

25th October 2019



Darwin: Darwin have been very busy learning all about the number 5. We have been printing 5 spiders and singing nursery rhymes, 5 little ducks and 5 little men in a flying saucer. On Monday we all worked really hard, showing our mums and dads our

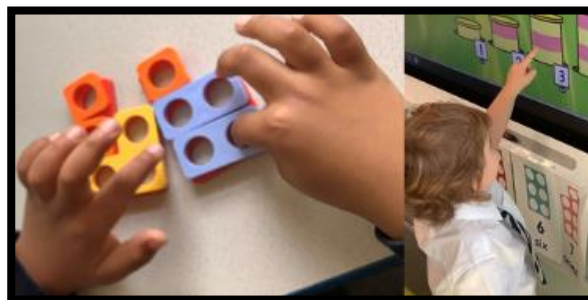
harvest Festival assembly where we showed off our work and sang our favourite songs. We have been exploring pumpkins, we have enjoyed cutting them open and removing all the seeds. We have used different words to describe how the pumpkin felt.

From Mrs Obinna: On Monday afternoon we were treated to a wonderful harvest performance from our youngest pupils in school, they performed with such confidence and got us all in to the harvest feel of things. A big well done to Cartwright class, Mrs Smith, Mrs Gibbs and to Darwin class with Mrs Hancock and Miss Hermoso for all their hard work.

Cartwright: Cartwright have had another great week working together to produce their first STEAM project. Our focus was to learn about bread from around the world. We sampled lots of different breads and looked closely at dried wheat in a vase. We have continued learning a new sound every day and are making great progress. Thank you to our parents and careers for your support and encouragement leaving your child at the door.

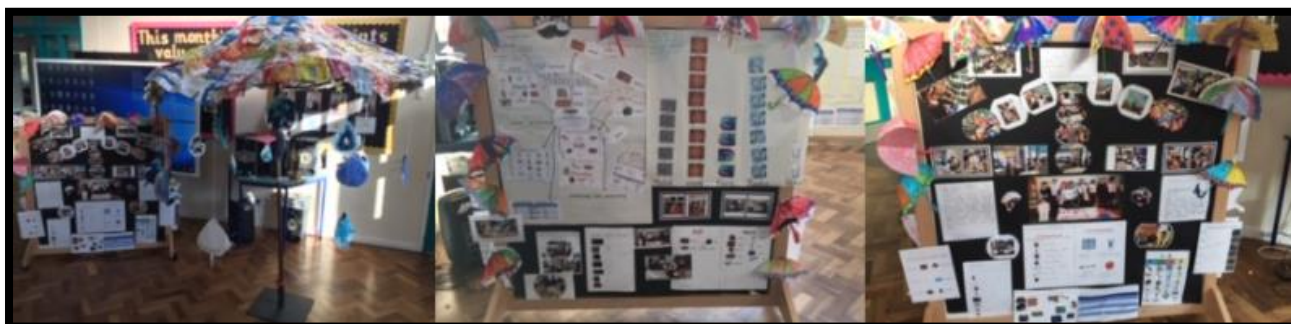
Their independence is blossoming every day and can settle quickly into their morning routine.

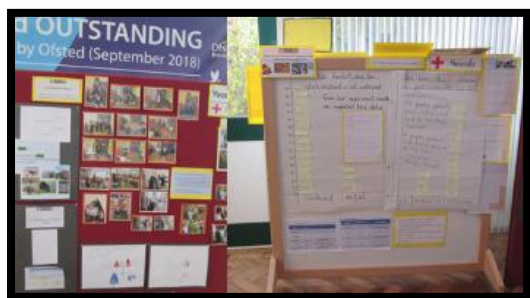
Wishing you a wonderful half term, rest well and I look forward to seeing you soon.



Kandinsky: What a fantastic end to a fantastic first term!

Kandinsky have worked as a team this week to finish off everything in time for the STEAM showcase and what a show it was! All children participated in performing in front of many parents, with their very own rain makers. Each child has grown in confidence and maturity and we are only eight weeks in. Well done to each and every child! We are going to have an amazing year!





Seacole: Seacole were very proud to show off our shelter at our STEAM showcase. We have been using the results from our Science investigations to produce bar charts based on the data gathered. In Maths we have been using the greater and less than symbols to compare numbers and also explaining our reasoning by identifying the number of tens and ones in a two digit number. In our Literacy this week we have been self assessing our golden writing, thinking about what we need to do to improve our work in order to identify our new writing target. In SMSC we have been reflecting on the value of the month, Leadership and our Votes for Schools discussions. We

thoroughly enjoyed illustrating what we would like to put in The Magic Box based on the poem by Kit Wright in our sketch books and reciting it as our performance poem this week. Have a very good half term everyone!

