done to all of our Easter prize winners!

EASTER PARTY - THANK YOU!

On the last day of term, our wonderful staff and volunteers celebrated another fantastic term of learning with our Easter Disco.

The event was a success, raising approximately £720 for the school. The children had a ball and really embraced the eco-theme with their creations! Fun was had by children and adults alike, and it was fantastic to see so many pieces of eco headwear. Mr Scrase had a very difficult job in judging the bonnets, so every entrant was awarded a prize for the effort and ingenuity that went into their creations.

Huge thanks also go to Hobbycraft for prizes and to Laz at Saunders Park, who so generously donated a £40 voucher for a family lasagna.



PTA Chair's Challenge

At the start of 2024, as well as joining the Coombe Road PTA as Chair, the extraordinary and probably slightly crazy Katy Brown started a training journey with the aim of completing the epic trio of 3 long distance running races - the Brighton Half Marathon, the Brighton Marathon and finally, the incredibly challenging Race to the Sea - a 50km Ultra Marathon by May of this year.

Over the winter and spring months, she has run every chance she could - running through pouring rain, large amounts of mud, over the Downs in the dark, even to pick the children up from school. Once or twice, she even managed a couple of sunny runs!

Now that she has completed the first of her challenges, the Brighton Half Marathon, she has decided to set up a sponsorship page. All donations will go towards engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which supports the school and advances the education of our children.

If you wish to support and motivate this incredibly committed mum through the rest of her training runs, in preparation for her longer event, please feel free to donate via her Just Giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/katyscrazychallenge?utm_term=dNXDpJZZW

Wishing her the very best of luck with her incredible adventures!



EVENT INVITATIONS

COME TO OUR PARENTS & CARERS EVENTS

Outside Reading Buddies 'Picnic Style' Afternoon

Weather permitting, you are invited to come into school and read with your children on:

**Thursday 18th April from
2:30pm - 3:10pm.**

Although there will be no food, we will hold an outside 'picnic style' reading event where you can come and read with your children in the playground.

Fingers crossed for sunshine!

Relationships and Sex Education Consultation Event

We have had to amend the date since the last newsletter but you are all welcome to attend our annual consultation event on:

**Tuesday 23rd April from
8.55am - 9.45am.**

You will have the opportunity to see and share your views on our curriculum and resources before the subject is taught.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 15th April - Children return to school

Thursday 18th April - 2:30pm (weather permitting), Reading Buddies 'Picnic Style' afternoon with all parents and carers invited

Tuesday 23rd April - 8:55pm to 9:45am, Relationships and Sex Education curriculum consultation for parents

Friday 26th April - Coffee morning for parents of children with ASC or who are on the pathway to diagnosis (Details to follow)

Thursday 2nd May - Donate Day (Details to follow)

Friday 3rd May - 8:55am to 9:25am, EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 reading with parents and carers

Wednesday 8th May - Reception trip to Blackberry Farm

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May - Year 6 SATs week

Friday 24th May - Last day of school before half-term