



Our nativity - Well done everyone

Have a great Christmas...  
I want to start the newsletter with a thank you to everyone who managed to come along to watch one of our Christmas shows: our nativity production or carol concerts.



It was so pleasing to see so many family members and the children really enjoyed seeing you there.



The children worked really hard and put on a great show.



Dancing with a king!



"There's no room at the inn."



The children loved singing carols

## Carols and Cafe

Years 2 to 6 learnt some classic carols and enjoyed performing them.



Well done to all of the children for taking part and making it such a fun afternoon.



The children had been learning songs for ages

OUR ATTENDANCE IS IMPROVING BUT OUR TARGET IS 96%.  
THIS YEAR OUR ATTENDANCE SO FAR IS 93.6%.



Our neon party was a hit - thank you PTA



### Mini-athletics

Children have been developing their netball skills and continue to enjoy the tuition of sports coaches every Thursday.



New sensory room - Thank you!



Thank you so much to Georgina and Kat for coming in to paint our new sensory room. They even came back for a second coat.

### Curriculum and Homework

Our curriculum and homework grids have been updated on our website. Please take a look on the curriculum pages of our website to find out more.



### Spring sports events and selection criteria

Please also take a look at our PE and sports page on the website. We have updated our upcoming sports events page and the selection criteria for each one.

Event	Event	Venue	Selection
Football (All classes) 2024 Term 2 (10.00 - 12.00)	Year 1-6 (all classes) (all classes)	Local sports hall	Children will be selected from their class and will be invited to play in the school sports hall.
Football (All classes) 2024 Term 3 (10.00 - 12.00)	Year 1-6 (all classes) (all classes)	Local sports hall	Children will be selected from their class and will be invited to play in the school sports hall.
Football (All classes) 2024 Term 4 (10.00 - 12.00)	Year 1-6 (all classes) (all classes)	Local sports hall	Children will be selected from their class and will be invited to play in the school sports hall.



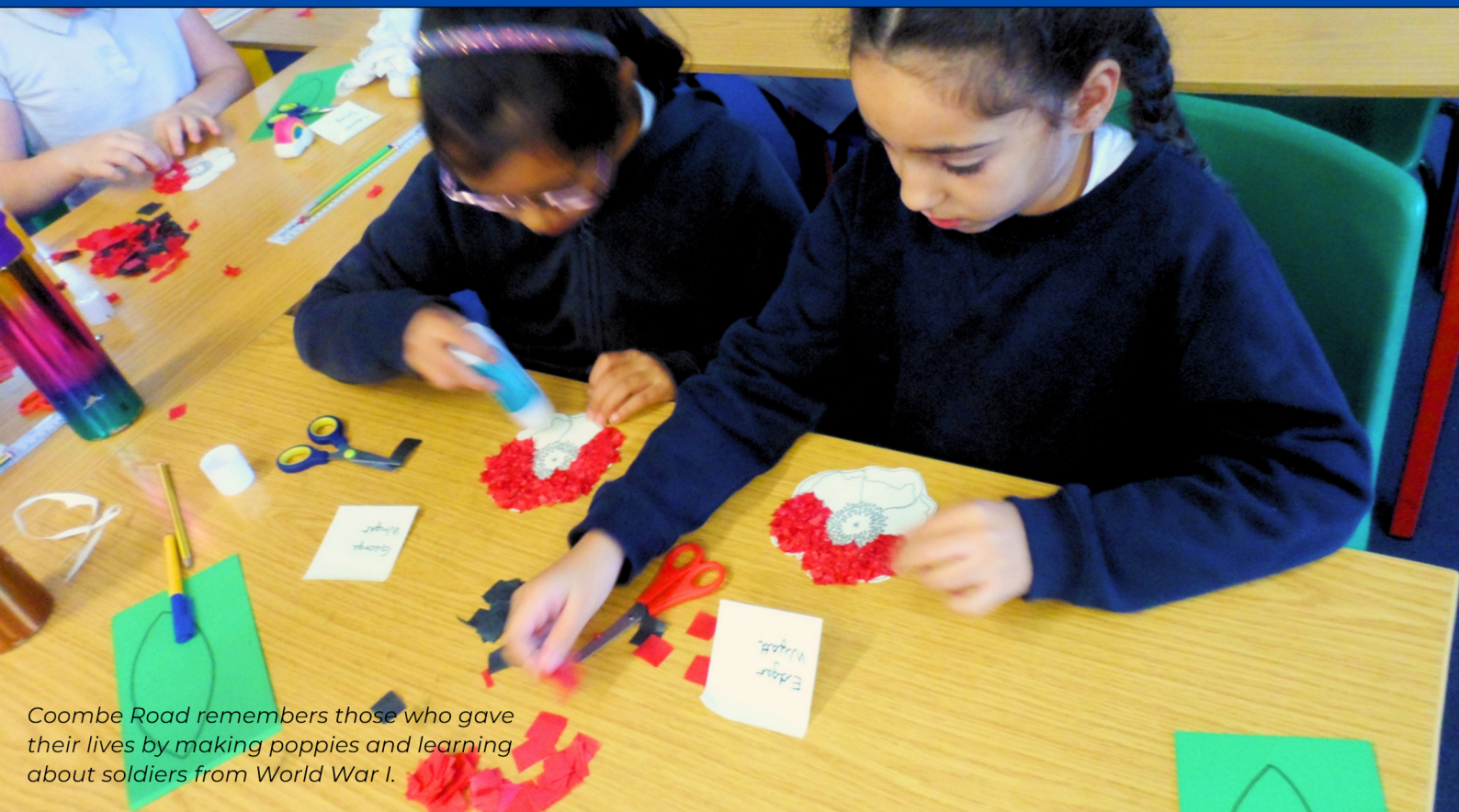
Neon = '80s glam!

