



February 2023

# Bidbury Infant

# NEWS



## Highest Attendance for January

The class with the highest attendance for January was:

**Opal Class—98.3%**

Well done, Opal Class!

## Toys from Home

Please could toys stay at home rather than be brought into school. There is always risk of damage and can cause disruption to learning—Thank you for your support with this.

## Celebrating Learning at Bidbury

As 2023 gets off to a flying start, we celebrate the learning taking place at our wonderful school.



We have been learning about Joan Miro. He used lines, shape and colour to create art work

## In Year R...



Step Aerobics fun!  
Thank you for joining in our family session of Step Aerobics this week— what great exercise!

Science fun!  
We are experimenting by putting egg shells into different liquids. I wonder what will happen?



Did you know egg shells are similar to the enamel on our teeth

**Physical Development**

- Forming letters clearly using the correct pencil grip
- Working as part of a team to make an obstacle course for our friends to try
- Daily Mile
- Stag
- Agility—How to run

**Library**

- Examining the difference between information and narrative texts. What are the features of an information text?
- Character in focus examining Tom from 'Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs'. How can we describe Tom - brave, kind, adventuresome.
- Instruction writing - How to take care of our rabbit?
- Instruction writing - how to make bread
- Fact writing about dinosaurs

**Expressive Art and design**

Art: Joan Miró/Kandinsky - exploring shapes and colour

Drama: Character in role - can we take on the role of a character in our focus story - Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs?

Music: Listening and moving to music from different cultures. Making our own instruments using various materials

**Who is in the egg?**

**Numeracy**

- Repeating and sorting numbers 9 and 10
- Ordering numerals to 10
- Different ways that we can make up 9 and 10
- Counting forwards and backwards to and from 10
- 3d shapes - matching and sorting
- Exploring patterns

**Understanding of the world**

**Science:**

- Materials: what material will best protect an egg from cracking? How can we figure this out?
- Growing cress seeds inside an egg shell - what conditions need to grow?
- Creating our own volcano using a range of ingredients

**History:**

- Mary Anning and her love of fossils

**Personal and Social**

- Learning how to play card games with our friends - can we listen to each other and follow the rules of the game?
- Making instruments with our friends
- Show and tell: Can we show our friends the instruments we made and talk about how we made them?

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### In Year One...



We went to the park as part of our design technology curriculum. We looked at each ride to find out which strong shapes are used to make the rides and how each ride works so that we can design and make our own playground ride. We had a lot of fun exploring the rides.



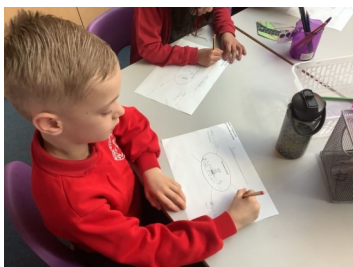
This is a brilliant and fun song we have been learning at school to help us to remember the names of the 7 continents. Try it at home, it's very catchy!



In computing, we explored what we could do with the Bee Bots. Then we had a go at simple programming and made a recording on the iPADS to explain to year R how to work them.

### In Year Two...

Ms Gurung came to Year Two to talk to us about Hinduism. As part of our new RE unit, we are learning about the celebration of Holi. She told us how she celebrates Holi and spoke about her culture and traditions.



We have completed the plan for our animal poster. Then we will be creating a final poster about an endangered animal of our choice to send to a local museum.

The children have been inspired by the artist, Andy Goldsworthy and created their own sculptures using natural materials.



## Children's Mental Health Week

This week is Children's Mental Health week.

There are a range of resources available to help parents and carers to support young people who are struggling with their emotional health and wellbeing.

Visit [CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](http://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk) which has a range of support and resources for children and young people, written to help them with life issues and common problems they may be facing.

[Help! I'm in crisis – CAMHS \(hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk\)](http://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk) has a flow chart which offers clear guidance if a young person is in crisis

- **Text SHOUT to 85258** - Shout is a free, 24/7 text service available to support people of all ages with their mental health and wellbeing
- The Hampshire *Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) AIM card* has a variety of support for parents and carers to help their young person

[Mental Wellbeing Hampshire](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk) has a directory of support for families in Hampshire  
[www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk) has official resources for Children's Mental Health Week

## Emergency Contact Details

Please ensure we have your latest, most up to date contact details for our records.

It is important we have telephone numbers for two or three contacts so we can contact you in an emergency.

Having the correct email address will ensure that you receive all communication from us.

Thank you



## Community Celebrations



# January 2023



Ava from Topaz class attended a competition at her gymnastics club, and she absolutely smashed it! She got 2nd place on vault, 3rd place on beam, 3rd place on floor and came 4th overall in her age category. She also won a prize for best number which she presented as a treasure chest for the "under the sea" theme. Well, done, Ava—we are all very proud of you!

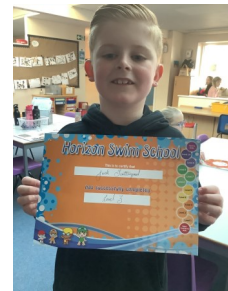
Congratulations to Joshua from Emerald class! He received a medal for 'Hawk of the Month' aka Player of the Month. He plays for Horndean Hawks. Wow, Joshua! Look at that smile, you must be feeling very proud—and rightly so! Well done!



A huge well done to Mrs Bruce for achieving 'Distinction' in her Teaching Assistant Level 3 Apprenticeship!



Well done, Jack and Isaac for moving up a level in swimming! Amazing!



Thank you, Chase for spending the day litter picking in Havant to make people aware of pollution. He also brought a poster to school explaining ways in which we can save the planet. It's amazing!

Well done, Isla for winning your rosette for horse riding!



... and Ralph won Man of the Match!!!  
Go, Ralph!



What amazing Bidbury Stars we have here at school!



## Our Golden Gems



Our new values of **Resilience, Respect, Independence and Self-Regulation** are the focus for all our work.

Children receive a 'Gem of the Day' certificate for demonstrating one of the values.

One child per class will receive a 'Golden Gem' Certificate for demonstrating all four values that week.

The Golden Gem Achievers for January were:

*Emerald Class:* **Louis, Kieran, Gabriella and Jayden**

*Opal Class:* **Ivy-May, Erin, Asia and Jacob**

*Topaz Class:* **Florence, Ellie, A-Jay and Gabriella**

*Onyx Class:* **Willow, Ana, Amelia and George**

**Congratulations!**



Young Governors have an important role to play at Bidbury— children have a voice and it is important they are able to share their views on how to make our school a better place to learn and play.

Our Young Governors have all received their new young governors badge. They are super proud of it!

**Inset Days 2022-2023**

(No school for children)

Friday 21st July 2023

## Dates for your Diary Spring 2023

6th-10th February	Children's Mental Health Week
8th February	Safer Internet Day
13th-17th February	Half Term
28th February	Drama 4 All Workshops*
MARCH	Women's History Month
3rd March	World Book Day*
8th and 9th March	Parents' Evenings*
13th-17th March	Science Week*
15th March	Community Coffee Morning at Havant Rugby Club*
17th March	Red Nose Day*
24th March	National Skipping Day*
29th March	Community Coffee Morning at Havant Rugby Club
31st March	Last day of term
31st March—14th April	Easter Holidays

\* Details to follow