



CRS CHAT

Keeping you up to date with life at
Coombe Road Primary School

Smooth Moves!



Year 3 enjoying making
smoothies with
Bike-it Lucy.

Broadening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

February 2017

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Last day of Half
Term this Friday, 10th
February.
Return to school on
Monday, 20th
February.

Fabulous February

It has been a joy to see the children performing in their Class Assemblies, and thank you to those of you who have been able to come along and support. We still have a number of classes to complete theirs, so make sure you check the diary!

Many of you have asked me if Ofsted have visited yet and I thank you for your support and care. We are due for inspection any day – and I will certainly let you know when this happens (I get a phone call the day before the inspection). You will receive a letter and I will also ask Emma to text you all so that you are all aware.

Mrs V Phillips
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Year 4 Adopt a Chef!



Sky Class loved working with their very own Chef who taught them a variety of culinary skills. I wonder if any of our Year 4s aspire to be a Chef themselves one day...

It is always so great to receive good news about our wonderful children (I sometimes think, as a society, we all forget to talk about the good!) Here's a message regarding our Year 4 children and our hard-working, passionate teachers:

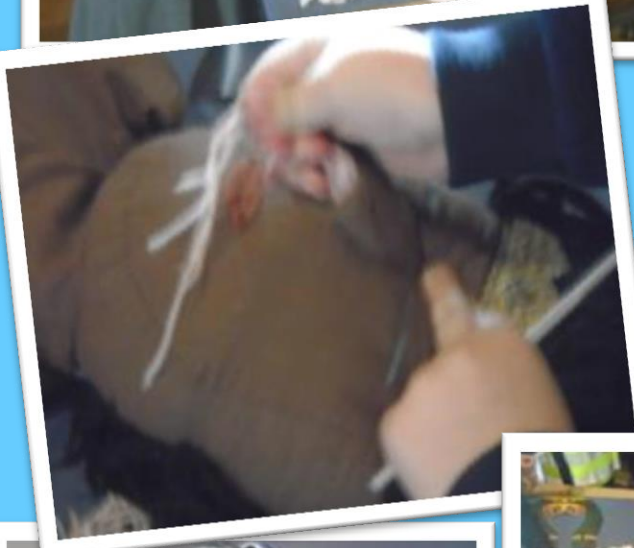
Sending you an email to say how well the Egyptian mummification sessions were today. I had two year 4 classes from Coombe Rd Primary School. They were a real credit to their school and families. They listened to me and to their teachers. I was really impressed with how interested they were and how much that they already knew about the Ancient Egyptians.

A lovely school that I hope come again. I know that the teachers are always very proud of their pupils, but I'm sure today they were especially pleased with them. They made my job very enjoyable.

