



# Baydon St. Nicholas

Church of England (VA) Primary School

Family, Faith, Celebrating Achievement

## Visiting the Lambs

Robins and Goldfinches classes had a wonderful time when they visited the newborn lambs at Browns Farm. The children were delighted with their visit and have written some wonderful letters of thanks to the farmer.

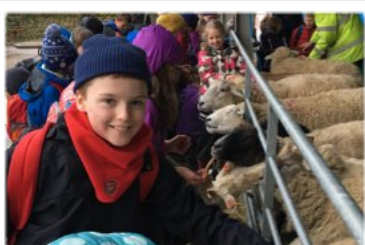


## Drumming Lessons

All classes enjoyed a drumming workshop in Term Three and some pupils enjoyed it so much we are now hosting lessons on Fridays and Mondays! We also host guitar, piano and violin lessons currently in school so, if you are interested in your child learning an instrument, talk to Shireen in the office for further details.

## Thank you to our supporters

A huge thank you to all our parents and volunteers who have supported the our work over the past two terms, we couldn't have done it without you!



## Welcome to our Easter Newsletter!

What an action-packed two terms we have experienced at Baydon! Terms Three and Four have been crammed so full of wonderful opportunities for pupils of all ages that it is completely impossible to include all of them within this newsletter. However, read on to catch up on some of the highlights since January.

### *Explorers Day*

Pupils enjoyed a fabulous day learning about air, sea, land and space early in Term Four. Activities were held in all four areas with pupils moving around in their houses. The older pupils were exceptional in their care and support for the younger members of the school and all pupils found something they loved during the day.

### *Braeside Residential 2017*

At the end of Term Three pupils from Years Five & Six braved the February weather and set out on a three day adventure in Devizes. Pupils worked together, extended knowledge and investigated their limits through a series of activities including:



## Fundraising

Pupils have continued raising money for various charities this term including Prospect House in Marlborough and Comic Relief. Pupils really took the 'dressing funny for money' to heart and some fabulous costumes were displayed around the school!



## 500 Words

Our talented older pupils enjoyed entering the BBC Radio Two competition this year. It is quite a tricky, yet enjoyable, task to create a wonderful story with a maximum of 500 words. Congratulations to all pupils who entered this year and a special well done to Rebecca Turner in Year Five who has made it through to the second round of the competition where only 5000 stories out of the initial 131,000 entries made it!

## Have you visited our website recently?

News on achievements is regularly posted on our school website where you can also get information on what your child's class is currently learning (on the class pages). If you haven't visited in a while then it's worth a look! Find us at <http://www.baydon-school.org.uk>

## Working together with parents

Our school continues to support parents in providing information sessions. Information sessions have included Phonics, Maths, SATS (KS1 and KS2) and a briefing on the Braeside Residential.



visiting a Teaching Farm, an all day hike around the historic landscape of Devizes, a night treasure hunt, a bonfire sing along and an opportunity to test their limits on a high ropes course! Many thanks to all adults who supported this stay, the pupils had a wonderful - if not a bit muddy - time!

## Rugby Tournament

The inter-house Sports Tournament in March was a fantastic day full of teamwork and skill. Key Stage Two played football and dodgeball whilst the younger pupils participated in mini throwing and catching activities supported by our Year Six pupils. Ashdown House came out on top at the end of the day and green ribbons adorn our Sports Trophy...for now!



## Rugby Tournament

Our Year Five pupils spent a day playing against other Marlborough schools in the Rugby Tournament this term. Pupils were fantastic in their skills and sportsmanship towards other teams. Well done Year Five!

## St John's Dance Festival 2017

Miss Newman led a troupe of performers in the Marlborough Dance Festival this year. Their flamenco/paso doble mis of dancing was superb and, as always, Baydon St Nicholas were wonderfully creatively different! The rest of the school were fortunate enough to be able to see the performance during a following Celebration Worship and were very impressed and proud of their peers. Well done to all pupils (and adults) involved.



## FOBS

Friends of Baydon School have continued to be busy this term raising vital funds for our school. Projects include raising money for our new adventure area. A big thank you to the continued support of our dedicated FOBS team.

## High Threat Low Challenge

During our most recent Teacher Development day, staff discussed how we can best support pupils in providing high challenge in a low threat environment. Many ideas were discussed and a whole school project is underway. Look out for the fluttering wings in the new term...



An example of high challenge on the High Ropes course at Braeside!

## Staffing Changes

It has been lovely to welcome back Miss Hayhoe who has returned to teach Skylarks in partnership with Mrs Wigglesworth.



## Easter Service

The Easter Story was told in an imaginative and emotive way yet again this year. The singing from the pupils was joyful and there yet again was a moment or two for the tissues to make an appearance! Well done to all our pupils (and staff).

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to our musicians among us including Rebecca Turner who has passed her Grade Five Saxophone and Lucy Bartlett on her Grade Two piano exam. Lucy has also just been invited to dance at the Royal Ballet School in Covent Garden.

A huge well done to our many sports people who have achieved outside school in Karate (Alex, Dylan, Euan and Caitriona), our super swimmers (Martha, Evie, Thomas L, Casper, Rosie, Ella H, Jack C, Katy, Jenni, Imogen and Eve), Tennis (Daniel), Show Jumping (Abigail), Ballet (Lily), Rugby (Juno), Football (Ethan), and Gymnastics (Betty).

Sometimes it is not only pupils that achieve and we have to say a big well done to Mrs Bond who has completed her ELSA training. ELSA stands for Emotional Learning Support Assistant and, now qualified, Mrs Bond is going to be able to run sessions in school to support pupils on a one to one basis with social and emotional skills. We are looking forward to sessions beginning in Term Five.



## Looking Ahead

The next two terms offer new challenges and excitement! Sports Day, the summer performance (title to be revealed in due course), SATS (for Years 2 and 6), trips and the meeting of our new pupils during our induction days are just a few of the events we will be enjoying. Watch out for Parentmails for more information.

We do hope that you have a wonderful Easter break and that your holidays are restful with a sprinkle of chocolate!

*Mrs Knighton, Mrs Gilbert and all the Baydon Staff*

