

31st January 2020

## Royal Visit:







**Darwin:** Darwin have been really busy learning about the Chinese New Year. We have been trying Fortune cookies which the children said were “crunchy but tastes nice”. We made a giant rat, we also made some nice

paintings using red and yellow paint. We have also painted some Chinese words meaning good fortune. The children have been trying some new foods for snack this week, they have been independently helping themselves to water and fruit.

**Cartwright:** This week, Cartwright Class have continued to read the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have sequenced the story and innovated it by changing the characters. The number of the week was 14 and the children explored it in various ways. In maths the children have been investigating addition and learning how to count on from a number. We have also had the Sport Activators come and teach the class P.E. the played various games that supported the children's balance and coordination for STEAM, the children have been making beds for the three bears.



**Kandinsky:** This week Kandinsky have enjoyed our word aware lessons. They especially enjoyed learning the word onomatopoeia. We will be using onomatopoeia in our English lessons in the next couple of weeks as we work on creating a comic strip.

**Seacole:** This week we have been reading the story of “Grandad’s Secret Giant” by David Litchfield and writing a character profile describing him. We have been predicting what we thought might happen in the story and what Grandad was going to make for the giant after Billy ran away from him. We have



been learning about the inverse relationship of addition and subtraction in maths and using this to write calculations based on bar models. Our fluency lessons have been adding and subtracting ones and tens from two-digit numbers and spotting number patterns using our 100 squares.



In STEAM we have made gliders and reflected upon the materials we used in order to make our flying vehicles more effective. In P.E we have been improving our ball handling skills in team games and reflecting on the importance of warming up and cooling down after exercise.

**Valentina:** This week Valentina were extremely lucky to be invited to Tudor Hall school to meet HRH The Duchess of Cornwall. Leading up to the event we conducted research into the royal family and explored regal transitions and customs. During our STEAM lessons we have conducted research into how Didcot Power Station generated electricity. We then applied our knowledge to create an initial design for a generator by sketching an exploding diagram. During maths, we have continued to explore the inverse of operations by solving missing number problems.

**Da Vinci:** This week in English, Da Vinci class have been continuing to work on our class book Street Child. We discovered what it was like for children working in the workhouses during the Victorian times and used evidence from the text to build up an image of what the workhouse would have looked like for our main character Jimmy. We also discussed various reasons as to why Jimmy should escape from the workhouse but also debated whether it would be in fact better if he stayed. Da Vinci enjoyed reflecting on this with a drama activity called conscience alley. We also began looking at the features of a newspaper report as we prepare to write our very own newspaper report based on Jimmy's escape from the workhouse.

In maths, Da Vinci class have been looking at both the expanded and short method for multiplication. We were working with numbers up to 3 digits.

On Wednesday, we were very lucky to be invited to Tudor Hall school to meet The Duchess of Cornwall. KS2 were split up into 3 groups with some children having the opportunity to greet her Royal Highness outside the building and with other children being able to take part in art lessons taught by two teachers from the school. Some of us were even lucky enough to speak to the Duchess of Cornwall. We will certainly remember this day!



**Shakespeare:** Shakespeare class have had an incredibly exciting week. On Wednesday, we all took a trip to Tudor Hall to see the grand unveiling of their new building which was officially opened by the Duchess of Cornwall. We were invited to take part in a lesson whilst we were there with some of the children making clay figures whilst others decorated canvas bags inspired by the Day of the Dead. The children spoke confidently to the Duchess about what they had been doing and were eager to share their work. We have also performed a short play for our class assembly focusing on the value of diversity. The children have really developed their confidence in speaking in front of an audience and they could confidently explain the moral of the story.



**FAST sessions:** We are excited to be running FAST sessions with Cherwell District Council this term! The FAST activators will be running after school sessions for children and their parents/carers from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January where they will be delivering fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. The sessions are FREE and there is no need to book! Simply come along and take part in some brilliant sports activities. We hope to see you there!

[Please click here to see the FAST newsletter for more information](#)

**Year 2 SATs:** We would like to invite year 2 parents to a meeting in Seacole classroom on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 3.10 to 3.30 to discuss the Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This is an opportunity to find out what the SATs are and how you can support your child to prepare for them. A creche will be available. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please can you let Mrs Way know.



**Children's mental health week 2020:** This week marks children's mental health week 2020. We will be following the theme of 'Find Your Brave' and will have a number of activities taking place over the course of the week. Monday's assembly will launch the week, followed by classroom show and tell on Tuesday where we ask the children to bring in an object which represents their bravery. Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone - they may wish to bring in a photograph, a story or an object which shows them being brave or helps them to be brave. On Friday we will be raising money for the children's mental health charity Place2Be by wearing a red badge which they will make in class. Find out more at <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/about-the-week/>

**Thrive Room Request:** If you are planning to have a spring clean, please could you consider donating any toys that are no longer required to help fill our Thrive room please? Any type of toy max 10cm in height would be greatly appreciated – for example: Little men, happy land, houses, animals, happy meal toys, Moshi monsters, little creatures, soldiers, cars, trains, puppets, cuddly toys too. Thank you.

### Conduct at pick up and drop off.

A polite reminder to all parents about being considerate towards one another in and around the school premises. Please model courteous and respectful language to each other in your interactions, especially when there are children around. We know that the drop off can be a great time to chat with other parents, but please be mindful not to block paths. Thank you for your support.

### Key Dates for your Diary:

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 3:10-3:40 – Year 2 parents SATs (Seacole Class) led by Mrs Way
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, STEAM Event
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, last day of term (3:05pm finish)
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Parents Evening
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Parents Evening

Have a lovely weekend!

*Hiddleston*

Julie Hiddleston and the school team

Star Writers	
Darwin: Lena	
	Cartwright: Clara
Kandinsky: Ryan B	
	Seacole: Ethan C
Valentina: Maya F	
	DaVinci: Ruby G
Shakespeare: Nida	



READERS OF THE WEEK	
	Cartwright: Kade
Kandinsky: Emma S	
	Seacole: Luka B
Valentina: Kai H	
	DaVinci: Olivia B
Shakespeare: Taylor	

#### Value of the month

## DIVERSITY

*"It means understanding that each individual is unique, and recognising our individual differences."*



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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
<b>Dance</b> Miss O'Connor Nursery to Yr 6  <b>Hockey</b> Mrs Pemble Yr 2 - Yr 6	<b>Drama</b> Cherwell Theatre Company Rec - Yr6 £3.00 per session  FAST Activator Family Sessions – all years FREE Sign up here:	<b>Choir</b> Miss Jones Yr 2 - Yr 6	<b>Football</b> Mr Ryan Jones Nursery - Yr 6 £3.00 per session Starts 10/01/20

## 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 [MJmusicervices@aol.com](mailto:MJmusicervices@aol.com) or [mvices@aol.com](mailto:mvices@aol.com)



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Darwin: Daisy

Kandinsky:

Valentina: Viktoria B

Shakespeare: Bailey

Cartwright: Sara

Seacole: Bradley

DaVinci: Leo P