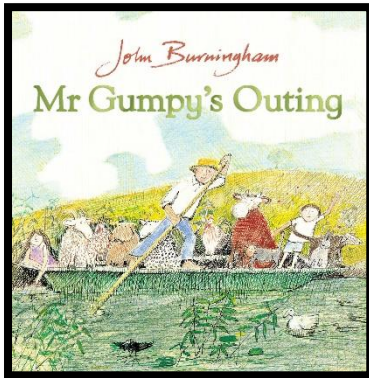


2nd February 2018



Beech: Beech class have been learning all about boats, how they work and different types. The children have had lots of fun building boats and working out how many pennies it would take to sink them - the record was 33!! We have been creating repeating patterns using all sorts of bright colours and designs. Year 1 children have been writing about Mr Gumpy using adjectives. A really fun week - well done everybody.

Willow: Willow class have had a fun week creating collages of flowers, tackling tricky reading questions and learning how to multiply money in maths. We have also produced some wonderfully informative leaflets about reptiles and insects.

Elm: In Elm, we have been using collage and mixed media to create dramatic Volcano pictures and the children have created beautiful Roman oil lamps using clay. In Literacy, we have writing sentences using ambitious vocabulary, to imagine what it would have been like to visit the Colosseum and watch contests between gladiators. In Numeracy, we have been using our division facts related to the four and eight times tables to solve calculations.

Cherry: As ever, it has been a busy week in Cherry Class. The children had great fun analysing the emotions in the film Inside Out as part of the work they are doing with Mrs Jones, called Zones of regulation. This is a scheme designed to help children identify different emotions they or others may be feeling and the best way of dealing with these emotions. On Tuesday, Cherry class had a great time on the Life Bus; during which we learnt about the importance of staying healthy and how to say no to peer pressure when confronted by drugs or cigarettes.



Redwood: This week has been SOOO busy. We had a lesson on the Life Bus, learning about drugs and being safe. Some for the children took part in an assembly where they had to perform in front of Key Stage 2. The children have started making

prototypes of their bags and the designs are fantastic. All the children in Year 6 have been superstars this week and I continue to be impressed by their determination and creativity.

Special Mention: A big shout out to Codey Keyte and Jack Wirtz from Cherry Class who both worked really hard to create an exceptional piece of work about 'Space'. Well done to you both!



DREAM ○ BELIEVE ○ ACHIEVE

Important: Parents Evening - please remember to sign up! 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.

Farewell:

Sadly, this term we say goodbye to Miss Brooks. Miss Brooks has worked at William Morris for 18 years and has shown an incredible amount of loyalty and dedication to the children over the years. She has decided to leave her full time job to spend more time with her family. We thank Miss Brooks for all her hard work over the years and we wish her very well. We know that we will still see her around when she comes back to visit.

Year 1 Parents: 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: Thank you for your support regarding the change in routine. As a reminder, the children 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.

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.

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:

- 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)
Monday 26th February – Year 1 Curriculum update meeting – 6:00pm in the hall
Thursday 1st March – World Book Day, dress up as your favourite fictional character

Have a great weekend

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team

A graphic titled "STARS OF THE WEEK" with a yellow star icon. The background features a rainbow. The graphic lists the following students:

Beech: Olivia Needle	Willow: Oscar Grant-Cook
Elm: Kyle Shepherd	Cherry: Millie Baxter
Redwood: Kaydee King	

A graphic titled "WRITERS OF THE WEEK" with the William Morris logo on either side. The background is yellow with blue circles. The graphic lists the following students:

Beech: Bradley Cook	Willow: Jakotay Harvey-Keane
Elm: Olivia Bonham	Cherry: Bailey Leonard
Redwood: Jack Robinson	



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