



The Bolham Bullet

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Good afternoon everyone,

We have had another fun-filled week in school, and there has been a real buzz around the building due to Science Week. We have been so impressed with how our pupils have questioned, researched, observed and classified. Please have a look at the photos and thank you to Mrs Middleton for enthusing us all!

Below is a link to the Tiverton White Eagles Hockey Club. Our club on a Friday is proving very popular and we appear to have some talented players. Miss B thinks that it would be great if children wanted to play more and further develop their skills!

<https://twehc.com/juniors>

There is also a flyer attached for Heathcoat cricket club who are offering free taster sessions starting from next Thursday - places are limited so sign up as soon as possible if your child is interested.

I have applied for my Blue Peter Badge this week - the upper age limit is 16, but I thought I would try my luck! For all of those pupils who attended Young Voices, please apply through the following link if you would like one too. Eden has!!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-music-badge>



Classes 3M and 4 walked in the drizzle to Tiverton Market on Wednesday lunchtime to see the parade of the HMS Enterprise company. It was a feast for the eyes - all of the local dignitaries, commanders, sea cadets and TV crews were there! We appeared to be the only school representing the town, so we also attracted a lot of attention too! It was fascinating to watch, and despite the cold, well worth the walk. Our children behaved impeccably, and they are a credit to Bolham. Special mention to Tyler who helped a young member of the public by giving up his space in the crowd so they could see better.

Finally, the school office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday next week. The phones will be checked for messages throughout the day, but please can I ask that you only phone if there is something very urgent to pass on. Emails cannot be answered until Wednesday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sarah Milne, Headteacher

DIARY DATES

- Parents Evening - 27th March
- Come and Sing - March 28th
- Year 5/6 Girls TAG Rugby Rescheduled Match (THS) - 28th March
- Parents Evening - 29th March
- Easter Egg Competition - 31st March
- End of Spring Term - 31st March 2023
- Start of Summer Term - 17th April 2023
- Residential Parent Talk 3.30pm - 20th April
- Fire Safety Talks (Y2 & Y5) - 21st April
- Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk (school hours) - 21st April
- PGL Residential - 3rd-5th May
- Coronation Day (School Closed) - 8th May
- Rotary Exmoor Challenge - 20th May
- May Half Term - 29th May - 2nd June
- End of Summer Term - 21st July 2023



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LEARNING LEAVES

CLASS 1

The whole of Class One for their enthusiasm and enjoyment of our science activities this week.

CLASS 2

Kendle - An excellent attitude to all her work. Beautiful literacy work this week - excellent presentation.
Jacob - Excellent maths discussion on quarters and areas of shapes.

CLASS 3 (C)

Alistair - For the brilliant attitude to learning he shows in all lessons. I can always rely on you to be doing your best!

CLASS 3 (M)

Tommy - For actively engaging in our British Science Week activities. You really took on the characteristics of a true scientist!
James - For engaging so well in all of our British Science Week activities. He raised some excellent questions and found himself being inspired!

CLASS 4

Theo - For his all round positive learning attitude but particularly for his efforts throughout Science Week.
Hannah - Always smiling, always happy, always hard working and excellent learning during Science Week.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

CLASS 1

Special mention to Liliana for being a wonderful member in Class One. Always smiling and so willing to help others.

CLASS 2

Special mention to Kendle for showing kindness and lending her spare coat to a friend. Also, thank you to the Year 6 children who have been coming in to Class 2 and listening to readers.

CLASS 3 (C)

Special mention to Sophia and Esther for their increasing confidence in class.

CLASS 3 (M)

Special mention to Esme for taking such care of her walking partner when on our trip to watch the HMS Enterprise parade.

CLASS 4

Special mention to Eva, Holly and Ruaridh for their enjoyable and interesting 'University' experiences this week.



