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## Classroom News

### What's next ...

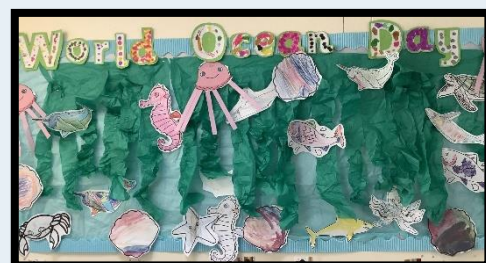
Reception New Starters  
2023 – Parents' Meeting

### Darwin Class:

Welcome back to school for our final term before the summer holidays. This term in steam we are learning about celebrations, we have been talking about celebrations we celebrate. The children have been enjoying all of the photos that you have sent in. We have also been celebrating world ocean day this week, the children have been working hard on a display for our classroom. In maths this week we have been exploring weight, we have been using bottles filled with different objects and amounts. The children have been filling bottles to marked lines then comparing the weights of each bottle. Have a great weekend!

**Stars of the week :**

- Ada for working really hard on chosen activities
- Onyx for showing perseverance when using scissors



### Cartwright Class:



This week in Cartwright Class, the children have started their new STEAM topic on Celebrations and Performing Arts and thinking about the big question 'Can I explore festivals and celebrations from around the world?' We have set up a stage area in the garden and the children have loved dancing, singing and playing instruments to an audience. They can just be part of the audience if they so wish but must have purchased a ticket beforehand! As the term goes on we will be learning about different celebrations and having our own Graduation Ceremony on the stage. Our focus book of the week was the well-loved 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. The children have used their knowledge of 'Colourful Semantics' to write sentences about characters in the story. We are focusing particularly on using finger spaces this half term, so please do remind the children of this when writing at home. In Maths, we have had a whole week on Shape, Space and Measure and the children have been learning about building with blocks. They have learnt vocabulary such as 'enclosures', 'corners' and 'arches' and have attempted to build towers and houses with these criteria in mind. Well done children, it has been a fantastic start back to the final half term!

**Star of the week -** Lucian for learning about 3D shapes

**Star Writer –** Lara for her writing about Zog the dragon

**Star Reader –** Oskar for learning to read longer words

## Kandinsky Class:

We love the start of term and beginning new topics! In English, we began to look at the book 'George and the Dragon' by Chris Wormell. We have thought about how we can describe the dragon and come up with fantastic 'What like?' words. In mathematics, we have been looking at money and using our skills of counting in twos and fives to help us count different amounts of money. We began our Performance Unit in STEAM by looking at each of the countries in the United Kingdom. As part of this activity, we tried a variety of traditional food from each country. The cream that went on top of our strawberries and scones was a definite favourite!

**Star of the Week** – *Simon for his enthusiasm and commitment to mathematics.*

**Star Writer** – *Oskar for his amazing independent writing.*

**Star Reader** – *Olivia for working so hard in her phonics sessions this week.*



## Seacole Class:



Year 2 have had a fantastic first week back to school! In Maths, we have been focusing on multiplication and division, with a focus on the strategies we can use to find the quotient. We have been using our knowledge of our 2, 5 and 10 times tables as well as answering a range of word problems. In English, we started our new unit looking at the story of Where the Night Came From. This text links to our STEAM unit as the story originated in Brazil. We have looked at how to use verbs in the past tense, expanded noun phrases and a range of conjunctions in our writing. We have applied these skills when writing the beginning, middle and end of the story. In STEAM, we have started our new topic looking at the cultures and celebrations celebrated in Rio de Janeiro. This week, we started to explore the physical and human features of Rio de Janeiro using decodable texts, videos and photos to find the answers and apply our knowledge to a range of comprehension questions. We journaled a range of questions as well as discussed the similarities and differences between our locality and Rio de Janeiro.

