



South Baddesley Church of England Primary School Latest News

Learning outside - in the name of science.

Every week, come rain or shine, Class 1 and 2 spend time outside with Forest School teacher Mrs Mitchell and her adult helpers.

This week the theme is spring; the sun is shining and planting bulbs is the order of the day. Here is what they had to say about it:

"We have been learning about nature and plants. "

"We planted bean seeds."

"They need sun and water to grow."

"When they have grown we can eat them."

"We played a game to help us learn how plants grow."



There is definitely a lot **more sport going on at SBS**, just in the last two months teams have attended: cross country at Gang Warily and Woodside Park; tennis at Hale Gardens in New Milton and Tag Rugby at Ballard. Next week

we have a team entering the very popular Perry-Dalziell cross country event at Hordle Walhampton.
We have a sports blog linked to our school website, here are a couple of the reports:

A sunny but chilly Friday 4th March found 8 children from Class 3 leaping aboard the SBS mini bus and off to the New Forest School Sports Partnership Tennis Tournament at Hale Gardens Tennis Club, New Milton.



With both teams dressed in our new sport event 'hoodies', (Silver Award Sainsbury Sports Mark prizes) Captain Imogen followed by Xander, Christy and Gaia and Captain Tom, followed by Remy, Lillie and Shannon led our group out onto court. Each child played 4 matches and as confidence grew so did the points.

Every child improved and they certainly all thoroughly enjoyed their experience. Our intention was to have fun, gain new skills and give our best and that is certainly what they did. Imogen certainly showed her skills winning 3 out of 4 matches and Xander demonstrated his previous tennis coaching winning 2 from 4 matches.

I was exceptionally proud, yet again, of our fantastic SBS children. Mrs. Neal – Sports Coordinator.

On Wednesday 24th February a team of 17 children from Y3, 4 and 6 represented SBS at the new Forest Small Schools Cross Country Competition at Gang Warily near Southampton.

Our boys team from Class 3 were Captain Harry, Ben, Aaron, Araan, Xander, Cam, Zac, Magnus and Iskandar and our girls, Captain Annabelle, Charlie, Ava, Heidi and Grace, with Rex, Kai and Henry representing Year 6.

They raced against 5 other schools with over 100 children taking part.

First up was the year 3 /4 boys race and our boys gave it all they had with Ben coming 3rd overall receiving a bronze medal, Araan 9th and Harry 14th giving the team a bronze medal place. Xander and Cam came in 15th and 16th with the other boys close behind showing the strength of our year 3 /4 team. Huge congratulations boys!

The y3/4 girls' race was next and our girls made sure they had pole position on the start line. With Ava coming in 6th, Heidi 10th and Annabelle 15th SBS secured a second bronze medal position. Girls you were amazing!

Finally the year 6 boys!! This race was the "stuff of dreams". As Kai, Rex and Henry lined up at the start, I was bouncing around like a loon bursting with excitement....I was sure this race would complete the hatrick!! From the crack of the starting pistol the pace was set, the boys ran like their lives depended on it and within minutes it was South Baddesley's race.... Coming in with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd with the least points possible, they could not have done any better, securing gold silver and bronze medals and an overall Gold for the school!!

I have to say how exceptionally proud of them all I am, they all gave it their best and shone on and off the track! Thank you. Mrs. B Neal.

Subsequent to the above cross country race Henry has been chosen to represent the New Forest at Gang Warily.

Our **Community assemblies** on Friday mornings for parents and pupils alike have had a very positive influence. The idea was to invite parents/pupils and visitors from the local community to speak and build more awareness of what is going on around us and open up a window on opportunities outside school as well as shining a light on the differences in our lives.

One such visitor was a lady from Dementia Friends; she gave a realistic insight into the lives of people with Dementia.

As a result some of the children took it upon themselves to fund raise. The fundraise visitor was "blown away" by the children's actions and support.