Best Wishes,

Karen Antoni

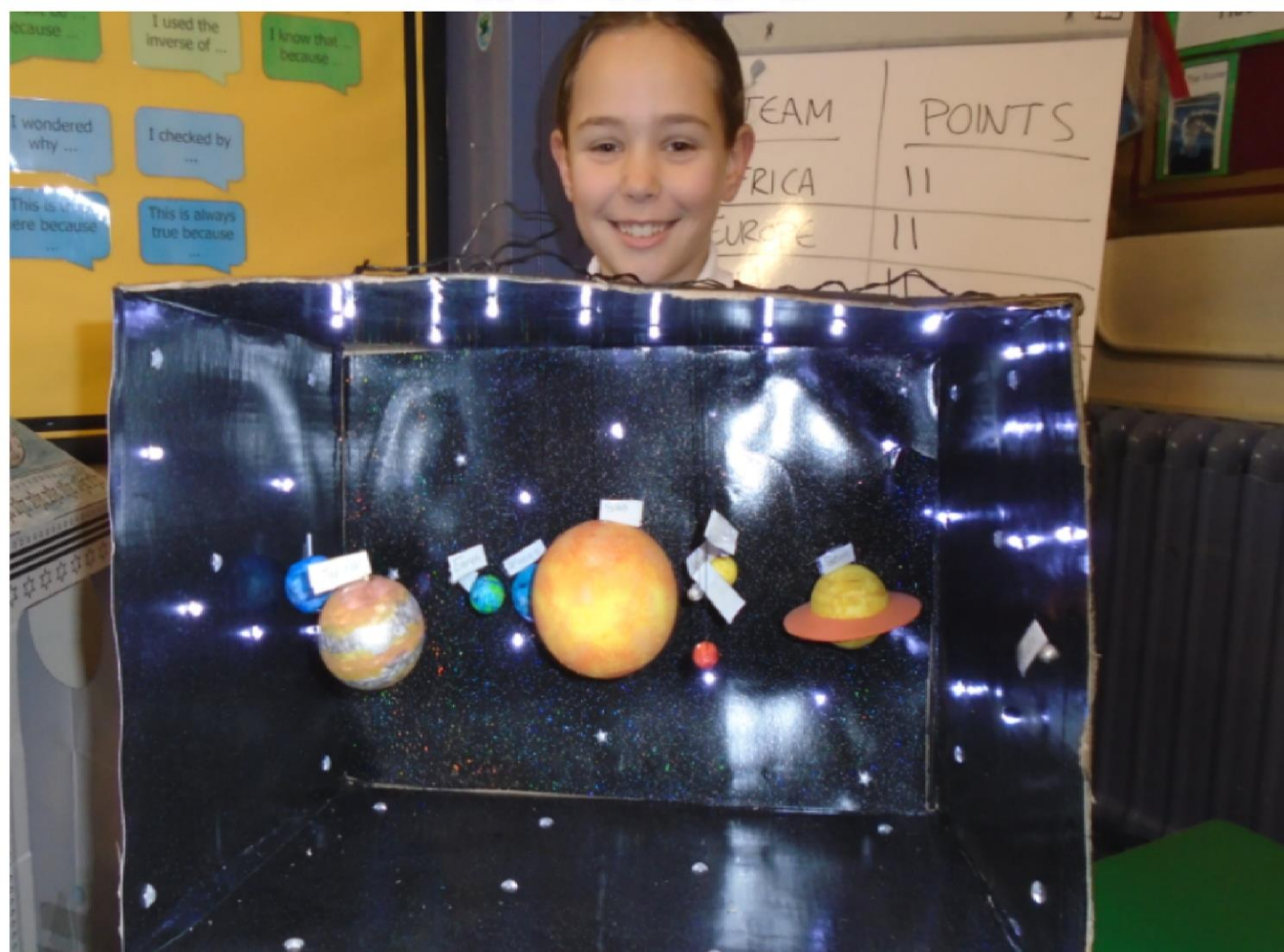
(Brighton Museum)



Year 4

On Tuesday 17th January, Sapphire and Sky Classes had a brilliant educational visit to Brighton Museum where we took part in a mummification workshop! It was a very hands-on experience and the children enjoyed it greatly. As one child commented, "It's amazing, disgusting and fascinating learning about Ancient Egyptian mummification!"

YEAR 5



The teachers in Indigo Class, Mr Gyurkovits, Mrs Mechen, Mrs Stanton and Mrs J Allen were thrilled with the fantastic efforts the children took with their homework. Here's Ellie with her model of the solar system – complete with twinkly stars. Well done Ellie and all the super stars in Year 5! I am so very proud of each and every one of you!

(Don't forget Homework Grids can be found on the website if your child has mislaid theirs...)

Gifts for the Homeless

Thank you to all of the school community who made a 'box' to be given over Christmas to the much-needed homeless in our City – and an even bigger thanks to Sid and his mum, Deirdre, for all their hard work in organising this.



