



CRS CHAT

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

Dome Dancers!



Broadening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

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Important Notice

This is our FINAL paper copy of the Newsletter – please make sure you have signed up for electronic copies through our website (reminder of how to do this is overleaf)

**BACK TO SCHOOL on
Monday, 24th April**

Amazing April

Our children have had so much fun throughout March and I was SO proud of our Dome Dancers. I hope you will enjoy reading all about the events throughout this Newsletter. It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of our Spring Term!

When we return, Year 6 and Year 2 will be busy preparing for end of year assessments. It is so important that your child has the best chance to succeed, so please ensure that they are in school on time. KS2 Assessments for Year 6 will be the third week back (beginning Monday, 8th May). KS1 will be more low-key and you will receive a letter from Mrs Austin with details nearer the time.

I continue to firmly believe that children are much more than just a test and I will continue to tell them this message and ensure these weeks are as stress-free as possible.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday!

Mrs V Phillips

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Paperless Newsletters

A reminder that the May Newsletter will be sent as an electronic copy through our school website. Make sure you sign up on the website so that you don't miss out!

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up and are receiving your copy via email. This saves a HUGE amount of paper and printing costs and is so much better for the environment (suggested by our Eco Council).

Signing up is easy. Go to www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk and click on 'Home'

We will no longer be sending paper copies from May (but will have a number available from Emma in the School Office).



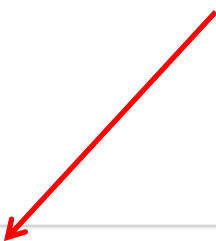
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Scroll down, past the Headteacher's Message and you will see the sign-up box at the bottom. Fill in your details and submit.

Subscribe to our newsletter and keep up with the latest news and events.

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Dome Dancers

Well...Coombe Road School Community did not let us down at The Brighton Dome when 40 of our children performed on stage! Thank you to all those who attended and cheered our wonderful children on – I think we were the loudest there!! I am awaiting photographs of the rehearsals at The Dome which I will add to the website and frame around the school as soon as they arrive. They all looked fabulous (if not a little scary...) Many, many thanks to Mrs Austin, Ms Watson and Mrs Nicholson who gave up their own time to choreograph the dance and ensure the children looked fabulous. Well done to ALL the children who took part. I know I have said it over and over again but I really am SO PROUD of you all!

Able Writers

Children selected from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in an Able-Writers Workshop at Hertford Junior School with the author, Mr Alan Durant.

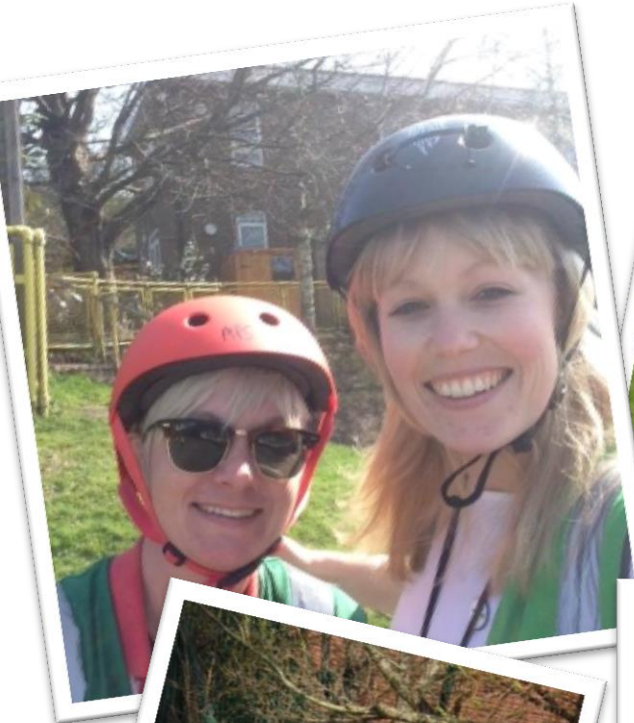
They had a fantastic day and have learnt a great deal about how to improve their writing.

If you would like to learn more about Alan Durant, visit his website:

<http://www.alandurant.co.uk/>

Bike It Day

The children and staff had a wonderful day at Moulsecoombe, who kindly allowed us to use their cycle track. Many thanks to Mr Milsted and Mrs Blackburn for organising this with Sustrans and Bike-it Lucy – and, of course, a huge thanks to Moulsecoomb Primary School.





Bike It Day

The children were lucky enough to get the chance to have a bike session at Moulsecoomb school. It was an incredible experience for them all with some children learning how to ride for the first time and completing a challenging obstacle course - one I struggled to get around! All the teachers were incredibly proud to see the children giving it their all.

Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting us with ensuring this fantastic trip could go ahead. I hope the children had fun telling you all about it. Thank you also to Sustran and Moulsecoomb for running it for us. Let's all get biking more often!

