



13th June 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 33 Newsletter

The week started with a super Saturday Summer Fair – even the sun shone! A huge thank you to the PSA for organising a wonderful afternoon and to Nicky Wheeler/Lucy Robinson for leading this event. Thank you to all who came and supported, £2500 profit was made which we think is a record!

As promised last week, reports of our wonderful Flying Day follow -

Reception and Nursery Flying Day

Last week on Thursday it was flying day, and in Nursery and Reception we were thinking all about kites. We shared the story 'Postman Pat and the Runaway Kite', and used brown paper bags to make our own kites. We decorated our kites and added ribbon for tails and string to hold onto. We took our kites out onto the mound to practice flying them. We used crackers, icing, decorations and green bootlace sweets to make our own kite biscuits, they tasted yummy. Captain Nick Brown came to visit us and showed us lots of pictures of his plane, he looked very smart in his uniform. Reception also had a visit from Mrs Reilly who used to be an air stewardess for Virgin. We thought she looked very nice in her uniform. She showed us a picture of her with Richard Branson. We went into the hall and saw an indoor hot air balloon that went right up and touched the ceiling. We also saw a model plane flying around on a string. We had lots of fun!

Nursery were also very lucky to spend some time finding out about paragliders, and meeting Mr Michel! It was really exciting and we all got to sit in the paraglider seat and pull the emergency break! Mr Michel managed to launch the parachute by running really fast over the field – we thought he was great! Mrs Beasley came to see us too with a bag of flying goodies. She talked through how her kites work and what the different parts do. There was no wind but we all had a go anyway. Mrs Beasley treated us to some bubbles as well and we watched them float up in the sky.

Year 1

'I liked it when the pilot showed us the pictures of birds all around the aeroplane. I liked the aeroplane that whizzed around'

Marie

'I liked the massive aeroplanes in the hall. I liked the remote control on the big screen – I had a go'

Adam

'I liked the big aeroplanes, they had loads of details. I liked the planes that Mrs Reilly showed us. One was grey/silver and one was white'

George

'On the big screen the people kept crashing'

Emmerson

'I liked it when the pilot came into the class and showed us pictures of his aeroplane and engine'

Toby

'I liked it when the big paraglider came up in the front field'

Eloise

'I liked the man controlling the aeroplane'

Arthur

'It went round and round and round. My baby brother wanted to stay because he saw all the planes in the hall when he went to the office'

Christian

'I liked it when the pilot showed us the different planes'

Ben

'I liked the picture of the airbus that Mrs Reilly showed us'

Joe

'I liked it when we saw a picture of the plane going into lightening'

Joe

Year 2

My favourite part was when Captain Fox, my Dad, came in to speak, and he spoke to Year 2 first. I'm in Year 2 and I was very happy to see him. I'm so glad we had a flying day this year. Mr Nash was very kind to organise it and Mr Nash was helpful at flying day all the time. The activities were very good. One of the activities was demonstrating how small planes flew.

Miriam

My favourite part of flying day was decorating wooden planes. When the planes had dried we took them outside. We also took a rubber band. Outside we threw the planes and they flew! There was a hole in the planes and we lowered the band into the hole, we pulled hard and let go of the plane and... they shot off!

Jasmine

Year 3

In Year 3 we enjoyed meeting the pilots and talking to people who knew about flying. We especially loved watching the model aeroplanes and having a try on the plane simulation. We made our own helicopters in the afternoon and managed to get most of them to fly. We also set off a balloon helicopter and liked the funny noise it made!

Year 4

On flying day, some model makers came in with some interesting models and they brought in a flight simulator. Some children got to play it. It was really funny when they crashed! Two captains came in; the first pilot was called Andy Fox from Monarch, and he talked about his stripes on his uniform. He flew a Boeing 767-700 which holds over 300 people. The other pilot was called Nick from British Airways and he flew a Boeing 777-700. We asked him what countries he had been to. Harry and George's dad came in and flew a hot air balloon made of tissue paper. While we were waiting, the man with the models flew a remote control helicopter. We were all WOWED!

Jade and Niamh's mum came in dressed as an air hostess. At the end of the day, a man came in with a paraglider and showed us how it worked and how stiff the wires were.

Taran and Jade

Year 5 – Flying Insects

On flying day in Year 5 we made some flying bugs and they were all really good.

Once we had made them we tested them in the ball court. They were powered by balloons. The winners were Milo, Ollie, Dan E. and Thomas S. In second and third place came Josh and then Cameron.

We talked to a flight attendant and pilot. We then went to the hall and saw a hot air balloon and a model helicopter flight.

It was a great experience overall. We all enjoyed it.

Freddie and Alex

Year 6

On the 5th June we had flying day. It was a great experience and we really enjoyed it. Our highlight of the day was making our flying propeller planes. We also enjoyed the remote control game on the interactive board. We would like to thank Mr. Nash (and especially Sittingbourne Flying Club) for organising an excellent day.

Emma and Alexandra

Purchase of Gliders

If you would like to purchase a small glider with a propeller (BMFA Dart), this is where the Denne family buy their aeroplanes. You can buy one for a few pounds.

BMFA (British Model Flying Association)

E-mail: admin@bmfa.org

Telephone: 0116 244 0028

Peter Nash

*** THANK YOU***

We are very grateful to Mr. Nash for organising an excellent day. The whole school really enjoyed every element of the day. Special thanks to the grandparents and parents who came in to talk about their ‘flying’ experiences and/or to share their ‘flying’ hobbies. You all helped to enrich the learning.

Table Top Sale

The PSA will be holding a table top sale on Monday 16th July at 3.15pm to sell plants, toys and ice creams left over from the Summer Fair.

Head Teacher Awards

Reception	Madison	Alex
Year 1	Hannah	Ben
Year 2	Scott	Lily
Year 3	Sebastian	Nina
Year 4	Philip	Jade
Year 5	Elijah	Tanya
Year 6	Joseph	Joshua

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E Savage