

Welcome

We're all getting in the festive spirit - the children in Year 5 and 6 have spent the afternoon running the Christmas Bazaar. The children designed and built their games over the last few weeks and today hosted their games to the rest of the school. Everyone had a lovely time—winning prizes (all handmade!) while singing Christmas songs.

Staffing Update

Mr Tom Connell is leaving us for pastures new. We would like to thank him for his hard work in supporting our children in Year 4 and wish him well for the future.

Michael Dillon—Headteacher



Reception

Recently in Reception we have been exploring 'The Jolly Postman' and his postal route to different fairy-tale characters.

The Jolly Postman started off by delivering an invitation inviting each of the Reception Classes to Goldilocks's 10th birthday. The children started planning the party by writing lists and making pizzas to eat. The class then hosed their own party for Goldilocks with games such as pass the parcel, pin the tail on the donkey and musical statues. The Jolly Postman then moved on to visit Little Red Riding Hood, the children enjoyed designing their own character masks and acting out the story.



Nursery

Nursery have really been enjoying the new climbing frame!

The children have been using all their muscles to climb up the rope ladders and climbing walls. We have also been learning to take turns and be safe while climbing!



Rainbow Room

The children in the Rainbow Room have been working hard preparing their Christmas decorations for the school hall. Each child has taken it in turns to decorate the baubles to add their own artistic flare to create their masterpiece.

Earlier in the term the children had worked hard to work towards having a picnic, unfortunately this was an indoor picnic due to the weather but they enjoyed sharing, waiting and passing the food around.



Governor Update

An update from the Birch Hill governors, as a result of the recent process to elect a new parent governor, I am delighted to announce that the newly appointed parent governor is Mr Ben Joseph-Franks.

Ben was welcomed to the board and has already attended his first governor meeting and met the governors.

Steven Weeks—Chair of Governors

Sapphire

Sapphire Class have created some incredible artwork and poetry based around Remembrance Day and Poppies, which is now proudly displayed for our school community to see.

In PE we have been working on our posture, balance and core strength, and loved crossing the sensory stepping stones, and climbing the bridge to find the fresh green grass, just like the 3 famous goats in our new class story...Luckily, no trolls disturbed us this time!

Of course, we are also enjoying getting the festive decorating underway as we are very excited about Christmas!



Reception Busy Bags Workshop

Reception children enjoyed their family learning workshops with their adult. Adults commented that they “ enjoyed working with the children and also enjoyed learning about phonics with them”.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Nursery Nativity	Friday 2nd December - 9.45am
Year 3 Carols at EBC	Tuesday 6th December - 7.00pm
Reception Nativity	Wednesday 7th December—2.00pm Friday 9th December—9.30am
Key Stage 1 Nativity	Wednesday 7th December—9.30am Thursday 8th December—9.30am
5K Carols at Liscombe House	Monday 12th December
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 14th December
END OF TERM	FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER
INSET DAY	TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023
SPRING TERM STARTS	WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2023