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Children's Parade



Many thanks to Ms Folley, our Art Leader, who is leading The Children's Parade 'Big Make'. The Children's Parade launches the Brighton and Hove Festival. Our theme is 'Upon the Snail' by John Bunyan. The Big Make is looking fantastic and I would like to express my sincere thanks to Ms Folley, Mrs J Allen and Mrs Hardman who have spent a lot of their spare time ensuring our part of the Parade will look wonderful. I would also like to thank Sally Barratt (Esther's Mum) who has given up her spare time to help, and Graham (Learning Mentor) and Mrs Stanton (Year 5) who have added their artistic expertise.

Please add the date to your diary – **Saturday, 6th May** – and sign up for attendance if you haven't already.

I cannot wait! 😊



Science Week

Thank you so much to everyone for your support and enthusiasm during Science Week in March. The week came to a crescendo on the Friday with our magnificent Science Fair and wow, what an event that was! We had children dressed as scientists, making marble runs, lava lamps and even lemonade. There was much enjoyment following mazes using magnets and paper clips and let's not forget our Coombe Road tadpoles. We have relaunched science across the school and two "scientists" from each class will meet with me once a fortnight to share ideas and celebrate our learning.

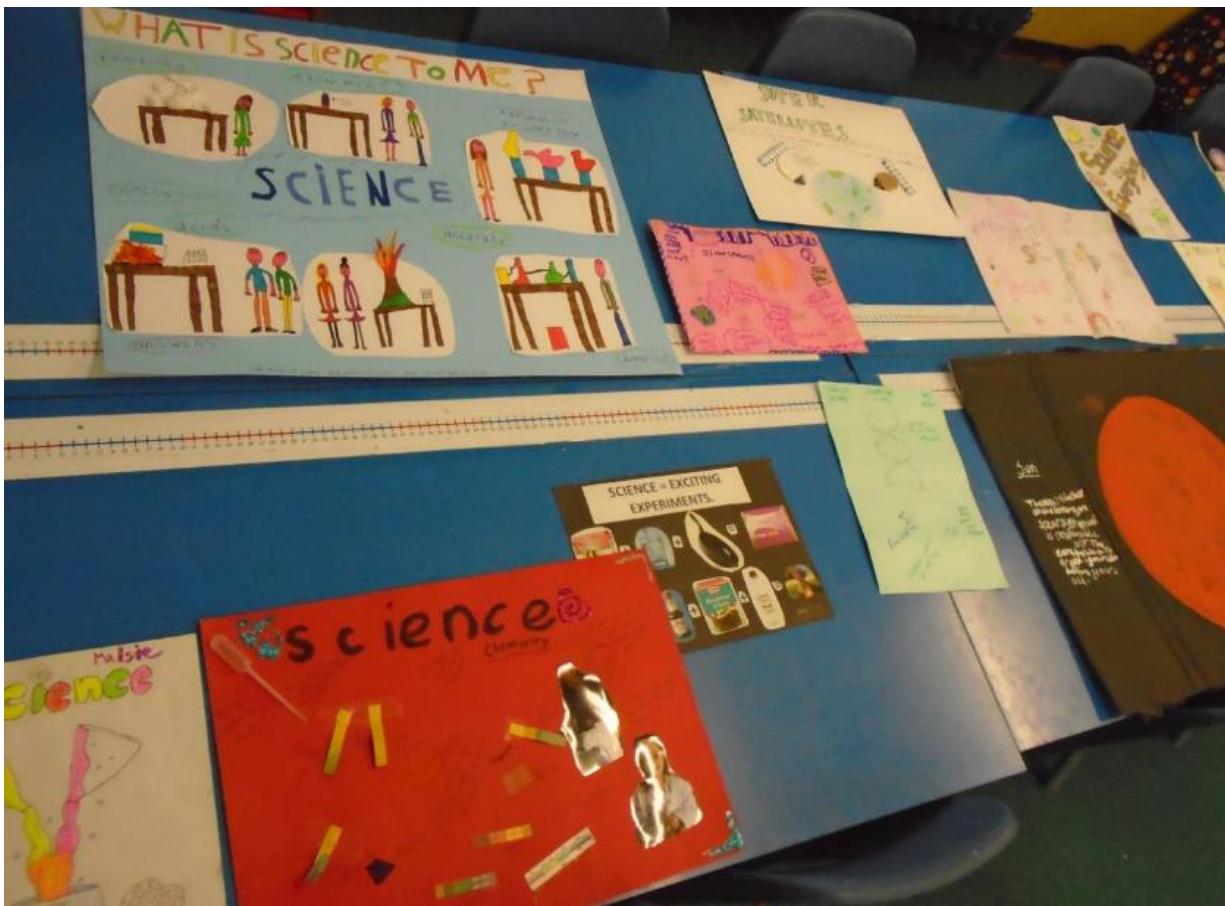
Mrs J Austin (Yr2 Teacher & Science Lead)



More photos on our website...



