



*Poppy Class on their RE trip to St Martin's Church*

## Our inspection feedback

As I'm sure you have all seen, our Ofsted inspection report is now available on our website and the Ofsted website.

The report commented that: "Pupils happily attend this inclusive school. They show joy in their lessons and talk about what they know with enthusiasm."

We're thrilled that Ofsted recognise the hard work, ambition and dedication of everyone involved in our school community. I would like to thank all the children, parents, staff and governors for their continued support and dedication to the school. As acknowledged in the report, we take pride in our inclusive and caring ethos alongside our belief that every child deserves to succeed and reach their full potential.



The inspector also found a culture of mutual respect and warmth throughout the school.



## May - Polling station

Please remember that Coombe Road Primary School will no longer be a polling station because it has moved to the Community Room at Student Castle. This means that the school will be fully open on Thursday 4th May.



## Neil Sutherland

I want to take this opportunity to thank Neil Sutherland lettings and sales agents for their continued support of the school. They have been generous over the years by financially supporting our fairs and events, and helping us to buy sports kits.



*Poppy Class loved learning about the parts of the church.*

## St Martin's Church Trip

A school priority for us this term has been to enrich our curriculum with more experiences in the local area, including visits to local religious institutions.

Poppy Class were very excited to bring their Religious Education lessons to life by visiting St Martin's Church. They were incredibly curious and asked lots of questions.





## Celebrating World Book Day



### World Book Day

Once again, we celebrated World Book Day in style. The children enjoyed learning about different authors and seeing each other dressed up as characters from their favourite books.



We had a range of book characters and held a special assembly.



### Easter Party

The Easter Party was a huge success. Thank you to our PTA, volunteers and staff for not just organising it but going to so much effort to bake cakes, ask for voluntary contributions from local businesses and running the party itself. Collectively you raised £880 for the school! Thank you and well done.



*Well done and thank you to our playground buddies*

### Playground Buddies

We value the role our children have to play in school life and our playground buddies are fantastic role models. Among other things, they help to include all children in playground games and make playtimes fun for all.

To thank them for their hard work, we have had a playground buddy party this term - thank you playground buddies.







*Year 2 Visit to Lewes Castle*



*Children also explored sculptures*

## Science Week

The school has had a focus week on science which culminated in a science fair for the whole school.

Through different activities, the children learnt about a range of scientific concepts, including forces.



*Making helicopters*

Children made helicopters and planes to see how they fly but making Newtonian fluids got a bit messy! Everyone enjoyed having a go though.



*Caught blue handed!*

During the day, the children also learnt about different scientists and undertook a series of scientific challenges.



*Witnessing a chemical reaction*

Children explored finding answers to the challenge questions.



*One of the gravity challenges.*

## Trip to Lewes

Year 2 have been studying castles with the theme of 'Once upon a time'. To enrich their learning, they enjoyed a beautiful sunny day in Lewes.

Having had the excitement of catching a train, they used maps to find the castle and saw several of the historic sites in the local area.