### Neon Party

This year, we had a neon party instead of a Halloween Party, so that more children would be able to participate. It was good fun and the PTA raised over £500 for the school. Thank you to our volunteer face-painters.







Coombe Road remembers those who gave their lives by making poppies and learning about soldiers from World War I.

## Remembrance Day

The children remembered those who lost their lives during World War I and why poppies are a symbol of that loss.



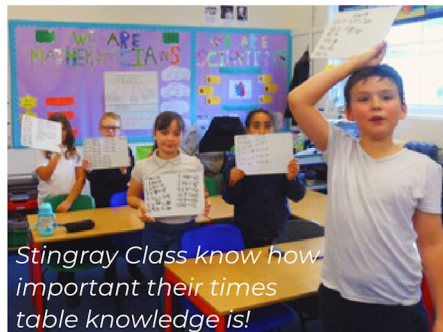
They each learnt the story of a particular soldier and when put together made a powerful class display.



Stingray Class have been learning about World War I in depth and even held a conscription morning to immerse themselves in the experience.

## Times Tables

Please remember that your children have access to Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars at home.



Stingray Class know how important their times table knowledge is!

Please help your children to learn their times tables at home.

## New parent governor

We welcome Caroline Lewis to our governing body as our new parent governor. Thank you for volunteering.



## Homework and Homelearning

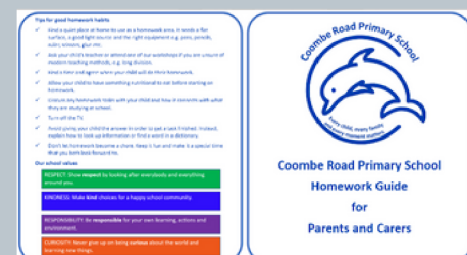
Huge well done to Harry in Stingray Class. He has made this amazing piece of artwork at home.



Well done Harry

Harry has made all of our class logos and incorporated them into an underwater scene - breathtaking!

Please remember that we have a homework guide for parents and you can find it on our school website.



Please take the time to give it a read to find out more.





Otter Class have been learning how to be safe pedestrians

## Pedestrian Safety

Well done to Otter Class who have been learning pedestrian safety. They learnt about the rules of the road and how to keep safe - particularly important now that it is so dark in the mornings and evenings.

## 'Bikeability'

Year 6 enjoyed taking part in a week-long bikeability course, where they learnt practical skills and gained a better understanding of how to cycle on today's roads.



Bike safety

## Into University

This term, year 5 took part in a workshop with the Into University team, where they learnt all about life at universities.



Gaining new knowledge about the courses they could study, the children reported feeling inspired and excited about what their futures could hold.



Learning about university

## Reading with parents

Reading with parents in Reception and KS1 each month continues to be popular and the children enjoy it too.

The next one will be Friday 12th January.



## ROLE MODELS THIS HALF TERM

We celebrate children who have worked hard and demonstrated our school values of respect, kindness, responsibility and curiosity.

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:

Teddy, Rosa, Liliana, Mimi, Benji, Louie, Sonny, Tianna, Reo, Daisy, Deam, Ivy, Mia, River, Levi, Millie, Nayim, Jacob, Phoebe, Anna, Ollie, Rowen, Mila, Sarah, Honour, Isabella, Lorraine, Winter, Madison, Sasha, Poppy, Kit, Mia, Carlo, Manuella, Vega and Lenny.