The boxes were handed out at the Steine, along with donated clothes, hot food and bedding. They were gratefully received with many recipients saying it made a difference to know people were thinking about them. There were a few boxes left over, so Sid and his mum kindly went on to the streets to hand them out. What wonderful role models to us all! Thank you so much Sid and Deirdre! We are so proud to have you in our community.



The whole school got the chance to make smoothies by cycling! They had to work hard to power a blender on the back of a bike and, by the end, they had produced a yummy fruit smoothie.

Thank you to Bike it Lucy who bought all the food and equipment in for the children to benefit from this great workshop.

Mrs Blackburn.



Level 1 & Level 2 CYCLE TRAINING



at Preston Park
and Hove Park

Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.

Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

Places are limited and on a first come first served basis. For more details and to make a booking, please contact:

Emily Tester, Cyclist Training and School Crossing Patrol Manager on 01273 293847

10am – 12.30pm
Monday 13 to
Thursday 16 February

Ages 9 – 14



Level 3 CYCLE TRAINING



at Preston Park
and Hove Park

Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Places are limited and on a first come first served basis. For more details and to make a booking, please contact:

Emily Tester, Cyclist Training and School Crossing Patrol Manager on 01273 293847

1pm – 3pm each day

Monday 13 to
Wednesday 15 February

Ages 11–14



Parent/Carer Survey

Please go to:

<https://www.seplus.org/school/survey/15161.html>

And let us know your views on Coombe Road Primary School.



EJ's If It Shop



Now the Christmas period is over, we would ask if you were given any presents (unused!) that you now feel you do not want ~ please, please pop them in to us, we can use them for prizes in fund raising for the future!

We are still looking for old, unlocked or 'Network 3' mobile phones that we can use as emergency phones for trips. If you have one and can donate it, we would really appreciate it.

Items to purchase in the shop include:

Water and Sparkling water	~	50p a bottle
Raisins	~	10p
Fresh fruit	~	20p
House Badges	~	10p
Book bags & P.E. Bags	~	£5.00
Birthday Cards	~	£1.00
Valentine Cards	~	50p
DVDs	~	£1.00
Pre-loved uniform	~	50p & £1.00

Coming soon.....Mothers' Day cards ~ 50p

We hope the children are enjoying the new grassed areas and our new fairy garden that is taking shape in memory of our much loved Debbie Harmon. All profits go to our fund raising, so please pop by and take a look!!!

Jean & Emma
School Office

Where's Emma & Jean?



Emma and Jean have created a lovely Fairy Garden in memory of Debbie (Mrs Hamon), who loved everything to do with fairies and woodland creatures.

We also have a beautiful bench for you sit on (when the sun starts shining!)

If you haven't seen them yet, take a look by our main entrance in Milner Road.

Thanks so much to Emma and Jean who work tirelessly to raise much needed funds for our school.

Absences

Please ensure that you call the school by 09:00 if your child is absent from school. Please do not use Class Dojo for these messages. You must then call every day they are absent by 09:00.

Remember that we are able to administer Calpol or other medicines, with your consent, so that your child can be in school and learning.

Attendance below 95% is worrying so please work with us to ensure your child is in school every day.



Crossing Patrol

The Crossing Lady on Coombe Road is an employee of Brighton and Hove Council. Unfortunately, she is still absent so please remember to take extra care when crossing this busy road – or enter via Milner Road which is much quieter.



Emergency Contacts

A number of our emergency contacts are out of date. Please make sure that you let Emma know if your details have changed. It causes a lot of stress to your children when we cannot get hold of you in an emergency.

In the event of heavy snow, we may need to make a decision to close the school. This decision will be based on whether we can all safely get to school, particularly teachers travelling from all over Sussex. You will be notified by text – and we will also contact local radio stations. We will always do our very best to keep the school open.

Let's hope Spring arrives very soon!



Double Parking



Please, please, please – for the sake of our wonderful children - DO NOT DOUBLE PARK.