**Star of the Week** – *Jensen for settling in fantastically to William Morris.*

**Star Writer** – *Alfie for a huge improvement in his coherence for writing, using a range of adjectives as well as using his phonics to sound out words.*

**Star Reader** – *Lamisa for always reading aloud clearly and with expression.*

## Chawla Class:

This week the children have written their first 2 paragraphs of their letter to George Eustice MP. They used all the taught features and wrote a fantastic opening paragraph as well as a factual second section for their persuasive letters. This tied in beautifully with World Oceans Day. The children enjoyed learning more about our oceans and the different things we can do to protect wildlife within them. We have also created a display outside the Year 3 classroom in which the children will also display their Golden Write letters once they are completed. We had a revision week to finish off fractions and the children have done really well with this topic as it has been challenging at times! The children have planned and begun to research information on their chosen European countries this week for STEAM. They have been working in pairs to research Weather, Climate, Local Cultures and Food and Drink native to their country. This project will continue for several weeks and be presented in the style of a travel guide.

**Star of the Week** – *Milena for an excellent attitude in class.*

**Star Writer** – *Thomas for fantastic writing this week in STEAM and English, a great improvement in presentation also*

**Star Reader** – *Nikola for building his confidence in reading in front of the class - well done!*

## Ramanujan Class:

It has been a great week back after half term. We have loved the sunshine and exploring our new topics. In Maths, we have been using our times tables knowledge to help us convert improper fractions into mixed numbers. In Writing, we have been exploring and comparing different versions of the tales of Anansi, which we are using to inspire our own. In STEAM, we have started our final learning journey of Year 4, investigating the physical and human geographical features of Ghana and Morocco, comparing them to that of the United Kingdom. The children enjoyed exploring different exports and images from different African countries and cultures, feeling inspired for their own projects and research.

**Star of the Week** – Kelsey for her consistent determination and hard work, as well as being a compassionate and helpful member of the class.

**Star Writer** – Bulou for her beautiful presentation in all of her work and her creative vocabulary choices in her character description.

**Star Reader** – Ruby for her use of context to help her to understand new vocabulary.



## Davinci Class:

We have had a wonderful first week back in Da Vinci Class. We have been completing assessments this week and I am so proud of the children for their fantastic resilience and determination towards these. Well done Year 5! In English, we have been exploring using a range of sentences to create tension within a narrative and we have been using figurative language to set the scene. In STEAM, we have begun exploring Central America and the Day of the Dead festival. We used maps to identify which countries are in Central America and we have started exploring these countries in more detail.

**Star of the Week** – Ethan for his fantastic resilience towards his assessments this week.

**Star Writer** - Abigail for her excellent use of figurative language within her narrative.

**Star Reader** - Louis for excellent focus on his reading and retrieval from different texts.

## Shakespeare Class:

This week, Shakespeare Class have been busily preparing for their upcoming production of Let the Games Begin. The children have been channelling their great creativity - singing, acting and even dancing. It is incredibly important that all children are diligently learning their lines at home, this is their homework. In our STEAM lessons, we have begun to consider a range of countries in Asia and Oceania. The children will be researching one of these countries in their groups and present their findings in the STEAM showcase. As ever, this term is an incredibly busy one (especially as it is the final term at William Morris for Year 6) please keep an eye out for posts on Dojo and letters home with dates for many of the upcoming events the children will experience this term.

**Star of the Week** – Michelle for her dedication to learning her lines and performing these with intonation.

**Star Writer** - Terrell for his fantastic opening paragraph in his newspaper article.

**Star Reader** - Charlie for his excellent reading of the script.

# Information for parents

## Up Coming Summer Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>New Reception Parents Meeting – 4pm</i>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>MAF Day</i>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>National Sports Week</i>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <i>Sports' Day</i>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>World Wellbeing Week Year 4 Residential</i>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>  → <i>Year 4 Return</i>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>INSET Day</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> <i>Move Up Afternoon</i>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Y6 Production Door open – 1.50pm</i>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>KS1/KS2 Summer Party (More Info Soon)</i>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Y6 Production Door open – 5.50pm</i>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>STEAM Showcase 2.30pm</i>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Summer Stalls (More Info Soon)</i>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Leavers' Events End of Term 1pm</i>			

### School Photos

On Monday, Children will be bringing home their class photo proofs. If you would like to purchase one of the prints, please return the attached form, and payment, in the provided envelope. Please make sure your child's name is written on the front of the envelope. Thank you

### World Ocean Day

Thank you to all those who entered our World Ocean Day competition. We will be displaying as much work as we can on the hall display and around the school. Congratulations to our winners.

Have a wonderful weekend, we will see you all on Monday!

- Alastair Johns (Headteacher)

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