



Newsletter

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Easter Services



Jesus came to serve, not to be served. Rev Ann followed the example of our Lord who washed his disciples feet by washing Mr Etherton's feet!

Thank you to all who came to our Easter services and assemblies in St Mary de Haura, St Giles and in our school.

Congratulations to The Reverend James Grant who was installed as Rector of the United Benefice of Old Shoreham and Kingston Buci by the Archdeacon of Brighton & Lewes at St Nicolas' Church on 5th May. James has already been serving the parish and school for a few years but it is great that he is now officially 'vicar'. Children, including some from our school, made a banner to celebrate the occasion which says: 'God is making a difference.'



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Sperm Whale Eats Coral Class!

Y4 were busy helping Mr Etherton build the Giant Whale and Baby Whale before half-term. Below is the picture of the Baby Whale on a diet of plastic. Our baby whale went on to be displayed in The Shoreham Centre.



**KNIGHT
FENCING LTD**

We are grateful to Knight Fencing, who have done fencing for the school in the past, for donating

'chicken wire' for our whale sculpture project. **Tel:** 01243 641272 **Web:** <http://www.knight-fencing.co.uk/>





Mummy and Baby sperm whale!



'Beached Whale' – A Baby Sperm Whale

Our children were horrified by the story of 9.5 metre Sperm Whale which died off the coast of Indonesia after eating 6kg of plastic waste. This included 115 drinking cups, 25 plastic bags, plastic bottles, two flip-flops and a bag containing more than 1,000 pieces of string. Many children in the school have been finding out about whales and the impact of pollution on them.

Mrs Wooff, former teacher of the school, had the idea of building a large whale and filling it with plastic to highlight the negative impact of ocean pollution on sea creatures. Mr Etherton recycled an old trampoline frame to build a Sperm Whale 'skeleton.' Year 4 pupils practiced their persuasive writing skills to ask Knights Fencing Ltd, who had done some work for the school, to donate some chicken wire which they then used to cover the sperm whale. Other children wove recycled blue cable into the sculpture and the whole school added plastic bottles to complete the whale.

Our sculpture is the size of a newly born Sperm Whale (4m). Provided they don't eat plastic, they can grow to an impressive 20m length. They are the loudest creatures on the planet but can only give a silent warning about the dangers of pollution – their only 'predator.' We wanted to create a sculpture for REclaim that visually demonstrated the incompatibility of plastic pollution and marine life. Year 4 have been studying the Great Barrier Reef and the impact of pollution and global warming. Throughout the school we seek to learn about being eco-friendly and therefore support the aim of organisations such as REclaim.

The sperm whale was awarded a certificate and a prize of £25 Seawhites voucher for art materials.

'Plastic Soup' Textiles

Our Art Club pupils wanted to make a statement about the present day plastic pollution to be found in our seas and oceans. Discovered in a store cupboard, some wax resist textiles previously created by former pupils provided the perfect starting point for their initiative. In the spirit of Reclaim, Reuse and Recycle, they wanted to work into these textiles, rather than throw them away. The original concept of the work was to celebrate the wonderful and diverse colours, patterns and shapes found in the life-forms of the Great Barrier Reef. Oil crayons were used to draw the fish and Brusho fabric dye coloured the calico fabric. The images were then enhanced using 3D paints and glitter gels.

In order to demonstrate how plastic infiltrates and threatens the marine environment, pupils used plastic bags and bottles to make sewing and weaving threads, whilst fish skeletons were cut out and applied to the artwork as a symbol of the environmental impact. The title 'Plastic Soup' describes the current state of our oceans and woven messages in the work are gleaned from bags and online research.

We chose plastic in the ocean as our focus, because we are part of a seaside community that relies heavily upon the river and sea for leisure and livelihood.

Art Club Winners

As a result of work achieved during art club sessions, Oliver, Rosie and Regan entered their plastic mobile sculpture, which was awarded a certificate and a £25 Seawhites Voucher for art materials.

All of the pupils of Art club worked hard to complete further entries for the Reclaim exhibition, and their achievements of the plastic flower garlands, the window hangings made from yoghurt tops, and the textiles series called Plastic Soup, were collectively awarded as a group entry, a certificate and a £25 Seawhites voucher for art materials.

As all the entries were a collective effort and initiated by our Art Club, we have decided to use the money to purchase small individual prizes for the members and the rest will be used to fund future Art Club projects.

We would like to congratulate our young artists for not only working with purpose and enthusiasm but for contributing to a community exhibition, which effectively spoke out against the devastating effects of plastic pollution in our oceans. We would also like to thank Mrs Bradford and Raine Bradford for their constant support and assistance as we would not have achieved what we did without them!

Mrs Woof is extremely proud of all the children who have worked so hard – well done to them all!

Plastic Oceans Film

Due to our passion for reducing plastic and protecting our oceans, our school was specially selected by the organisation, Plastic Oceans, to help them make a short promotional film for their new educational website which was launched on World Oceans Day on Saturday 8th June: <https://education.plasticoceans.uk/>.

Mrs Bishop and Mr Davies spent time filming pupils from Year R, 2, 4 and 6 in a sequence of shots within the school library and moving through our large metal whale! Children were asked their opinions on the effect of plastic within our oceans and how they feel about it. Everyone was so articulate in their opinions and the resounding feeling was that they wanted to learn more about how to resolve this problem which is something which the website will help them to do. A pupil was also symbolically shown moving books from the Natural History section of our library into an 'Almost History' section. Film maker, Chris Higham, then edited the shots to produce a special film to go on their website. The story has been promoted to both the local and National press and so watch out for articles!