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MATHS 99 CLUB

Congratulations to those children who achieved the following badges this week:

5 Club	10 Club	11 Club	22 Club	33 Club	44 Club	55 Club
Darcey	Isla	Lottie	Dougie	Joseph	Lucas	Harvey
Freya	Caleb		Yarik		Myah	
Olivia						
66 Club	77 Club	88 Club	99 Club			
Bobbi	James	Jacob	Lola			

GOLDEN MILE

Here are this week's Golden Mile results:

KS1

1st - Class 2

2nd - Class 1

Only 0.1 mile difference in KS1!

Mr Hodge



KS2

1st - Class 3M

2nd - Class 4

3rd - Class 3C

BOLHAM BEES AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

Please note, there will be no after school club on the last day of term, Friday 31st March.

AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL - WEDNESDAY GROUP

Paul A'Lee will make up the two football sessions he owes the Wednesday group on Monday 27th March and Wednesday 29th March.



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WOODWIND PRESENTATION - CLASS 4

Today, in class assembly, there was a woodwind presentation for class 4.

This is to encourage young musicians to consider trying out a flute, clarinet or alto saxophone ahead of going up to secondary school.

Instruments can be hired for a term at a time from Devon music hub, or hired from John Packers, Wellington, or Hickies, Tiverton. John Packers (near flip out) is also a great place to go to try out the instruments first.

If you are interested in lessons, please email Miss Lewis directly for more information: arwen@eastacre.co.uk

Initially lessons will be £9 for 20 minutes, although a longer lesson might be possible. Lessons would be starting on Friday April 21st and run weekly on Fridays throughout term time.

If all of the places are not taken by class 4 it may be possible for other year groups to take up the places, please contact Miss Lewis if your child would be interested.

Mrs Leaver

PARENTPAY BALANCES

Thank you to those parents and guardians who have cleared their balances on ParentPay, however there are still outstanding amounts on accounts for Bolham Bees breakfast and after school clubs and school meals.

Please can we ask that all balances are cleared by **Friday, 31st March**. We will be unable to honour any Bolham Bees bookings or order school meals for children whose accounts have payments overdue in the new term. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you need any assistance with this matter. Thank you.



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BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Bolham pupils have been very busy behaving like true scientists for British Science Week! For each experiment, observation over time and investigation they've embarked on, our students have been forming predictions, following enquiries, comparing results and coming to conclusions based on their findings. We have thoroughly enjoyed science-filled afternoons across the school but here are the highlights of the week:

Class 1:

We looked at our bodies and identified and named the different body parts. We had to cut out the pieces and put the body back together, putting the body parts in the right places. Some children labelled the different body parts.

We learnt how broccoli grows and how it gets from the farm to our fork. We read an e-book and then made a photo cut and stick book about the different stages.

We are also doing another activity today about keeping our teeth healthy.



Class 2:

This week, for British Science Week, we have been thinking about fingers! On Monday, we started an experiment to see what happened to bread if we touched it with clean or dirty hands. Only time will tell when we see what happens to our bread!

On Wednesday, we thought about our senses and the importance of touch. We read a story about a little girl who made a feely picture for her blind grandfather. We then made feely pictures using different textures.

On Friday, we will be looking at fingerprints.





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Class 3C:

We started off the week by looking at some of the wackier inventions that Victorians came up with to solve household problems - then we created our own. We had a huge range of designs including a robot that could tidy your room for you, a device that could sort out your loose roof tiles and a device that could rescue things that get stuck in trees.

Next we looked at yeast and what the optimum conditions are for it to grow. We designed a fair test to see what temperature water allowed the yeast to grow the most. We used a balloon to measure how much gas was released as the yeast respired - it turned out 45°C was the best temperature as the balloon was biggest for that bottle.

On Friday we built a penetrometer to help us measure how compacted the soil is in different places around the school.



Class 3M:

On Tuesday, Year 4s and 5s were split across classrooms: Mrs Milne had Years 5 and 6 picking their way through owl pellets to find what their diet is mainly made up of. Children ended up finding so many tiny bones from small mammals such as mice that they were able to begin putting whole skeletons together! Meanwhile, Year 4s planned and set up an observation over time to see if they could slow down or prevent the oxidation process of a sliced apple.

