



26th May 2023

Classroom News

What's next ...

Return from Half Term –
Monday 5th June

Darwin Class:

Thank you for everyone who came to our steam showcase this week, the children really enjoyed sharing their work with you all. They worked really hard on our caterpillar song and actions to the song. The children worked hard on their final products - the children used all their drawing skills to create their pictures of an animal when it was younger then older. We have had an exciting term with lots of visitors such as guinea pigs and 3 babies, the children really enjoyed their trip to the butterfly farm and they are still talking about it now. We have been making the most of the sunshine this week and have been listening to our favourite stories in the garden. We also released our butterflies into the garden this week, the children enjoyed watching fly around. We all hope you have a lovely half term

Stars of the week : - Maja for learning all the words to our caterpillar song.



Cartwright Class:

This week we have been reading the story of 'Christopher Nibbles' by Charlotte Middleton. The story is all about a guinea pig who loved eating dandelion leaves. To link with the story, we had a very exciting visit from some real guinea pigs and learnt how to care for them. The children have also been talking about their own pets and sharing their photographs with the class. In maths we have been playing number track games, using a dice and jumping the counters the correct number of spaces. The children might like to make their own track games to play, or board games, such as 'snakes and ladders' during the half term holiday. To complete our STEAM learning about growth, we finished adding texture and labelling the observational plant drawings. Thank you to all of those who were able to visit the classroom for the STEAM showcase, the children were very excited to share their work! We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you in term 6.

Star of the week - Jakarie for explaining ways to look after a guinea pig.

Star Writer – Maia- Amour joining in with activities at the writing table.

Star Reader – Amelia for showing great enthusiasm for reading.



Kandinsky Class:

Year One have enjoyed a great end to the term. In English, we have finished writing our instructions for a picnic. It has been fantastic to see the children think independently about what they would like to take on their picnic and how they might describe what each item is like. In mathematics, we have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children have been using various items around the classroom and grouping them to support their counting. As our STEAM topic has come to an end, we have been pulling all our learning together to create our vertebrates out of clay and worked hard to rehearse the facts that we will present to our visitors at our STEAM Showcase. We have also loved seeing so many excellent pieces of homework coming in throughout the past few weeks, the children have worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of what they have achieved in and outside of school. We all hope you have a restful and enjoyable break.

Star of the Week – Emmie for her positive attitude and consistently trying her best.

Star Writer – Eleanor for a super set of instructions

Star Reader – Kuba for his commitment to reading at home and at school.



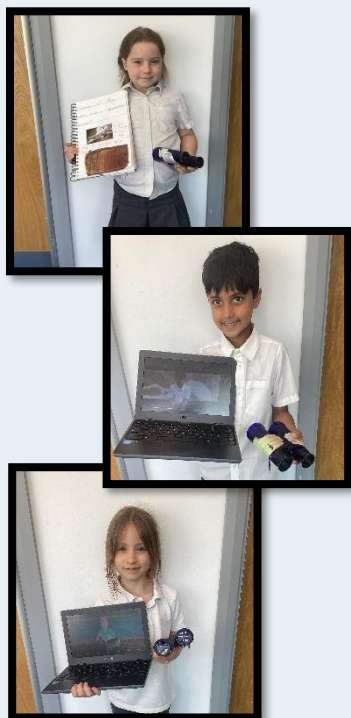
Seacole Class:

What a fantastic final week of term we have had in Year 2! In Maths, we have been revisiting our times table facts with a particular focus on our 10's and 5's. We have used our knowledge of our times tables to solve word problems and represent these in different ways. We have also been singing out times table song to help support our understanding! In English, the children have worked extremely hard to publish their fact file about their chosen animal. We made sure to include subheadings throughout our writing and the correct use of capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Year 2 then had the opportunity to read their fact files to a pupil in Year 5 to show off their work. For our final week of STEAM lessons, we finally recorded our nature documentaries all about our chosen animal. We used a checklist to make sure that we were speaking clearly, pronouncing words carefully, making eye contact, using key words and vocabulary linked to the animal and being lively when we are presenting. We were able to record this outside with our backdrops we had created. Having recorded our final piece, we then spent our time watching them back and evaluating what went well and what we would improve next time. We discussed it with our peers and gave some positive feedback to everyone in the class!

Star of the Week – Emilee for being kind and demonstrating our school value of compassion.

Star Writer – Lena for her superb fact file about her chosen animal, a shark.

Star Reader - Mohamed for his skills of retrieving information from a text to answer questions.