Many cars are parking even on double-yellow lines on Mafeking Road.



Safer Internet Day
2017 | Tuesday
7 February
www.saferinternetday.org
European Commission | **insafe**



Many of our children cross at this junction and double-parking makes this incredibly dangerous.

Please be a responsible parker and support our school.

★ Did you know children aged 5 – 16.....?★

- Spend an average of 6½ hours a day in front of a screen
- Teenage boys spend the longest, with an average of 8 hours a day
- Eight-year-old girls spend the least – 3½ hours a day
- Ownership of tablets has gone up by 50% in the last year
- 66% of children now own a smart phone, 67% a tablet
- Three in four children (73%) can now access the internet in their room
- The average amount of screen time is 2 hours on the internet, 2.3 hours of TV and 1.2 hours of gaming

"It rots the senses in the head!
It kills imagination dead!
It clogs and clutters up the mind!
It makes a child so dull and blind!
His brain becomes as soft as cheese!
His powers of thinking rust and freeze!"

Road Dahl on the dangers of TV, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

CRS Governor Spotlight

This is a message from Peter Freeman:

I am Chair of the school's Resources Committee, where Governors agree the school's budget and the levels of staffing.



My children went to Stanford Infant and Junior Schools, where I was a Governor for over 20 years. I now chair the Governors at BHASVIC and am a member of the Schools' Forum where the Council sets the formula for distributing Government money to schools.

Key roles of governors:

- To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- To hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff;
- To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

They also carry out a number of other important duties, which include:

- Determining how the school's budget is spent;
- The appointing and dismissing of staff;
- Hearing appeals and grievances;
- Forming policy on the school's curriculum;
- Setting standards for pupils' behaviour and discipline;
- Making sure school buildings are welcoming and safe;
- Setting and monitoring the school's aims and policies .



Attendance News

We cannot authorise holidays unless there are EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. If you take your child out of school at term time, you are at risk of being fined by the Local Authority (starting at £60 per parent per child). Please book holidays OUT of term time to avoid this. Guidance from the Council HAS NOT CHANGED.



Winners



04/01-06/01	Sunflower Class	98.7%
	Emerald Class	100%
09/01-13/01	Buttercup Class	97.8%
	Jade Class	100%
16/01-20/01	Buttercup Class	97.0%
	Sky Class	98.1%
23/01-27/01	Sunflower Class	96.8%
	Jade Class	97.1%



Current Attendance: 95.6%



National Figure = 96%

Under the terms of the Education Act 1996, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child attends school regularly and punctually. Failure to do so may lead to legal proceedings being taken against you by the Local Authority.

365 days in each year

175 non school days a year					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 School days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence Half a term missed	38 days absence	47 days absence
	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
	GOOD Best chance of success Gets your child off to a flying start	WORRYING Less chance of success Makes it harder to progress		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Court action	



Buddies After-School Club

'Class of Their Own' are no longer offering a pick-up service from Coombe Road Primary School.

Therefore, we are so thrilled to be able to introduce our own After-School Club, Buddies, which will begin after half term.

Sessions cost £12 and run from 15:00-17:30 every day. Children will receive a small meal. Pick-up will be the bottom gate in Milner Road (same as Breakfast Club).

If you would like to book your child into Buddies, please do so through the Office (same system as Breakfast Club).

If your child would like to take part in one of our other After-School (curriculum related) Clubs, this will be charged separately to the £12 fee for Buddies.

As the Office closes at 16:00, there will be a separate telephone number for Buddies in case of emergency. This will be given to you when you book – or you can request it or find it on the website.



Mrs Evans and Miss Bassett will be in charge of Buddies.
They are both Paediatric First-Aiders.





Talk to us!



Coombe Road recently took part in an Equalities and Anti-Bullying Review. Part of this Review involved interviews of children. I was so happy to hear that children feel safe at Coombe Road Primary School and know who to speak to if they are worried about anything. They also spoke about how friendship issues get resolved very quickly and how the behaviour of our children is good because we 'respect each other, no matter what our differences are.'

