

26th January 2018

Beech: Beech class have had a very exciting week. They had the chance to see the mini beasts that were visiting Y2 and the teacher even kissed a toad!! The children worked together to build a police station and a boat outside.

The class went on a pretend trip on the London underground, visiting London Zoo and talking about what we might see around us.



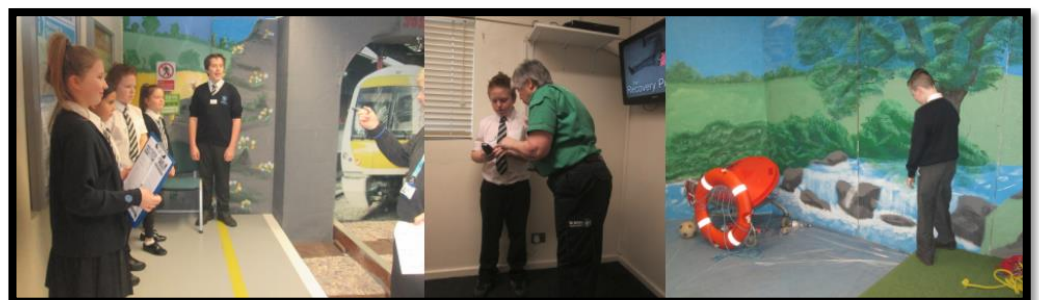
Willow: Year 2 had an amazing week producing our very own nature documentary, all about the rainforest and its inhabitants. We also had a fantastic day learning all about insects and reptiles from all over the world, when the natural world company came in.

Elm: In Elm this week, we have researching to find more information in order to write about the top three places to visit in Rome. In Maths, we have been using deines to exchange and regroup tens and hundreds to solve three digit subtraction and addition calculations. We have also created our own Roman Numeral Maths games.



Cherry: One of the highlights in Cherry class this week has been our art. We looked at the artwork of Peter Thorpe – an American artist who specialises in ‘space art’. His artwork is well known for having the image of a rocket imposed onto a background of bright abstract colours and forms. The children in Cherry class began this week planning their own work inspired by Peter Thorpe. We first focused on the abstract design we wanted for our backgrounds, next week we will begin looking at our rocket designs. In the final week of term we will pull all our planning and designing together into our final eye catching artwork.

Redwood: Redwood class went on a fantastic trip to Oxford on Tuesday. They went to a fire station to take part in the Junior Citizenship programme. The children were fantastic and leaders reported that



"William Morris children were some of the best visitors we have had. They represented the school brilliantly". We have also started our Venture Award by learning a new skill - to design and make our own bags. The children have also been editing and writing their own short stories. A super week!

DREAM ○ BELIEVE ○ ACHIEVE

Important: The internet, while enormous fun and educational, is a huge minefield for children. As adults it is up to us to ensure the safety and well being of our children. There are so many different and new ways popping up that mean are children's safety could be compromised. With this in mind, there is a Parent Information Evening at North Oxfordshire Academy on Tuesday 6th February, from 6-7:30pm. Children are welcome and there will be advice and information from local internet safety organisations. We do really recommend going along.

Life Education Bus: We will have the bus at the school on Monday and Tuesday next week. Each class will get the opportunity to visit the specially designed mobile classroom, equipped to provide a stimulating and exciting learning environment. The health education programmes are designed to support the National Curriculum and encourage children to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to make choices that support healthy lifestyles.

Office: Mrs Denny will not be returning to William Morris and we thank her for her service to our school during what was a difficult time. Mrs Debra Duckett has already done a fabulous job, sorting, and organising office structures and thank you for your support whilst she gets to know you all and our unique "William Morris-ness".

Wear Red Day is next Friday and we are supporting 'Families of Ocean Ward' which is a local children's heart surgery charity. Please bring in a £1 for this very worthy cause.

Year 1: We ask that every child is represented at an **important Year 1 Curriculum Update** meeting for parents of Year 1 children. At this meeting we will share with you the expectations of the national curriculum for your child in Year 1 as well as give you useful tips and resources to ensure that you are doing all you can in partnership with us to promote good outcomes for your child. Please ensure someone is able to attend as there is important information you need to be aware of, including the national phonics test in Year 1 over the Summer Term. The meeting will be on **Monday 26th February at 6pm** in the hall.

Morning Routine: From Monday, the children will no longer line up on the playground in the morning, once through the gate they need to go straight outside their classroom and line up along the classroom wall. The teachers will be available outside in the mornings to greet the pupils and talk to parents.