On Wednesday, we had a go at identifying and classifying their own finger and thumb prints.

On Thursday, we had a special visitor (Dr Middleton) who talked about things such as the beginning of the universe to the discovery of energy and how to use it. Class 3M then had a go at observing how energy can 'jump' from one space to another when a particular gas is involved. At the end, we got to ask him lots of questions all about Earth, space and energy!

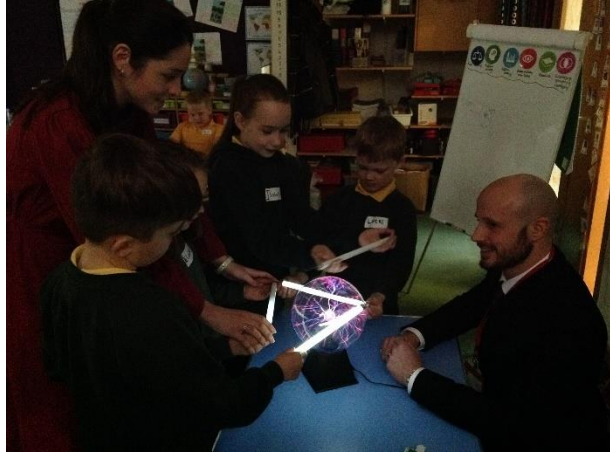
Class 3M ended their fun-packed science week with testing whether a substance could be categorised as an acid, neutral or alkaline using cabbage water as a pH indicator!





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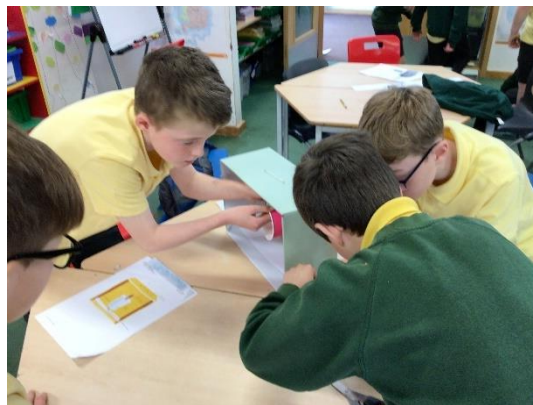
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Class 4:

Class 4 started the week by learning about seismometers and seismic waves (vibration). They learned how and why seismometers are used to measure vibration underground. They then made their own seismometers and carried out a fair test. They predicted what the recordings would look like after creating varying levels of vibration. They looked and compared patterns and then wrote an explanation based on their results.

They then investigated the contents of an owl barn's pellet! They carefully 'dissected' the pellet and identified the remains of the animals using an identification chart. The bones were then set out on a piece of black card and labelled. Some pellets contained up to five different animals!





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The children also made their own barometers which measure atmospheric pressure. This helps to predict the weather. The higher the measurement (the higher the pressure), the finer the weather will be. Finally, linked to their PSHE on goals and aspirations, the class looked at the skills and qualifications required to become a scientist.

The children (and adults!) thoroughly enjoyed Science Week and all the new learning that went with it.

We've had such a brilliant time and we cannot wait for next year's British Science Week! If you're inspired by what we've got up to this week, why not follow the link below to see if there are any experiments you could do at home... [Activity packs - British Science Week](#)

Mrs Middleton

CHECK IF YOUR CHILD CAN GET FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING SUPPORT

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional '[pupil premium](#)' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

How to apply

Apply through the [Devon Citizens Portal](#). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.



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Ever wondered what Cricket is all about?

This year we will be running 2 taster sessions on Thursday 23rd and Thursday 30th March.

Start time 1745 for 45 minutes. Be ready to run around, throw some balls, whack some balls & have some cricket fun. If you are interested you **must book** your place by scanning the QR code and completing registration. Places are limited.

Heathcoat Cricket Club, Knightshayes, Bolham, Tiverton, EX16 7RQ