Types of bullying/prejudice incidents that happen in schools are:

- Disability/Special Educational Need/Medical Condition
- Ethnicity/Race (Racism)
- Gender Identity (Transphobia)
- Gender (Sexism)
- Home Circumstances
- Physical/Appearance
- Religion/Belief
- Sexual Orientation (Homophobia)

Sometimes children use language without meaning to be unkind such as, 'you need to man-up' (sexist) or 'you can't wear that! You're a boy' (transphobia/sexist). It is up to us, as adults, to educate them and ensure they are aware of when the words they use are not acceptable because they can hurt another person's feelings. We celebrate all our children as individuals, no matter if they are different to us.

If you are worried or concerned about the safety and wellbeing of your child or if you are worried about bullying, please come and speak to any member of staff. You can also email admin@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Further advice can be found on our website.

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Dates for the Diary #1

Please remember that all dates are given in good faith and are subject to change due to the busy nature of school life. For all the up-to-date calendar entries, please visit our school website www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Date	Time	For	Details
Mon 06/02/17	09:00-09:15	Parents/Carers of Jade Class (Yr3)	Class Assembly in Junior Hall
Tues 07/02/17	School Day	Yr3 and Yr4	Make a Change Project – Albion in the Community
Tues 07/02/17	School Day	Whole School	Governor Day: A selection of Governors will be spending time with us at Coombe Road.
Wed 08/02/17	15:10-16:00	Yr6 Parents/Carers	End of KS2 SATS Meeting: Hear about what to expect in May – and buy Revision Packs.
Thurs 09/02/17	School Day	Amethyst (Yr6)	Educational Visit to MOD Pizza

HALF TERM HOLIDAY 13/02/17-17/02/17

Mon 27/02/17	09:00-09:15	Parents/Carers of Sky Class (Yr4)	Class Assembly in Junior Hall
Mon 27/02-03/03/17	School Day	Whole School	Round the World Educational Project
Wed 01/03/17	08:30-16:00	Indigo Class (Yr5)	Educational Trip to Greenwich
Thurs 02/03/17	School Day	Whole School	World Book Day: Come to school dressed as your favourite book character to celebrate this special day.
Mon 06/03/17	09:00-09:15	Parents/Carers of Buttercup Class (Yr1)	Class Assembly in Junior Hall
Thurs 09/03/17	12:00-13:00	Year 5/6 Selected	Hi Five Netball Tournament
Mon 13/03/17	09:00-09:15	Parents/Carers of Emerald Class	Class Assembly in Junior Hall
Fri 17/03/17	School Day	Sky & Sapphire Classes (Yr4)	Possible Educational Visit: Teachers will send further information.

Dates for the Diary #2

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Date	Time	For	Details
Mon 20/03/17	09:00-09:15	Parents/Carers of Red Class (R)	Class Assembly in Junior Hall
Mon 20/03/17	18:00-20:30	Dome Dancers & Ticket Holders	Let's Dance @ The Brighton Dome
Tues 21/03/17	School Day	Yr3 and Yr4	Make a Change Project – Albion in the Community
Wed 22/03 & Thurs 23/03/17	15:00-18:00	Parents/Carers by appointment	Parent Consultations
Fri 24/03/17	School Day	Whole School	Comic Relief Day: Dress in theme of Comic Relief (bring £1 donation)
Mon 27/03/17	09:00-09:15	Parents/Carers of Sapphire Class (Yr4)	Class Assembly in Junior Hall
Fri 07/04/17	School Day	Whole School	Mufti Day: Bring £1 to wear home clothes.

EASTER HOLIDAYS Mon 10/04/17 – Fri 21/04/17
Return to School Mon 24/04/17

COMMENT SLIP (Feb)

Name of child & class (optional):