Valentina: It has been a week of excitement for class Valentina who were extremely proud to show off their ice cream van at our STEAM showcase. Throughout the afternoon children were busy collecting data on parent's favourite ice creams and presented this information on a bar chart. We discovered that chocolate

was by far the most popular choice! If this wasn't enough STEAM we then conducted an experiment to observe condensation. In English we have been writing non-chronological reports on Komodo Dragons and were very surprised to find out that the lizards could grow to over 3m in length! In SMSC we have been thinking a great deal about what leadership means and used role play to demonstrate the qualities of a good leader.



DaVinci: This week Da Vinci class have enjoyed getting ready for their STEAM showcase by baking our golden biscuits and practising our experiments. In English we completed our mystery stories and wrote them up in best in our golden write books.

Shakespeare: We loved the STEAM event this week! We were desperate to show off all our hard work with our giant steady hand game and talk to parents about everything we have been learning about electricity. We could confidently explain how we created our game and why the buzzer only works if the hook touches the metal game. We have also been continuing with our monster poetry - lots of us have even been practising writing some poetry at home! As well as sending off our poems to be entered into a national competition, we are creating a class anthology for our reading corner to show how creative we are.



Secondary School Application Deadline – Reminder: You must have applied for secondary school places by **31st October** (in the middle of the half term holiday) – so if you wish to hand in a paper application to school, you will need to do so before the half term holiday.

Failure to apply by 31 October will mean you severely weaken the chances of getting the school of your choice and will not be offered any school on 2 March 2020, National Allocation day. You will need to wait until 5 May 2020, or later if still not applied, to find out which secondary school you have been offered.

STEAM: Thank you to all parents for your wonderful support this term particularly at the STEAM event this week. Can we remind all parents about their conduct on school premises and about the importance of conducting your conversations with dignity and respect towards each other. We are all role models for the children at our school and as such need to act accordingly. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parent Pay and School Money: After numerous unresolved issues with School Money we have decided to update our payment and booking system to ParentPay. Over half term we will be busy working behind the scenes to get the new system up and running. As always we appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition.

On our return after half term you will receive an activation letter which will help you set up your parent pay account and then from week 2 on our return you will be able to start booking school dinners, clubs and trips. The first week back we will continue as we have until now.



Children in Need 2019 : This year we invite children to bring a 50p donation and “Wear Something Spotty” (alongside school uniform) all money raised goes to help support disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. Socks, tights, jumper or hat or use your imagination – its all for a good cause!

Key Dates for your Diary:

- Friday 25th October – INSET day, no children in school
- Friday 15th November - Wear Something Spotty
- Wednesday 11th December KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Nativity (1:30 and 5:00pm)
- Thursday 12th December, Nursery and Reception Christmas production at 1:30pm
- Thursday 19th December, 1:30pm end of term
- Monday 6th January, beginning of Spring Term

Christmas Lunches:

16th December – Nursery and reception

17th December – Year 1 and 2


18th December – Year 3 and 4

19th December – Year 5 and 6


Parents are invited to come and eat Christmas dinner with their children. Please note that due to capacity within our school hall we can only admit one parent per child. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a lovely weekend!

Julie Hiddleston and the school team



STARS OF THE WEEK




Darwin: Jonathan	
	Cartwright: Nikola B
Kandinsky: Malaika I	
	Seacole: Luka B
Valentina: Madison	
	DaVinci: George
Shakespeare: Alfie H	




Star Writers



	Cartwright: Ben T
Kandinsky: Anna	
	Seacole: Noah J
Valentina: Oscar	
	DaVinci: Ruby G
Shakespeare: Summer-Rose	



READERS OF THE WEEK



	Cartwright: Dexter
Kandinsky: Isabella Z	
	Seacole: Amelia D
Valentina: Tommy	
	DaVinci: Danny B
Shakespeare: Ruby W	



Please speak to the school office if you would like to volunteer to be part of either of these:

Parent Forum:

Termly meetings with the Deputy Head to discuss school operations, sharing ideas and driving forward parental engagement. Each class should have one Parent Forum representative. If more than one person per class volunteers, then a ballot will be held to decide the representative.

Friends of William Morris:

Meetings held every 4-6 weeks to help organise and run events such as discos, the Christmas Fair and the Sumer fete. All volunteers welcome.



CLUBS

at William Morris
Primary School

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

Monday	Thursday
Netball (from 16/9) Yrs 3-6 (girls and boys) 3:15-4:00pm Dance With Miss O'Connor	Tag Rugby Club (from 16/9) Yrs 4-6 (girls and boys)


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?**

All tuition books and diaries are also supplied free of charge by the service. To obtain an application form, please email MJmusicsservices@aol.com or vices@aol.com

Disability football club

for boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years




Banbury United Football Club

New! Disability football club for boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years.

Frank Wise School astroturf, Hornbeam Close, Banbury. OX16 9RL

Sundays from 29th September 2019

12:30 until 1:30pm

For more information contact:

Ricky at rickyreajn@yahoo.com