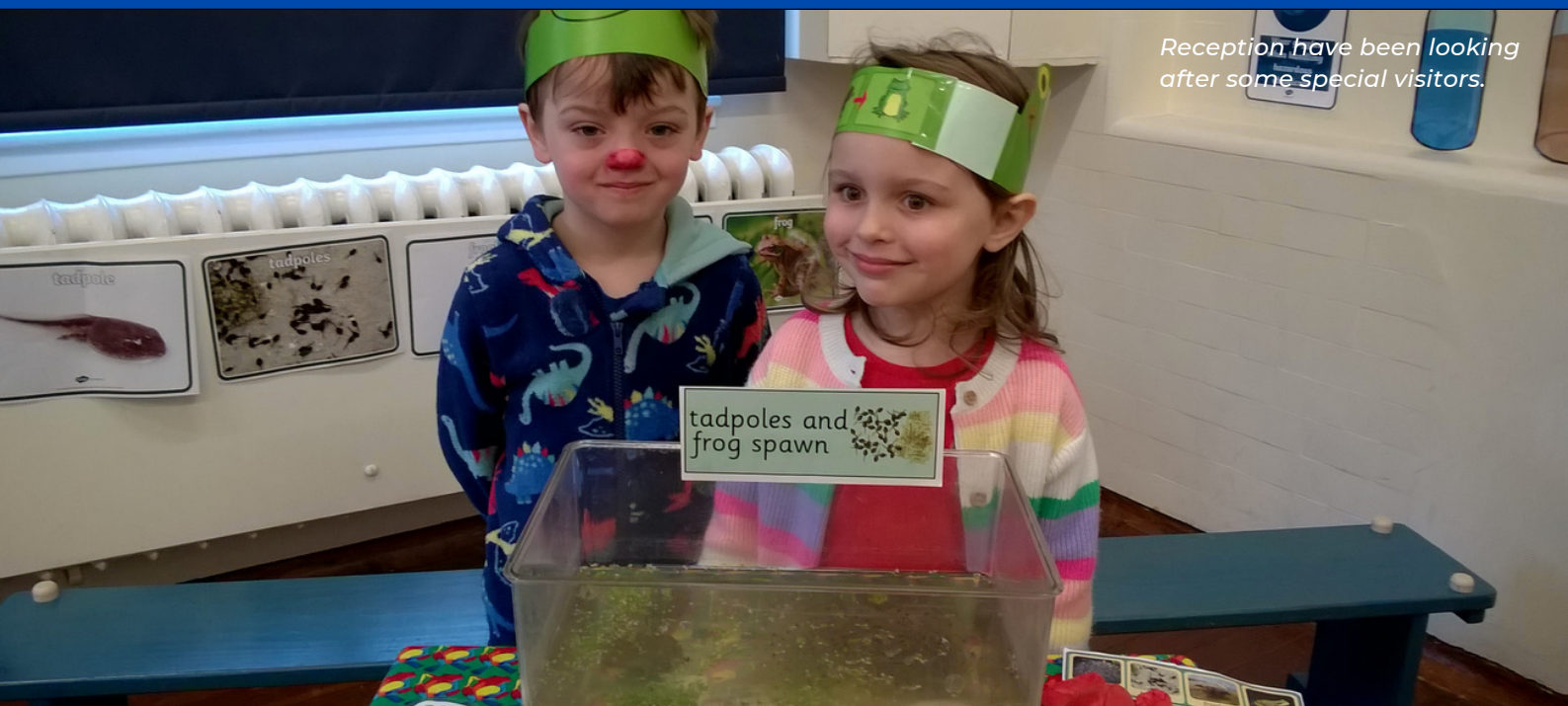


*Lunch outside is always fun*

The children have been learning about knights and castles, so the trip brought to life names that they had come across, like Simon de Montford and William the Conqueror. They particularly enjoyed learning about the Battle of Lewes in 1264!







Reception have been looking after some special visitors.

### Frogspawn

Poppy Class have been learning about the natural world around them and have been lucky enough to have had frogspawn in their classroom! They are now taking care of tadpoles and showed them off to the rest of the school at the science fair.

### Comic Relief



Red Nose Day fell on the same day as our science fair this year, so we had a lot of children dressed in red, children dressed as scientists and children wearing onesies with red noses.

Thank you for supporting such a good cause and helping us to have a fun day too!



### Award



It's taken a little time to get us all together but well done to Preston for collecting his award for winning the Christmas Card competition.

The organisers had a lot of entries but Preston's stood out and was made into a real card which people could send!

### Shoes for PE

Please help us by ensuring that your child has suitable footwear on PE days.

## GOLDEN PUPILS THIS HALF TERM

Golden Pupils are selected each week by their teachers for demonstrating the school values of commitment, opportunity, respect and excellence. 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:

Maisie, Liliana, Bella, Natalia, Harry T, Charlie, Kyran, Basma, Atlantis, Madison, Nyla, Harry W, Anna, Ollie, Ruby, Juliette, Panka, Ibrahim, Hauwa, Sara, Robin, Isabella, Preston, Alfie, Regan, William, Phoenix, Rowen and Mila.



Our netball squad



## Netball

A massive well done to Finlay B, Abubakar, Lenny, Finley T and Tyler in Amethyst Class who played a well-natured yet competitive friendly match against local school Bevendean Primary School.

We are very proud of the effort you put in and the way that you demonstrated the school values.

## Unity Cup Football

Our year 4, 5 and 6 team took part in a local football tournament, playing games against Coldean and Bevendean. Oscar M and Buddy G both scored as Coombe Road managed to win one and draw one game - a valiant effort! Congratulations also to Nayim H, Regan, Louie, Erik, Finlay B, Abubakar and Lenny.



Our Unity Cup team

## Upcoming sports events (Subject to change)

**Tuesday 25th April**  
Year 3&4 Football at Bevendean

**Thursday 27th April**  
Year 3&4 Tag Rugby at Hove Rugby Club

**Thursday 4th May**  
Year 3&4 Basketball at Bevendean

**Tuesday 9th May**  
Year 3&4 Tri Golf at Blatchington Mill

**Monday 22nd May**  
Year 5&6 Netball at Bevendean



The famous Mr O'Connor half-time team talk.

## Cricket at BACA

A team of girls from Emerald and Indigo Class took part in a local cricket festival, hosted by BACA.

It was an excellent opportunity to learn and refine skills whilst having fun in a non-competitive environment.

Unfortunately our camera failed so we have no pictures but well done to Poppy, Dominika, Ayana, Nyla, Juliana, Vega and Lexie for their effort and determination - your cricket skills are really developing. We have high hopes for the future.

## Albion Cup

It was such a pleasure to see 16 children from Emerald and Indigo Class travel to the Elite Player Development Centre in Lancing to take part in the Albion Cup! This was a really big event for these young children to be involved in and they conducted themselves with grace, humility and determination. For many of these children, it was the first time they had played a competitive game of football, and the improvements they made in one day are staggering - we hope they continue to play and become





Our athletics squad at BACA

regular participants in the school football teams!

HUGE congratulations to the following children who took part: Benjamin, Elliot, Daniel, Lexie, Louie, Buddy, Juliana, Luca, Poppy, Lola, Vega, Dominika, Madison, Ayana, Nyla and Panka.

