

8th April 2022

RETURN TO SCHOOL – April 25th 2022

Learning that has been occurring this week:

STEAM Showcase

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our STEAM Showcase yesterday! It was a great success and we are so grateful you all made the trip out in the dreadful weather. The children loved having you in the classroom and having the opportunity to show you the products of their hard work. Please read our STEAM Showcase article on the school website to see pictures and more information.

Darwin:

The children have had a busy week decorating hard boiled eggs for our egg and spoon race, the children carefully balanced their eggs on a spoon we had to walk across the playground without dropping our eggs. We have been practising our pencils skills by writing our names in our Easter cards. We have had an Easter egg hunt around our classroom, we found different size eggs. We have enjoyed reading Easter stories, 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt' was our favourite. We hope you all have a lovely Easter, great work this term Darwin class.

Stars of the week :

- Sophie for independently writing her name.
- Jesse for communicating with class adults.



Cartwright:

Here we are at the end of another term! Thank you all so much for coming to our hat display and Steam showcase, it is really special for the children to have you here and to be able to show you their work. We hope you enjoyed it. If you didn't make it you can see pictures from this term's Steam project on Sway.

Next term the Sway topic will be about plants, which will include vegetables, flowers and growing. You might want to visit a garden centre over Easter if you have time! Have a lovely holiday and thank you for all your support, we look forward to a warm and sunny new term after Easter!

Star of the Week – Kaio for playing nicely with his friends and looking after them.

Star Writer – Lucy she is making great progress and really practices independently on the whiteboard.

Star Reader – Isaac V for being able to read in your head and say the word.

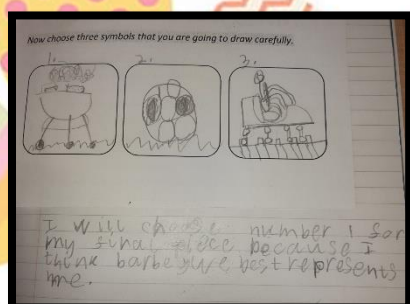
Kandinsky:

We have had a wonderful final week of term in Kandinsky Class. In Maths, we explored measurement using rulers. We identified how to use a ruler accurately to measure, and how we can compare the actual measurement to our estimates. In English, we completed a Golden Write on a fact file about a daffodil. The children successfully incorporated a range of sentence starters and adjectives. In STEAM, we placed our final paintings on a map of the school and used our Oracy skills to discuss how we created our final piece. We also welcomed in the families of our children for our STEAM Showcase. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing the work they have produced with their families. Well done for a fantastic term - have a wonderful Easter holiday!

Star of the Week – *Chloe for always being kind and caring towards others.*

Star Writer – *Jacob for working super hard on his letter formation.*

Star Reader – *Shane for always showing excellent engagement within reading tasks.*



Seacole:

In Literacy this week we have been writing a letter to Aunt Lucy in the character of Paddington about his visit to Banbury. We enjoyed thinking about where we would want to visit in Banbury as Paddington, what play equipment we would go on if we went to the parks and features of Banbury canal day. In our fluency lessons we have been practising telling the time as well as revising our number facts for twenty. In Maths we have been subtracting a 2 digit number from a 2 digit number and proving our calculations using a number line and a bar model. We are very proud of our STEAM showcase and enjoyed presenting our work in our open afternoon. What a fantastic end to a term Seacole! Well done you have worked really hard and I hope you have a very Happy Easter.

Star of the Week – *Ramiya for her excellent presentation in all of her books.*

Star Writer – *Milena for her excellent letter writing.*

Star Reader – *Clara for her excellent reading comprehension skills.*

Valentina:

In Valentina Class we have been very busy finishing our final piece in preparation for the Steam Showcase. First of all, we used the primary colours to mix our own skin tones and then used varying amounts of white to vary the tone for creating shadows. The children loved turning these into their very own gallery and showing these to their parents and carers. We also used our theatres to show the shadow puppets we have made from opaque materials. Thank you to all parents who came to our STEAM showcase, the children loved sharing all of the things they have been learning about with you.