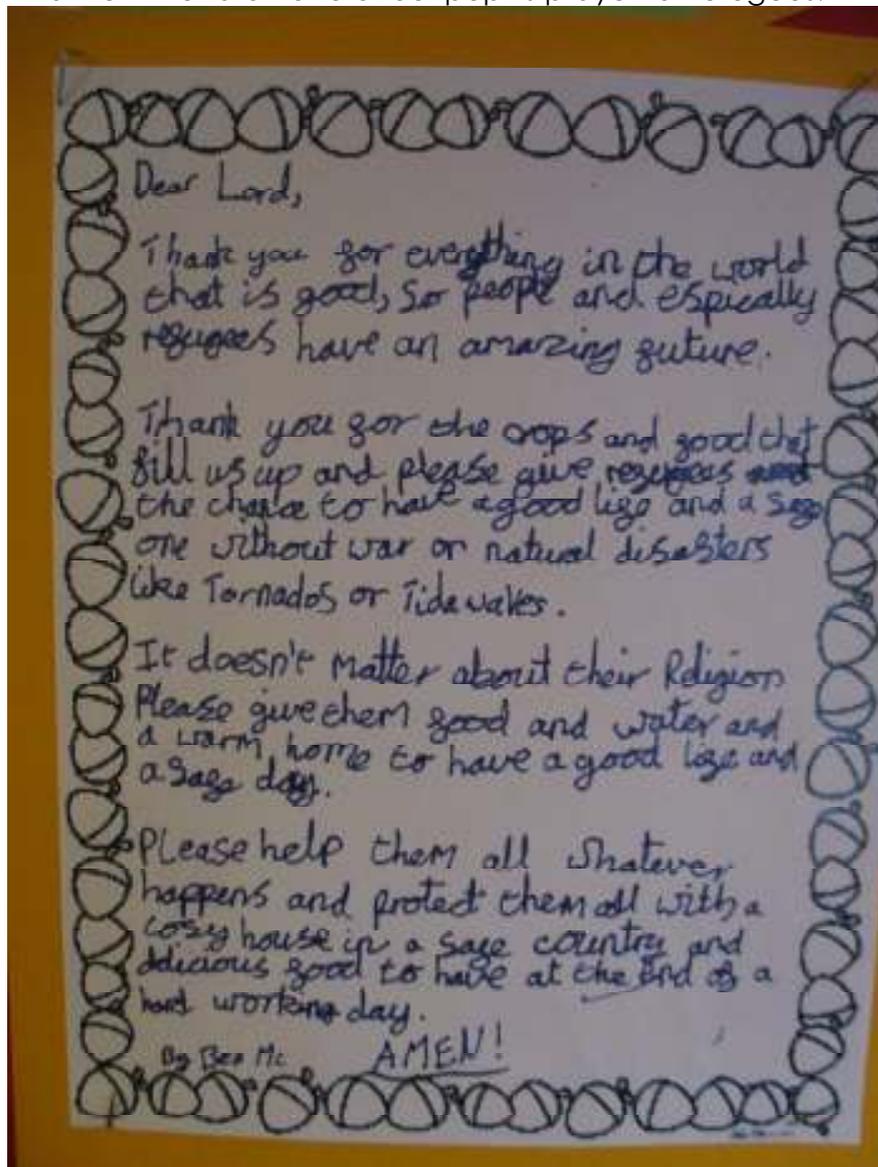
Year 2 have again been taking part in the Acorn Project, visiting **Oakhaven Hospice** every week and spending time getting to know the work they do and the patients they care for, culminating in a collaborative art display and an end of project tea party.

We have been decorating flowers made from plastic bottles which will be sold at Oakhaven from 23rd March, there will be over 1,000.



This is the 4th year we have done this with year 2 children, and each year they have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and come away with a sense of belonging to the Oakhaven community.

And we will end on one of our pupil's prayer for refugees:



Dear Lord,

*Thank you for everything in the world that is good,
So people and especially refugees have an amazing future.
Thank you for the crops and food that fill us up,
and please give refugees the chance to have a good life and a safe one,
without war or natural disasters like tornados or tidewaves.
It doesn't matter about their religion, please give them food and water
and a warm home to have a good life and safe day.
Please help them all, whatever happens and protect them all with a cosy
house,
in a safe country and delicious food to have at the end of a hard working
day.
Amen*

For further reports and photos please look at our website:
www.southbaddesley.hants.sch.uk