### School Games Indoor Athletics

A team of Coombe Road athletes took part in the School Games Indoor Athletics Tournament at BACA.

Despite being the smallest school there, our children demonstrated sporting excellence through their effort and determination to succeed, as well as their impressive skillset, finishing in fifth place on the day.

All the children represented the

school with passion, respect and humility - we all had a fantastic afternoon. Our congratulations go to Panka, Shalia, Abubakar, Nayim, Lenny, Louie, Finley T, Farah, Oliver, Oscar and Finlay B.

An extra special mention goes to Shalia in Amethyst Class who won the coveted Determination Award, taking home a certificate and T-shirt. We are so proud of you, Shaila!



### Reading at home



Please remember to read regularly with your child at home and write in their reading journals.

The sounds which your children are currently learning in class are now inside the KS1 reading journal books, so you can help practise them at home.

### Sensitive parking

To keep everyone safe, please be mindful of how you are parking when dropping your children off.

### AMETHYST CLASS GO 'INTO UNIVERSITY'



Amethyst Class have been working with a local charity called 'IntoUniversity' to learn about life at university.

They spent the week learning about role models from a range of diverse backgrounds and then went to Sussex University to experience a graduation.







Amethyst Class have been creating textured feathers using roller printing



## Feathers

In art, Amethyst Class have been studying feathers. They began by studying and sketching the feathers and then used these to create tiles to print the image. The results look amazing!

## Diversity

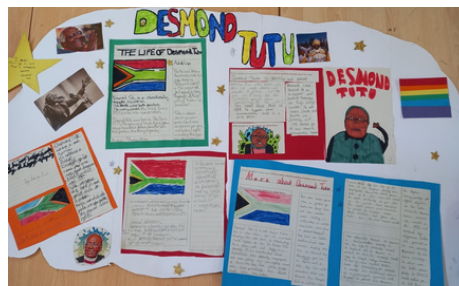


Amethyst have been studying role models

The children in Amethyst Class have been working with 'IntoUniversity' to learn about a range of role models from around the world.

They researched these amazing people, discussed the things that

they achieved and wrote about them.



Here are some of their posters and writing.

## Thomas Edison

Indigo Class have been learning about Thomas Edison by working with Silverbox to make videos using puppets and green screen technology.

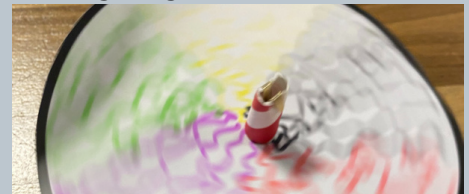


## Mummies!



Emerald Class have made some very realistic Egyptian mummies - scary...

## Young Engineers



Our new Young Engineers Club has been incredibly popular and the children have been very successful.



The children have been very creative.

The children learnt something new every week and enjoyed using their engineering skills to make things.





# EVENT INVITATION

## RECEPTION AND KS1 PARENTS AND CARERS: OPPORTUNITY TO READ WITH YOUR CHILD



Feedback from our reading workshop was that you loved being able to come into school to read with your children.

We had a successful trial of having an open invitation to parents or carers of children in Poppy, Buttercup or Sunflower Class to come and read with their child on the first Monday of each month but due to the school holidays and upcoming bank holiday, we will need to hold our next one on **Friday 5th May**.

If any parents and carers of children in Poppy, Buttercup or Sunflower Class would like to come in and read with their child, please drop your child off as usual and wait by the main entrance on Milner Road at 8:55am on Friday 5th May. We will come and meet you and take you down to class, finishing at around 9:25am.

It would be great to see you there!

### OUR CHILDREN LOVE TO READ





# EVENT INVITATION

## COME TO OUR KS2 'PARENT TALK' COFFEE MORNING WITH GEMMA AND LISA



We would like to invite you to join our new parent social group called 'Parent Talk'. The group is open to all parents and carers of children in KS2. It will be held between 9:00am-10:30am on Wednesday mornings for six weeks. Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday 19th April 2023**.

The group will give you the chance to meet with other parents and carers in our school community, and share your experiences with others in a relaxed and informal environment. Over the six weeks, we will be looking at the valuable principles that can be applied on a day-to-day basis with your child and you will be able to help each other out with what works and what doesn't.

This is not a course that will tell you everything you need to know about parenting. It is an informal and relaxed way to help you to get to know yourselves better as parents, make friends with others and enable you to build on your own strengths, while possibly discovering new things.

I should also add that there will be tea, coffee and biscuits!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 17th April - Return to school after the holidays

Wednesday 19th April - KS2 'Parent Talk' (First of 6 sessions)

Friday 21st April - Years 3 & 4 will work with 'IntoUniversity'

Monday 1st May - Bank holiday (school closed)

Wednesday 3rd May - Poppy Class visit to Blackberry Farm

Friday 5th May - Parents and carers invited to read with their children in Poppy, Buttercup and Sunflower Classes

Monday 8th May - Coronation of the King (school closed)

Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May - Year 6 SATs tests

Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May - Year 2 SATs tests

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June - Half term (school closed)

Monday 5th June - Children come back to school.