Chawla Class:

This week the children read a letter written to George Eustice who is a member of parliament who deals with environmental issues. The lesson linked to our text 'The Tin Forest' as it is requesting Mr Eustice to tackle plastic use as plastic is damaging wildlife in our oceans. We have been continuing with adding fractions this week in Maths and have also been practising further with finding fractions of numbers. We have also been subtracting fractions with the same denominator which the children have been very good at. Plenty more practise with fractions shall continue after our Half Term break before we being our next topic of right angles. The highlight of our week was a quiz to round off our learning for this half term. The children enjoyed several picture rounds and could remember lots of things that we have learnt in the past weeks! The winnings teams scored very highly and well done to all the children!

Star of the Week - Dexter for growing in confidence in class , contributing more and working hard to improve his handwriting.

Star Writer – Ben for remembering to join his handwriting in more of his work and for an improvement in overall presentation.

Star Reader – Ramiya for always answering questions in full sentences in reading lessons. Well done.



Ramanujan Class:

Wow, it has been a busy week in Year 4! The children have been demonstrating their compassion and passion for climate change and deforestation in both our English and STEAM lessons. In English, the children have been writing and editing their persuasive letters to the local councillors to convince them to reduce deforestation. In STEAM, we have applied our understanding of the causes and impacts of climate change when planning, designing and creating campaign materials to show during our STEAM showcase. The class have worked with never-ending determination, collaboration and creativity. In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions, moving on to adding and subtracting mixed numbers. Amazing work, Ramanujan Class! We hope you have a well-deserved rest throughout half term.

Star of the Week – Malaikha for her creativity and compassion in our climate change topic, and for always being a kind and thoughtful member of the class.

Star Writer – Liliana for her thoughtful and resilient editing to improve her persuasive letter.

Star Reader – Natalia for her dedication to reading at home and her interesting insights into the texts that she is reading.



Davinci Class:



What a wonderful final week of term! We had our STEAM Showcase where the children presented the baked goods they had made and their recipe innovation process with their families. The baked goods were extremely tasty, and the children were super proud of their creations. In English, the children have written, edited and published their persuasive speeches on the importance of buying local produce. In maths, we have been solving problems using equivalent fractions. We also took part in the TCS Mini London Marathon, where we walked, jogged or ran 1 mile. The children showed excellent dedication and participation. Have a lovely half-term!

Star of the Week – Ethan for his fantastic engagement and teamwork when creating his STEAM cake.

Star Writer - Bradley for wonderful focus on including a variety of grammatical techniques in his writing.

Star Reader - David for reading to the class with great confidence and intonation.

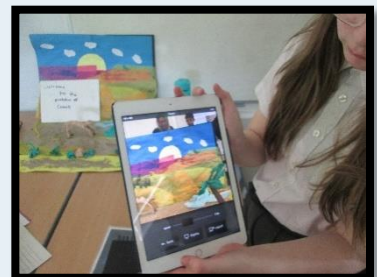
Shakespeare Class:

Year 6 had another incredibly busy week. On Monday, we had our football game at Hardwick School - this was made all the better by the gloriously sunny weather. Although the match was a 'friendly', the William Morris Children played exceptionally well and won all of the games throughout the afternoon! I was most proud of their gracious kindness and respect. A large amount of the week has been devoted to completing our stop-frame animations depicting the evolutionary process of a species identified characteristic. We have also begun to learn some of the songs for our production next term. Following our very successful auditions for the play, roles have now been allocated and scripts will be sent home. Homework for the holidays is to learn your lines in preparation for the production.

Star of the Week – Tehya for persistence in maths and excellent performance in football.

Star Writer - Kai for the effort in their handwriting.

Star Reader - Zac for determination in reading sessions and for how well he has read parts of the play.



Information for parents

Reporting Absence

Please remember to report your child's absence to the school office before 9am on the day of illness.

For medical appointments and consultations please let us know in advance – when you can.

For holidays during term time, or any absence that is **not** medically related, we ask that parents complete an absence request form. These forms can be collected from the school office.

We remind parents that holidays during school time may result in families receiving a fine.

Safeguarding During The Holidays

If you have concerns for a child's safety or wellbeing over the half-term break, please contact the following agencies:

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH): 0345 0507666

Locality and Community Support Service: 0345 2412703

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

If a child is at immediate risk of harm, call the police.

June 5th

Start of Term

June 8th

Oceans' Day

June 12th

Reception Parent Meeting – 4pm

- For parents of those children starting Reception in September 2023

June 26th and

Year 4 Residential

- Monday 26th – returning on Wednesday 28th

July 18th

End of Term

- School Finishes at 1pm

Have a wonderful half term and we will see you on Monday 5th June!

- Alastair Johns (Headteacher)

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