Some of our fantastic Science Posters

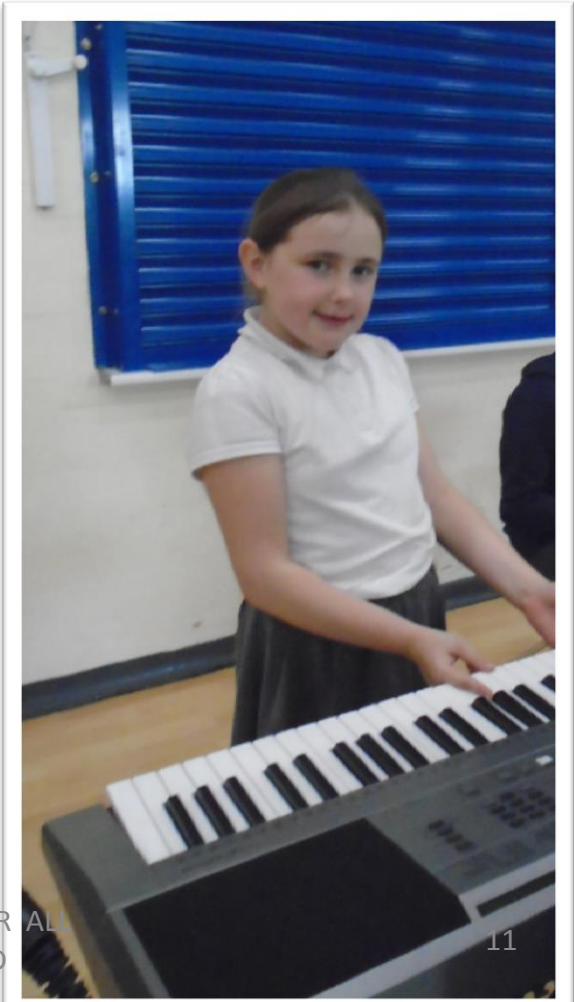


Rocksteady Concert

What a treat to have our very own Rock Concert last week. I don't think there was a dry eye in the hall! All the teachers and parents are SO proud of your achievements! Keep Rockin' ...



More photos on
our website



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If you would like your child to participate in Rocksteady next term, please ask for a letter from Emma in the Office.

Welcome



Hi, my name is Miss Balch and I'm currently working in Sunflowers with Mrs Austin until mid June. I am in my third year at Brighton University studying Primary Education. I have always wanted to be a teacher so I can't wait to be qualified! Here are some things you might not know about me: I have played the guitar since I was 12, my favourite colour is green and my favourite flavour ice cream is Banoffee Pie! It's great to be at Coombe Road and I hope you have a great Easter break.

It's great to be back at Coombe Road and working again with Buttercup Class and Ms Watson!
Miss Vermeulen



Mrs Langham has already been in school teaching Sapphire Class this week.

We very much look forward to her joining us full-time after Easter.





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



06/03-10/03/2017	Sunflower Class	98.4%
	Sapphire Class	100%
13/03-17/03/2017	Red Class	97.8%
	Indigo Class	96.8%
20/03-24/03/2017	Buttercup Class	96.7%
	Sky Class	99.4%



Current Attendance: 95.7%

National Figure = 96%



Congratulations!

Well done to Buttercup Class, Emerald Class & Indigo Class who had the best attendance for Spring Term and celebrated with a DVD and popcorn afternoon in class.

We will be drawing prizes out of the Golden Hat after Easter for children who achieved 100% in any week during the Spring Term.

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%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	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	



WANTED



Lego, dolls, action figures, cars, games and puzzles for
Breakfast Club, Lunch Clubs and Buddies.
Please leave at the school office.
Many thanks ☺



Comic Relief

We raised a total of
£308

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Talk to us!



Thank you to those adults who continue to be good role models to our children. Children look up to adults and it is therefore very important to behave in a respectful manner, even outside the school gates. Aggressive language and behaviour, and swearing is not acceptable. Our children feel safe at Coombe Road and I will continue to do everything I can to ensure they always feel this way.

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)

It is up to us, as adults, to educate our children and ensure they do not hear unkind or aggressive language. As adults, we should model the behaviour we wish our children to use.

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

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE GOOD ROLE MODELS TO OUR CHILDREN.

Further advice can be found on our website. There is also a new section about Health and Wellbeing – www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk



**Thinking of sending your little one to Pre-School?
Don't be disappointed we now have spaces available
for September 2017**

We are now taking children's names for our waiting list,
spaces are available from September 2017. We offer
spaces to children 2-5 years. We will also be offering up to
30hrs of free funded places to eligible 2&3&4 year olds.

For more information please visit the Pre-School or call us
on 07722074841.



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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
EASTER HOLIDAYS Mon 10/04/17 – Fri 21/04/17 Return to School Mon 24/04/17			
24/04/2017	School Day	Whole School	Stunning Start for all classes this week (you will have received a separate letter from teachers)
01/05/2017	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY		
02/05/2017		New Reception Parents/Carers	Closing Date to accept Primary School Place
05/05/2017	10:00	Indigo Class (Yr5)	Swimming Starts for Year 5 (a separate letter with details will be sent)
08/05-12/05	Mornings	Amethyst Class (Yr 6)	End of KS2 Assessment Week. Please make sure your child is in school ALL WEEK.
08/05/2017	School Day	Indigo Class (Yr5)	Trip to BACA

COMMENT SLIP (April)

Name of child & class (optional):