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR GEOGRAPHY MORNING TO FIND OUT HOW WE TEACH GEOGRAPHY AND THE ENVIRONMENT ON FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY 2024





*Our girls' football team at the Wildcat Festival*

### Wildcats Football Festival

Well done to our girls' football team who participated in the recent Wildcats Football Festival at the University of Brighton.

Nine girls from Otter and Sealion Classes took part with many having their first experience of the beautiful game.



*There's something behind you Bonnie!*

### 'Our City, Our World'

Next term, we will be launching the 'Our City, Our World' programme at Coombe Road.



We have listened to your feedback and understand how important it is to educate our children about the effects of climate change on our environment. We want our children to be AWARE of their world, ACCEPT change and know how to ACT as global citizens to live sustainably.

Working alongside the 'Our City Our World Programme', we will teach a curriculum of HOPE where our children become the CHANGE MAKERS of the future.

### Cross Country

Well done to Vega, Poppy, Juliette, Lexie, Daniel and Louie from our cross country team who battled windy conditions on a hilly 2km course at Waterhall recently.

All 6 athletes displayed the usual Coombe Road determination, resilience and perseverance on the day.



*It was a bit windy on the day.*



*Well done to our cross country squad*





Year 2 were fascinated by the Booth Museum exhibits



Year 1 enjoyed learning about their local environment on the seafront.



Angelfish and Seahorse Trip to the seafront

### Booth Museum

Seahorse Class enjoyed learning at the Booth Museum as natural historians.

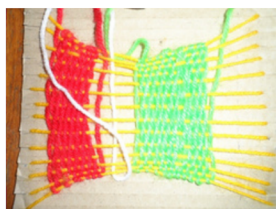
The children learnt about ornithology and saw skeletons and taxidermic birds.

They enjoyed doing a scavenger hunt and looking at the exhibits. They also did a skeleton trail and learnt about butterflies.



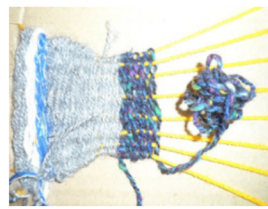
The children went on a beach trail and learnt about the local environment. This linked to our new geography curriculum and our school value of respecting our local area.

The children enjoyed spotting and learning about local landmarks and made beach art from the natural materials they found along the way.



### Weaving skills

Stingray Class have started to use their weaving skills to create beautiful artwork.



### 'Extreme Earth'

In preparation for their 'Extreme Earth' themed curriculum next term, Otter Class have been learning about volcanoes.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 2nd January - School closed (Training day for staff)

Wednesday 3rd January - Children return to school

Friday 5th January - 8:55am to 9:45am, Geography and the environment workshop for parents and carers

Wednesday 10th January - 3:15pm to 4:00pm, Meet the teacher and celebrate learning curriculum evening for parents and carers of all classes.

Thursday 11th January - Our next donate day (details to follow)

Friday 12th January - 8:55am to 9:25am, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers invited to read with children

Monday 15th January - The Sussex Dolphin Project charity are visiting the school to work with the children

Wednesday 24th January - 2:00pm to 4:30pm, Year 5/6 indoor athletics at BACA

Wednesday 7th February - Reception Class will visit St Martin's Church

Friday 9th February - Last day of the half-term



# OUR NEW PTA SECTION

## NEW MEMBERS, NEW YEAR!



### MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW CHAIR: KATY BROWN

After a successful recruitment drive for the PTA, we are delighted to welcome some fresh faces to join our team. Thank you to the current committee for all the hard work and to John Lewry for hosting the recent open sessions to encourage membership.

From all the incredible efforts that the amazing PTA have put in, we are happy to announce that the proceeds generated so far will be used to fund an Outdoor Play And Learning project for the benefit of all the children in the school (more details to follow in future newsletters).

As we move into 2024 and focus on new ideas, we are excited to work with more of you. In January the theme will be the school value of 'kindness.' Maybe you or someone you know are a keen gardener or can wield a paintbrush. Perhaps you have media talents, are skilled in a craft or just have a few hours that you are willing to donate to help the school with a project. Whatever your special skill, we want to know about it.

This offer is open to friends, family and the whole community. There will be a board online and in the school where we ask for you to share a 'kindness pledge' for us to use during 2024.

Information will be coming your way from the PTA soon.

Our first meeting in 2024 will be held on Thursday 4th January at 3:15. Please come along to the staffroom to join the PTA fun! Children welcome.

