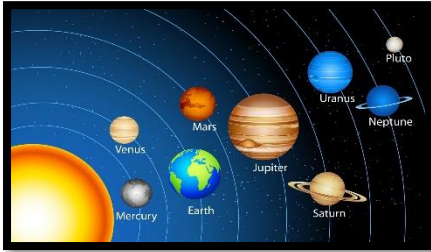


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**Cherry Class:** It has been an exciting week in Cherry Class. The children have been learning about all things space! They were able to look at a model of the earth and sun explaining how and why one area of the globe is in darkness while the other is in light. Can they explain it to you? As part of our cross-curricular approach to learning, we have also been looking at space in our art and our design lessons. During these lessons, we have created origami stars, these are a complicated design, which includes more than a dozen steps before the star is complete, but the children in the class have risen admirably to the challenge. The stars are now proudly beginning to shine (hang) in Cherry classroom.

**Elm:** In Elm this week as part of our Greek Gods and Almighty Heroes topic, we have been reading the story of Medusa. We have developed our comprehension skills by finding out how Perseus became a hero as well as learning about Greek Gods to develop our IT skills. In Maths, we have been using dienes to exchange tens to hundreds and using them to compare three digit numbers. Next Wednesday we are having Greek salad food tasting lesson!

**Willow:** This week, we had the chance to visit Blessed George Napier Secondary school to take part in a multi-skills event.

The children had a fantastic time and all put in so much effort with all the races, we even won quite a few! They showed fantastic



team spirit, by cheering each other on and being wonderfully polite to all the children from other schools. In addition to that, Ruby, George and Ryley.H, all won best effort awards. Great day all round.

**Beech:** In Beech Class this week, we have been thinking about how to be a good friend. The children have made some wonderful suggestions about including others, being welcoming to new friends and sharing toys and games fairly. They have worked hard to create posters and speech bubbles to share their ideas with others.

This week we have also launched our online learning journals on Tapestry. These will enable us to with share children's learning at school and at home with their families. We are very excited to share the wonderful learning our children do in school and to see what the children are learning at home!

**Appeal for equipment:** EYFS would like welcome any donations of real pots, pans and utensils for our mud kitchen and material/fabric for our role-play. Thank you.

**Redwood:** Firstly, apologies to Lily-Grace Boyles (last week's Redwood Star of the Week) and Joshua Golder (Redwood's Writer of the Week) for not being included in last week's newsletter.

This week, Redwood class have been exploring emotive language and written some superb pieces of work based on poppies. This writing had tied in beautifully with our topic of World War 2. We have been working in pairs to finish our models of WW2 airplanes and tanks with just the painting to do next week!!! We have all been supporting each other to multiply fractions and divide numbers using short division. Our Y6 play leaders have been making us proud, working with the younger children at lunchtime. A fantastic week - Well done Y6.



Next week is a busy one with our trip to Blenheim Palace and a Geography Quiz at Tudor Hall (for which we will be travelling by Tudor Hall minibus). So be sure to get lots of rest and recuperation over the weekend!

**Anti-bullying Week:** Anti-bullying week has gone well. The pupil parliament put on a fantastic assembly on Monday, in which they acted out how bullying behaviour might look and displayed some of the ways to solve it. Each class has been having circle times, acting sessions and even looking at how super heroes can be role models for anti-bullying.

**Year 6 Residential:** This year we are offering our children the opportunity to take part in The Venture Award. There will be an information evening next week where you can listen to a member of the BXM team explain what the programs involve and what the children need to bring. **This will take place at the school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm**

**Children in Need:** The whole school were very excited to support Children in Need today and raise as much money as possible for children who are having a tough time. Children worked together to bake spotty cakes and biscuits to sell at our Cake Sale after school. We swapped our smart uniform for spotty clothes, face paints and Pudsey ears and have enjoyed a



day full of Pudsey inspired activities. The children wanted to do as much as they could to raise money for good causes and help children who are poorly or dealing with really difficult things. A massive 'thank you' to all of the children, parents and staff for their support. You are all truly SPOTACULAR!

**Blenheim Palace (Y6):** Next week on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, our Year 6 will be visiting Blenheim Palace as part of their topic of Sir Winston Churchill and World War 2. They will get to see where Sir Winston was born and grew up and to visit his grave in nearby Bladon.



**Cycling Proficiency:** We would really like to organise this for our Year 5 and 6 students. However, take up has been slow. If you would like your child to take part and learn road safety, please speak to Mrs Duckett in the school office.

**'Flu Vaccination:** Please remember to bring back your vaccination consent forms by Wednesday 22nd November at the latest, or your child may not be able to have the vaccination on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**Stars of the Week/Writers of the Week and House Winner:** We will be rolling over this week until Monday when we do an assembly and announce the winners then.

### Key Dates for your Diary:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Information Evening for Year 6 residential (6pm school hall)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – PTA Bake sale (after school)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 visit to Tudor Hall for a Geography Quiz

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Flu vaccinations, consent forms back by Wednesday 22 November

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Concert at St Paul's Church, Warwick Road (1:30pm)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch (Beech class)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch (Willow and Elm class)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity production (2pm and 6pm) – EY, Y1 and Y2

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch (Cherry and Redwood class)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children (please bring £1)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Bazaar (3:15-4:30pm)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - early finish at 1:30pm

Have a lovely weekend!

*Hiddleston*

*Julie Hiddleston and the school team*



### Mini Movers

This term William Morris is very excited to have launched our first Mini Movers Club. A club designed specifically for younger children (FS/Year 1) to develop their range of movement and their awareness of their bodies and space. We have been enjoying exploring telling stories through dance and yoga - stretching, bending and moving our bodies to represent different animals, actions and feelings.