Youth Club: If there are any parents want to run a youth club at school, please do let the office know and we would be delighted to put things in place to make this happen. This is a popular club and the children would really love it.

Do you need a space for a birthday party? Please spread the word that our hall/school is available for lettings/rental. It would be a perfect venue for a decent size birthday party, social event or club. If any parents know of any companies or individuals who would want to use our school as a host venue for a holiday club, please put them in touch with Sophie Cumming in the office.

PTA: We would like to have more representation in both our parent groups. The PTA group needs some more support with organising the big fund raising events, this is to benefit your children and many hands make light work. Please speak to one of the mums in the PTA for details about when the next meeting is. The school is looking into options around helping out with childcare for an hour while you meet.

Parent Forum: We also have a Parent Forum and it would be great to see more parents join that group too. We have parent representatives for Beech, Cherry and Redwood classes but we need a parent from **Elm Class** to join the group . Please can you speak to Julie Hiddleston, Louise Price or Claire Martin about joining. We meet regularly for about 30-45 minutes one morning after drop off to discuss school-wide issues and always look to find a positive way forward together.

Parents Evening: Sign up sheets are now outside your child’s classroom. Please ensure you have booked an appointment to see your teacher. These meetings are a fantastic opportunity to meet and discuss your child’s progress. Beech Class will be having their parents evening a little later in the term, we will inform parents nearer the time with dates.

Open Classrooms Timetable:

- Monday 5th February (2:30-3:00pm) – Willow
- Tuesday 6th February (2:30-3:30pm) – Beech
- Wednesday 7th February (2:30-3:30pm) – Elm
- Thursday 8th February (2:00-3:30pm) – Redwood
- Friday 9th February (2:30-3:00pm) – Cherry

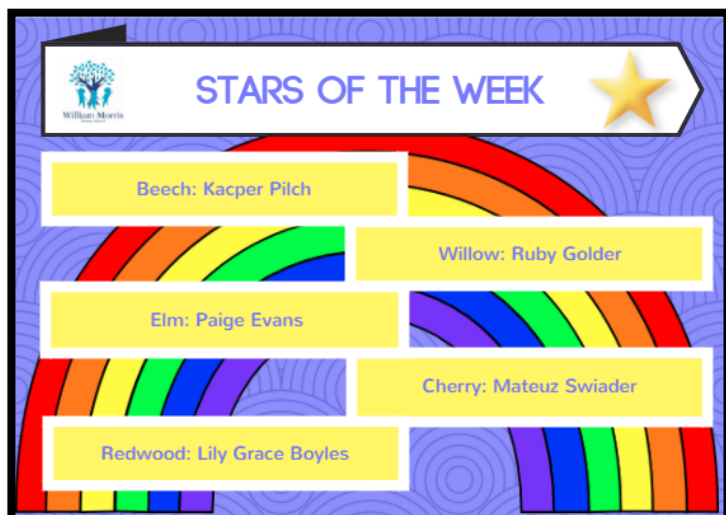
Key Dates for your Diary:

- Friday 2nd February 2018 – Wear Red Day in aid of the Children’s Heart Surgery Fund. £1 donation.
- Friday 2nd February - FOWM Film Night – letter to follow next week
- Tuesday 6th February 2018 – Safer Internet Day, Parent Information Event (NOA, 6-7:30pm)
- Friday 9th February 2018 – Break Up Day (normal finish at 3:05)
- Friday 9th February 2018 – £50 deposit for next years Y6 residential to Green Park to be paid (current Y5 children)
- Monday 12th–Friday 16th February – HALF-TERM
- Monday 19th February – Parents Evening (sign up sheets outside your child’s classroom)
- Thursday 22nd February – Parents Evening (sign up sheets outside your child’s classroom)
- Thursday 1st March – World Book Day, dress up as your favourite fictional character

Have a great weekend

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team





CLUBS

at William Morris
Primary School

All clubs run from 3:15-4:15pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Football - £3 (all years)	Sway Dance Club - £3 (all years) led by Ms Whitehead		Youth Club - £1 (Cherry and Redwood) led by Ms Rees
Ninja Number club Open to existing members initially (waiting list in operation) led by a Ninja Volunteer			

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 opportunities 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

Thursday 22nd February:

Free Trial RugbyTots – 3-7 years only

RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises. Cost £3.00 per session.

Please book with school office ASAP to avoid disappointment