

27<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Darwin:** This week we have started our new 'Talk 4 Writing' story, Little Red Hen, beginning to learn the structure of the story and story-telling signs to help us recount it, then plotting our own story maps. Learning about how stories are structured and some key narrative vocabulary (first..., next..., then...) will help us become better writers. The story also links well to our Farm topic as we prepare for our field trip. In our STEAM based topic work we are focusing on the Sugarlump and the Unicorn story, please ask your child to tell you about this lovely fairground and circus-themed story. In Maths we have concluded our look at the number 8 and symmetry and we now focus on number 7 with lots of activities based around the days of the week. Well done to Darwin class for their class assembly this week on 'Inspiration', our focus school value this month, and for all their hard work on building 'inspirational' models and artwork.



**Kandinsky:** Kandinsky were proud to share our class assembly with Darwin this week and talk about what interests outside of school inspire us. We were all confident to speak in front of the whole school and talk how our hobbies inspire us. We have been working hard to improve our ball handling skills and also learning how to skip, hula hoop and juggle in P.E. The helpers from Tudor Hall inspired us to keep showing true determination to keep trying to succeed and achieve our personal targets to learn these new skills when Sports Day was cancelled. We have been making carnival masks and practising rehearsing our Samba poem for the pre Greatest Showman performance. Our Maths fluency lessons have been focussing on doubling and halving numbers as well as quick recall of number pairs that equal 20. We have been using positional language to follow directions and are looking forward to creating our own maps around the school next week.

**Seacole:** Seacole class have had a busy week this week. In English, we have been adapting a poem called the Sound Collector to have a circus theme. We are looking forward to sharing this with you at the end of term. We have also been practicing a range of circus skills like juggling, spinning plates and diabolos. We are getting better each time we practice and we are looking forward to putting all that we have learnt into a routine. In maths, we have been focusing on money and how to add and subtract amounts in the context of shopping. This week in our fluency lessons we have been practicing the 2 times table and the children are trying to beat their Times Table Rock Stars



score. On Wednesday we had a very sporty day even though Sports Day had been postponed. We had a go at Star Wars yoga, guided dancing, multi skill activities and dodge ball. The children showed what great sportsmen and women they were.

**Valentina:** Valentina have truly shown our values of resilience and determination in quite an unpredictable week! They have thrown themselves into our Greatest Showman rehearsals and are doing their very best to apply their feedback to their singing. Everyone was fully trained and prepped ready for Sports Day but showed great maturity when it sadly had to be cancelled, and instead spent the day making leaflets and resources for Mrs Way's sensory garden. We have carried out our own investigation into each other's reaction speeds - we have recorded our findings and will be learning how to put our data into bar charts in Maths next week. The sun has started to show itself and everyone is working super hard - keep it up Valentina, and maybe use some of your extra day off (no school on Friday due to INSET day) to go over the song words for the Greatest Showman!

**DaVinci:** The highlight of DaVinci's week was undoubtedly the T-shirt printing we did in collaboration with Banbury College. The children were extremely lucky to have some skilled students and teachers come in from the college to help with our printing. We used pictures we had taken of all the children and using screen printing techniques transferred them to the T-shirts we won for our STEAM project last term. I'm sure you will agree the end product was fantastic. This week we have also been thinking about our value of the month for July: teamwork, ahead of a class assembly we are doing next week. The children thought carefully about examples of teamwork in the wider world and closer to home in school. We also spent time thinking about what makes a good team.



**Shakespeare:** Shakespeare week has been so busy - a maths challenge day, Tudor Hall sports activities, dance lessons as well as rehearsals for our production. The children have been demonstrating our values - particularly team work this week. Don't forget the Year 6 children have their transition days next week.



**Football Match:** Last week William Morris hosted two football matches against St Joseph's. It was a brilliant occasion with all teams involved showing superbly sporting behaviour. Sadly William Morris lost both matches but neither team gave up at any point and were thrilled to simply be taking part. It's a fixture we hope will become a regular occasion in future years.



**Move up day:** 8th July is our exciting annual move-up day. You will be given an opportunity to pop into school after drop-off at 8:40am to have a cup of tea or coffee for 20 minutes to meet your new teacher for next year. Please note children moving into nursery and Reception, will also be joining us on that day at 9:30am. Parents will stay with them for 15 minutes, the children will be staying until parents collect at 11:30am.



