

Beckley Church of England Primary School

School Newsletter

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Our Value in focus this month is...

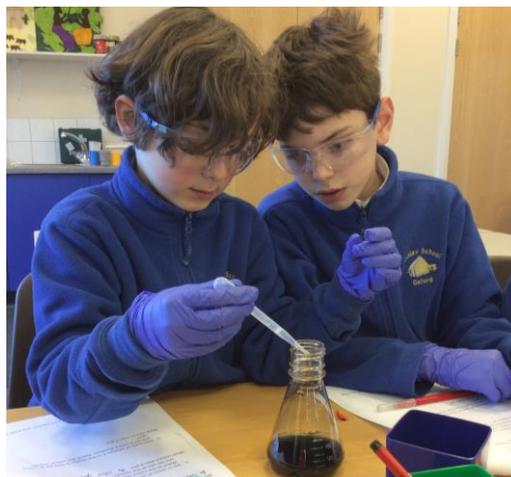
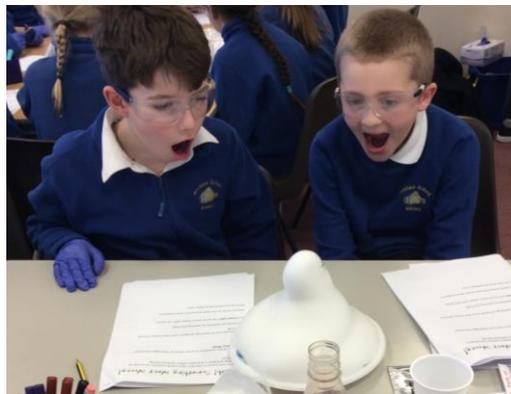
Love

The School Prayer

*This is our school
Let peace dwell here
Let the room be full of contentment
Let love be here
Love of one another
Love of mankind
And love of God
Let us remember
That as many hands build a house
So many hearts make a school*

Science Visits

Children in Skylark and Hobby Classes have continued to receive regular bi-weekly visits from the SGC. In a recent session, children manipulated the pH of different solutions, causing some very exciting and inspiring results, as can be seen in the following photos.



Starling Murmuration

Alex in Hobby Class had the superb idea to take a group of fellow pupils to the RSPB reserve on Otmoor to witness the stunning daily starling murmuration. A huge thank you to Alex and Mr Davey for organising this spectacular and memorable event.



SIAMS Mid-Term Review

All Church of England Dioceses use the framework for the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. Mrs Daly, from Oxford Diocesan Board of Education, recently visited Beckley to undertake a comprehensive mid-term review of our school. She observed Collective Worship, spent time in classrooms and talked to a Governor and groups of pupils from across the school.

Mrs Daly commented that "there are good relationships between the church and school and the community and the school." Mrs Daly also reported that "pupils say they enjoy RE and understand the importance of RE in their lives." Possibly the most pleasing reference was that "pupils speak very positively about the school and describe it both as *a happy place* and *one big family*."

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Dick Whittington

Following its unfortunate postponement due to snow at the end of last term, the children were finally treated to the travelling pantomime of Dick Whittington.



Thank you to the Friends of Beckley School for kindly funding the entertaining performance.



Apple Trees

Beckley Community Orchard kindly donated six young apple trees to school. The trees were grafted by members of the Orchard Team last year and have been cultivated until they were ready for use. Children of the School Council enjoyed planting the trees on the school field, which will be cherished for many years to come.



Beckley Pupils on the Radio

Earlier this week, we welcomed some rather special visitors – Lilley Mitchel, a presenter with BBC Radio Oxford and Cas Lester, an acclaimed local author. They asked children from across the school questions about books they have recently read. The interviews will form part of the Lilley Mitchell Show, to be broadcast at 2pm 7.2.18.



Playground Improvements

I am pleased to report that our crumbling and uneven playground is due to be resurfaced during half term, using the Sports Premium government grant. Following an eight-week settling period, new playground lines will be painted, paid for by FOBS, to whom we are very grateful. Older children have been designing the fresh new look.

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



In support of
WaterAid

We will be holding our next coffee morning on Friday 9th February between 9am and 11am in the school hall.

The School Council have decided that this term we will collect donations for the charity, WaterAid.

Please invite friends, neighbours, grandparents and anyone from the local community.

Donations of *nut free* cakes would be very gratefully received on the morning itself. Thank you.





Beckley School **After School Club**

Our popular After School Club runs from 3.20pm until 5.30pm every school day.

It provides high quality childcare with a wide range of fun activities and play opportunities for the children.

The club is run by the school and conforms to all of our policies and procedures.

Any child who comes to the school is welcome to attend the club.

Places are restricted for the children's own safety and to ensure adequate staffing.

It costs £7.00 per child per session.

Pupils must be booked into After School Club termly in advance.

After School Club can be contacted through the school office.

Reverend Andrew

We are delighted that Reverend Andrew has continued with his weekly visits to Beckley School, leading worship and strengthening the links we have with the church. In this photo, children watched as water was turned into wine before their very eyes!



Schools Concert

Last Friday Year 4 visited the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford for the annual Schools Concert. The children learnt about the different instruments of the orchestra and relished in the opportunity to experience a range of entertaining classical pieces.

IMPS Visit

Year 6 travelled to the John Radcliffe Hospital to take part in the Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools (IMPS). This involved learning basic resuscitation, what to do if someone is choking or unconscious and how to prevent accidents happening in the first place, all valuable skills to have.



Important Dates

February

- 5th Parent Consultations in the school hall 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- 6th Safer Internet Day
- 6th Y5 Bikeability – Group 1 and 2
- 7th Parent Consultations in the school hall 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- 9th Coffee morning 9 – 11am
- 9th Break up today at 3.20pm
- 12th – 16th HALF TERM
- 19th Children back to school
- 20th Year 5 Bikeability – Group 3
- 27th Year 5 Bikeability – Group 3
- 27th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm

March

- 2nd Whole school music day
- 5th Height and weight check for Reception and Year 6 pupils
- 6th Year 5 Bikeability – Group 3
- 13th Year 5 Bikeability – Group 3
- 15th Full Governing Body meeting
- 23rd Sports Relief
- 28th FOBS Easter egg hunt
- 29th Break up today at 1.20pm
- 30th – 13th EASTER

April

- 16th INSET day – school closed
- 17th Children back to school

May

- 1st Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 4th Class photographs
- 7th Bank holiday – school closed
- 14th Year 6 SATS week
- 24th New parents meeting 2.30pm
- 25th May Day celebrations
- 25th Break up today at 3.20pm
- 28th – 1st HALF TERM

June

- 4th INSET day – school closed
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- 6th Children back to school
- 11th Year 1 Phonics check week
- 19th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 20th Drama workshops in the school hall – Reception to Y3
- 22nd Sports Day
- 29th Back up Sports Day (*in case of inclement weather on 22nd*)