Star of the Week – *Erza, for consistently her trying her best with her learning.*

Star Writer – *Noah, for his amazing effort writing a non-chronological report about the Tudors.*

Star Reader – *Kelsey, for showing a love of reading and always being so keen for class story time.*



Ramanujan:

This week year 4 have been working on time conversions in maths focused on seconds, minutes and hours. In English the children have written their golden write - the recount of their trip! We have been making our own purses in STEAM, using our evaluations of Viking purses. They have worked well to support each other with challenges, and it must be noted that the children have shown incredible resilience and perseverance through this process. The children have worked really hard this term and we hope they have a wonderful Easter break!

Star of the Week – All of year 4 for being so supportive of each other when making Viking Purses.

Star Writer – Ethan for working really hard for his Golden Write.

Star Reader - Niamh for showing great enthusiasm for our class novel.



Davinci:

It has been a busy final week in Davinci Class as we wrapped up our learning in each of the areas of the curriculum. In STEAM we designed and then made our Ancient Greek pots. We were incredibly pleased with result and really enjoyed sharing our learning with so many parents and carers at the STEAM Showcase. In English we completed our balance argument discussing whether petrol and diesel cars should be banned in favour of electric vehicles. We learnt so many facts about each of these vehicles which we then used in our argument. In mathematics we looked at adding and multiplying fractions. We have also continued to consolidate our knowledge of key times tables facts and written methods for multiplication. In PE we played our first 'proper' netball match, the children were brilliant at remembering their positions and staying in the appropriate part of the court. It has been a fantastic term and the whole Year Five Team hope you have a wonderful Easter holiday.

Star of the Week – Terrell for his all round positive attitude to school life.

Star Writer - Sami for working hard on presentation and content.

Star Reader - Mikaila B for her insightful comments during reading sessions.

Shakespeare:

This week we really enjoyed sharing our fantastic Islamic art with families at the STEAM showcase. We put many hours into developing the skills to produce these! In English, we completed our comparative reports and then spent the last two days bringing this knowledge to life by scripting and performing our own Horrible Histories episodes! I hope you all have a lovely break from school. Please see Class Dojo for information on SATs practice that has been sent home with the children.

Star of the Week - Leo, Aalaya and Nilofar for their outstanding Islamic art.



Term Dates 2021 - 2022

	School Ends	School Starts	School Closed
Easter Holidays		25 th of April	
Bank Holiday			2 nd of May
May Half Term	27 th of May	6 th of June	
INSET Day			24 th of June
Summer Holidays	15 th of July @ 1pm		
INSET Day			18 th , 19 th , 20 st of July

Goodbyes

Unfortunately, the end of this term brings with it the final day for two of our much-loved Learning Assistants. Laura Shepherd and Luisa Scioratto will both be moving on to pastures new.

Laura has been with the school for 10 years and has been able to witness and be a key part of the transformation it has undergone. She has supported in many different year groups during her time at William Morris and built wonderful relationships with so many of the children. Her various contributions to school life are innumerable, ranging from work with SATs, productions and First Aid – to name just a few!

Luisa originally joined our sister school Longford Park before moving to William Morris. Luisa has contributed wonderfully to school life during her time here, setting up our first ever Forrest School. Her subject knowledge and her skills as a Thrive practitioner will be missed, as will her ability to tidy up after us all!

I am sure you will join all of the staff at the school in saying fond farewell to both Luisa and Laura and we wish you all the best for your future steps.

Key Dates

April 27th – Class Photos

June 20th to June 22nd - Year 6 Residential

June 27th to June 29th – Year 4 Residential

SPRING FEST

THE HILL
COMMUNITY CENTRE
DOVER AVENUE BANBURY OX16 0JJ

THURSDAY APRIL 14TH
11:30AM - 2PM
FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
CIRCUS SKILL WORKSHOP, EGG HUNT,
EASTER CRAFT,
PLANTING WITH BRIDGE STREET GARDEN,
EASTER BONNETS, DR BIKE,
DIY FACEPAINTING
MUSIC ROOM DEMONSTRATIONS
AND REFRESHMENTS

School Lunches

Please remember to book your school lunches before school opens on April 25th. The lunch system will not take bookings that have been made the same day. Please also check your outstanding balance to make sure lunch payments are up to date.

Have a lovely Easter Break!

A. Johns

Kind regards, Ally Johns and the School Team