The film makers were so impressed by all the children involved in the project that they are also creating a special longer version of the film especially for us. This will be published on our website in due course, alongside links to the Plastic Oceans website. We would like to say a big well done to all the children involved and in particular to Isaac, Casper, Joe, Ruby and Matilda, who were picked for starring roles in the official version.

<https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/primary-school-almost-history-plastic-oceans-uk/>

Balance Bike Champions!

Reception children have had great fun being taught how to use balance bikes this term.





They entered a competition just before half-term and came **SECOND!** It was a fantastic event and the children won a brand new balance bike for the school – well done to those who took part, you are fantastic!

Time to Dance



Well done to the year 4 girls who took part in “Time to Dance” at Worthing Pavilion recently. They did a fantastic job and were a real credit to the school.

Sports News

Cross Country Champions!

We are so proud of all of our Cross Country Runners! On a wet, cold afternoon in January in Buckingham Park our year 5 and 6 girls and boys teams ran over a very long, gruelling course competing against the Shoreham primary schools. All of our runners did us proud, pushing themselves



to the limit in a great team effort to be crowned 'Overall Winners'. Special mention goes to our 4 medal winners: Scott (1st), Thea (2nd) and Finley (3rd) in Year 6 and Pablo (3rd) in Year 5 but it is all the other runners that came in after them that won us the 'Champions' title. Well done all of you!



Locality Sports Cross Country Finals at Windlesham House: despite the atrocious weather, our children raced with great enthusiasm at the cross country finals



and completed the course tired but smiling. There were 14 schools present with over 100 runners in each race. Scott came 2nd and helped the boys team to 3rd place overall and the girls team came 8th. This was a fantastic achievement by all of our runners. Well done, we are very proud of you all.

Golfing Champions! Our children experience a range of sports in PE and our year 4 classes have recently been practising golf. Using a plastic putter and a club, they have learnt how to chip over a river and then putt for accuracy. Our year 4 team then competed against the other Shoreham schools in a golf competition and **WON!** They now progress to the Sussex Finals to be held later this month. We wish them luck.



Pupil News



Huge congratulations to Josh in Year 3 Sea Lion class for being signed to the Chelsea FC Under 9's Academy side for the 2019-2020 season. This is an amazing honour as Josh is one of only 17 children in his age group from across the country who have been asked to sign for the club.

I was privileged to join Josh and his family on his signing day at Stamford Bridge. It was a wonderful experience for all concerned and really pleasing to see the importance the club takes on working with the school moving forward. Throughout the day Josh took it all in his stride and as school we are very proud of him. Mr Lincoln



Josh receiving his shirt from Mason Mount (Chelsea and England)



Josh signing on the dotted line...

Mini Mile

Well done to all our St Nic's children that ran in this year's Brighton Marathon Mini Mile on Saturday 13th April. Over the last few years it has been great to see so many children taking part and already this week I have seen and spoken to many children, proudly wearing a shiny medal round their necks!



Y6 SATs

Congratulations to our Y6 pupils who had a successful week of exams just before half-term. The children worked really hard and the rest of the children around the school were extra-quiet when moving around the school so as not to disturb them! Well done everybody!

Y6 enjoyed their residential week at Dalesdown doing lots of fun activities and having a fabulous time!

CPR Training

Just before Easter, year 3 were taught emergency first aid and how and when to carry out CPR. We are very grateful to Alex Walter of Blue Penguin Medical Services for giving up his time to lead the lessons and are delighted that we been able to arrange for all of our Key Stage 2 children to be taught emergency first aid and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). This could be the most important lesson of their life and could save someone's life. Compulsory CPR training was introduced in Denmark 13 years ago and as a result, avoidable deaths have been halved. We hope these skills will live with our children but that they never have to use them.

The most important lesson ... Learning to SAVE a LIFE!





BUCKINGHAM PALACE

To: The Pupils in Year 1
Dusky Dolphin and Spinner Dolphin Class
St Nicolas and St Mary's School
c/o Miss Kathryn Sinden and Miss Chloe Fletcher

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you all for your poems.

Her Majesty was pleased to hear how much you have enjoyed learning about London, and greatly appreciated your kind thought in composing these acrostic poems for her to see.

Although The Queen is unable to reply to you personally, I am to thank you all once again for your verses, and enclose some information leaflets which you may like to have.

Lary Jorison

Lady-in-Waiting

5th June 2019.

Reception children arrested visited by Police



Police catch baddies



You call 999

PC Sayers came to visit the Blue Whales today and we learnt that police don't just catch baddies and put them in jail. They help people too. Just in case we need help or get lost we need to learn our full name and our address. We also need to call 999 in an emergency. We were able to try on lots of hats and helmets. We learnt how to stand at ease and how to stand to attention. We also learnt how to stop traffic by putting one hand behind our back and holding the other one out in front of us shouting 'stop!' at the same time.



They help people cross the road.



It's very heavy! (The riot helmet).



Thank You!

★ Thank you to everyone for supporting the Cauliflower cards and gifts that were on sale before Christmas – your purchases raised £410.50 for the school!

Y5 activities



Y5 have been exceptionally busy with their termly visit to Applesham Farm, music lessons, making volcanoes and shanty towns.



And Finally...

The last few months have been mega busy in school once again. All the statutory tests we have done have gone really well – but the wider curriculum is what children will remember in years to come! It's a great privilege to see all the exciting activities that our children are doing week in and week out and there is more to come. We have a number of exciting projects in progress including installing a new kiln, an outdoor gym and new computer suite. With many of these projects we appreciate the support of the PTA and parents to enable them to happen.

As always, please catch me and let me know what you think is going well – or could be better!

Kind regards
Mr Etherton, Headteacher