

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

**Darwin:** In Darwin Class this week we have continued our theme on 'Growing' and been thinking about The Human Lifecycle. The children looked at pictures of different people at different stages of their life and put them into order. We shared photos of ourselves when we were a baby and have talked about what we would like to be when we grow up! We drew around ourselves and compared how tall we are against each other and printed with our hands and feet to show how big they are.

We have been working hard on our STEAM project and thoroughly enjoyed showing our visitors to school around the STEAM exhibition. Many children showed great 'Respect' when attending the exhibition, our value of the Month and so have received a Values wristband for their efforts.

As the weather is getting warmer, a reminder please that all children need to come to school with a sun hat, a water bottle and their own sun tan lotion- clearly labelled with their name on it.

Well done Darwin Class for a great half term. Have a wonderful week off!

**Kandinsky:** In Kandinsky we were very proud to show our work at the STEAM exhibition on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who attended. We enjoyed decorating the biscuits too and eating them! We have been writing a non-chronological report about cars and publishing it in our Golden Writing books this week. In maths we have been solving money problems and reflecting on what we have learnt in our Maths lessons this term. We have taken our Memory boxes home and thank you to everyone who has brought in pictures of family trees and photographs to share with the class. Phonic homework has been given out and there will be a prize for all who return it! Have an excellent holiday!



**Seacole:** WOW! It was great to see everyone on Tuesday for our STEAM event. Thank you for coming. The children loved showing off Seacole 5000! This week, Seacole class have finished off their paper booklets and they have blown me away with their determination and resilience in completing them. I am so proud of them! In English lessons we have been writing and editing our persuasive letters to the Mayor. Most of the children were very passionate about why houses shouldn't be built on the school's field. In whole class reading we have started

exploring a book called 'My Dad's got an alligator'. The children had great fun imagining what would happen if an alligator was at home. In maths we have been focusing on getting better at recalling our 2 and 5 times table. The children were improving their scores every time we practised. What a busy week we have had. I hope you all have a lovely half term!

**Valentina:** This week, were able to show off our dashboards at last at the STEAM showcase! A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported Valentina - we hope you were impressed with what we had made! Everyone in Valentina was so proud to show off their work and explain what they had learned about engineering this term. As a final engineering challenge, we all had a go at making a little model car from a single piece of card. The cutting and folding was very challenging but no one gave up and everyone did it completely independently. We really had to use our grit, determination, and resilience to complete the challenge. We have done our last Golden Write of the term using some powerful vocabulary and conjunctions to write our persuasive letters. Everyone has improved their

knowledge of fractions and decimals this week, and we have all found out more about equivalence. This has been a super fun whirlwind of a term, and everyone has really earned their half term holiday!

**DaVinci:** As usual DaVinci class excelled when it came to producing their final project for our STEAM showcase. All groups in the class worked tirelessly to produce some excellent dashboards, some were so realistic they could have been taken directly from a car! We had moving steering wheels, milometers, speedometers and numerous other high-tech items in our dash boards. So a big well done to everyone in DaVinci class for the amazing effort you put into your projects this term. In our other lessons this week the children have been working very hard to produce some persuasive formal writing. In maths we have been looking at the properties of shape and we spent some time thinking about why a square is also a rectangle- ask your child to see if they can explain! In our music lessons the children have been improving week on week and are gearing up for a final performance to the rest of the school before the end of the year. The children have earned a well break, enjoy your half terms!

**Shakespeare:** "Our children are only as brilliant as we allow them to be" - *Nelson Mandela*. This week Shakespeare class have been showing how brilliant they are - both in and out of the classroom. They have been working exceptionally hard on their drama performance of James and the Giant Peach, performing it to KS2 on Wednesday afternoon. They took leading roles in the STEAM afternoon, showing parents around the exhibits, supporting children and teachers throughout - well done!



During writing lessons, the children have been researching the process of pollination and drafting a non-chronological report using a double page spread in their writing books. I can't wait to read the final product and see the incredible illustrations and labelled diagrams. After half term the class will be focusing on the end of year production and auditioning for speaking and singing parts. I hope that all the children have a lovely half term and enjoy the sunshine.

**Quadkids:** Today some of our budding young sports people from years 5 and 6 went to Quadkids, which is an athletic competition held for local primary schools at BGN School. Hundreds of children from right across Banbury attended, it was a brilliant day and every member of the William Morris team excelled. The children took part in sprints, throwing, long jump and a long distance race. Connor did superbly well, coming second overall in his sprint race, and both Kian and Millie were awarded special certificates for demonstrating respect to fellow competitors. Well done team!



**Alastair Johns:** As you may recall, in a previous letter we shared the exciting news that Alastair Johns has been promoted to Deputy Headteacher. He has been working alongside senior leaders and has been part of the leadership structure for the last 2 years and so is very experienced and skilled when it comes to leading and running a school. I am pleased to say that Mr Johns will be based full-time at William Morris from September although he will still retain executive leadership roles over Longford Park too. This will mean that you will begin to see much more of him over the Summer Term as he begins to take over the ropes from Claire Martin and Louise Price.