**Values Based Education:** On Tuesday 2nd July there will be a VbE (Values Based Education) Auditor assessing at William Morris School on whether we should be awarded the VbE Mark. This would show how much we work on the Values of the school and is an opportunity to showcase all of the work we do linked to the school Values. The Auditor will be outside in the morning greeting parents and will be talking to the staff and children throughout the day. We are sure it will be a positive day!

**Another successful Summer Fayre:** A big, big thank you to everyone who came to the Summer Fayre on Saturday and to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a great success. The sun shone, lots of people came and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. We are very pleased to announce that **we raised over £800** which will be used to enhance and support the children's learning in the future.

**Rearranged Sports Day - 11 July from 1pm. All Parents welcome:** It was such a shame that the weather didn't allow us to go ahead with our planned sports day this week. We thank you all for your support and understanding, it is always a difficult decision to postpone but after the heavy rain the playing field was far too wet and slippery to run on. The good news is that we have an alternative date, so please do join us to watch the children in sprint races on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm.**

### Key Dates for your Diary:

- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, INSET Day – no children in school
- 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) 1pm and 5.30pm
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, rescheduled Sports Day – from 1:00pm, all parents welcome
- 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. This is one of our must attend events of the year! Please can you make sure you arrive and are in the school hall at 12:30pm for a brief address by the Headteacher before you will be able to go outside for the BBQ
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, last day of Summer Term 2 – **1pm finish**

Have a lovely weekend!

*Hiddleston*

Julie Hiddleston and the school team

WRITERS OF THE WEEK	
Darwin: Idris	
	Kandinsky: Leo
Seacole: Lachlan	
	Valentina: Sarah
DaVinci: Noel	
	Shakespeare: Kian





# CLUBS

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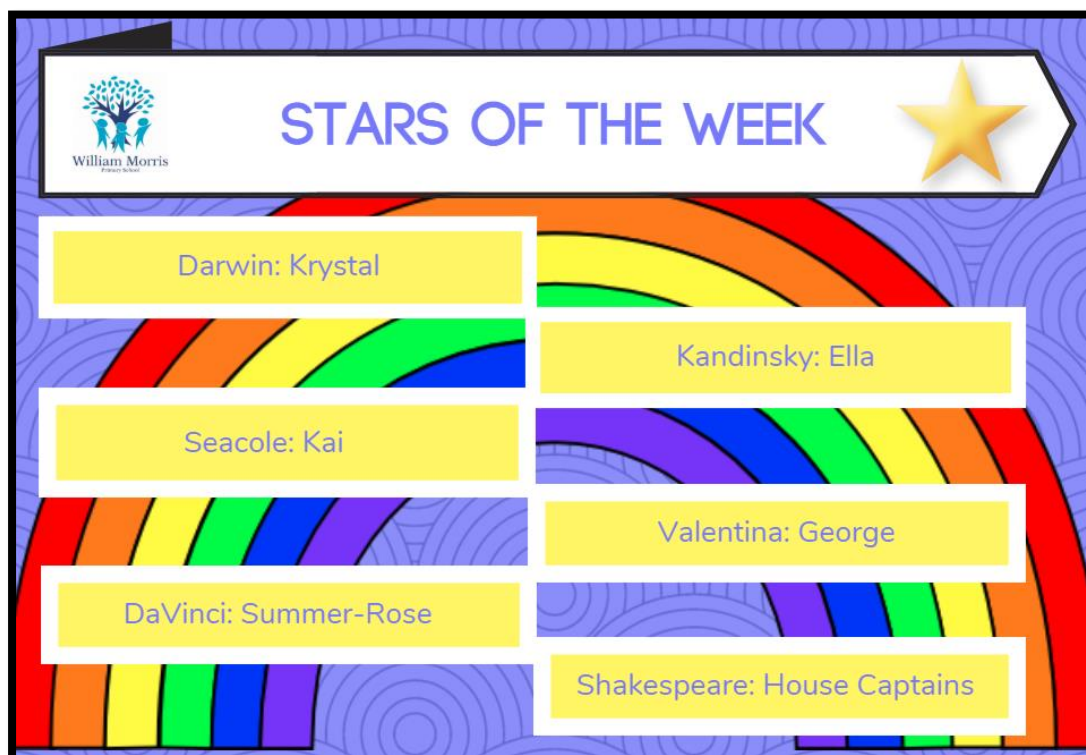
All clubs for this term run from 3:15-4:15pm

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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