**Exciting news:** We are really excited to announce that another sister school from GLF is joining the fold. As of June 2019, I will also be the Headteacher of Aureus Primary School in Didcot. This does not affect the day to day running of our two Banbury schools in any way as Aureus Primary comes with its own, already established, leadership team. This is a fantastic opportunity for all the teachers in 3 schools to be planning, learning and sharing together - we are very lucky as not many schools are able to receive as high levels of support and collaboration as this.

**Welcome:** This term we welcome Sarah Obinna to the team. Sarah joins us as an Executive Assistant Headteacher (responsibilities over more than one school) and will be leading on Early Years. We have been eagerly awaiting her arrival and thrilled that she is finally joining us after half-term. Sarah is a Specialist Leader in Education, an Oxfordshire County Council Early Years moderator and an Oxfordshire County Council Lead Teacher for Early Years. We are thrilled to have you on board Sarah and we wish you a very happy time with us at GLF.



Claire Martin also received a promotion to Executive Deputy Headteacher and she will mostly be based at Longford Park next year; although will still maintain leadership responsibility over certain areas at William Morris. This will mean that you will still see her around at William Morris and won't have gone far. As part of handover arrangements between Louise Price and Claire Martin, there will be some days next term where Claire will be Longford Park. We are very pleased to confirm that Ruth Price has agreed to continue to work at William Morris in Shakespeare class when Mrs Martin is at Longford Park.

### Key Dates for your Diary:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, first day of Summer Term 2
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Summer Fayre
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, INSET Day – no children in school
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Sports day & Family Picnic
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, move up day: this is when you will have an opportunity to meet with your new teacher for next year and the children will spend the morning in their new classes
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 Takeover Day
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, School Production (Key Stage 2 only)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, Reports out to parents
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, Family BBQ
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, last day of Summer Term 2 – **1pm finish**

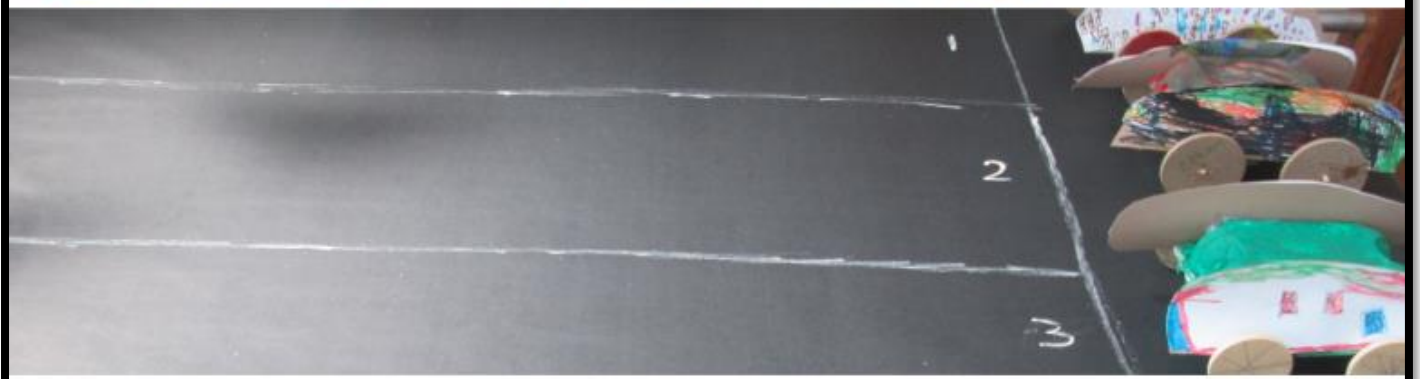


Have a lovely half-term!

*Hiddleston*

*Julie Hiddleston and the school team*

# William Morris Car Fest





# CLUBS

at William Morris  
Primary School

All clubs for this term run from 3:15-4:15pm

Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Choir Yrs 3-6  Free of charge	Football £3 per session  Rock Stars Club Yrs 2, 3 and 4 only Free of charge	Dance Club £3 per session

## Free Trial Piano Tuition

Studies show that time spent at the keyboard improves mental health: people who make music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Playing piano has also been shown to be a great source of stress relief, and provides ample opportunity to bolster self-esteem. It is also a widely used form of therapy for Attention Deficit Disorder. **Not sure if your child will take to it? Why not try a month's tuition FREE of charge?**

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**Dates for**  
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- 23rd May  
END OF  
TERM
- 26th May  
INSET DAY  
School Closed
- 22nd JUNE  
SUMMER  
FAYRE
- 26th JUNE  
SPORTS DAY
- 28th JUNE  
INSET DAY  
School Closed
- 9th JULY  
YEAR 6 TAKE  
OVER DAY
- 10th JULY KS2  
PRODUCTION
- 16th JULY LEAVER  
ASSEMBLY
- 18th JULY  
FAMILY BBQ
- 19th JULY  
END OF TERM  
(1PM CLOSE)

**SUMMER  
EVENTS**