

23rd February 2018



Beech: A great week of hard work! We have been reading a book called "Dinosaurs and All That Rubbish" which helps the reader understand the environment. They have coloured lovely rainbow dinosaurs, photos of which will be displayed around the school. In maths, we have been tackling fractions and working really well. Reception have been learning all about the stone-age and today they created a den outside and

thought about what you would need to survive in a cave. Beech class are really looking forward to their trip to Oxford Museum next week with Miss Hiddleston and Miss Price.

Willow: This week, year 2 have been learning all about 'Grandad's secret giant'. The children have acted out all the giant's good deeds and inferred with how the main characters have felt throughout the story. As a result year 2 have launched their own random acts of kindness challenge, where they tick off good deeds that they manage to do for their friends, family and community.



Elm: In Elm this week, we have been reading a book called, 'My Painted House, My Friendly Chicken and Me' by Maya Angelo. It is about a girl called Thandi who lives in a village in South Africa.

We have been writing about our on special friends and designing our painted houses, using photographs of the Ndebele people's houses. In maths, we have used bar and cherry models to represent fractions. We are enjoying our hockey lessons with Mr Pemble on Wednesdays and have been playing the "egg" game demonstrating good ball control.



Cherry: Cherry class have started the new term well. The children were particularly keen to find out what their tables names would be, knowing it would be something to do with our new topic: Ancient Egypt. The table groups are all named after Ancient Egyptian gods or mythical figures, ask your child to find out theirs! To start our topic lesson off we worked on placing the Ancient Egyptian era on a timeline; the children were amazed to find quite how long ago Ancient Egyptian civilisation began (approximately 3500BC) and what that looked like in comparison to the Tudor period for example. Over the coming term we will be looking at everything from Egyptian art to mummification, watch this space!

Redwood: Year 6 children have had a busy week settling back in to their routines after half term. A group of children have undertaken their first cycling proficiency session and the whole class took part in an interesting ICT lesson with Mr Wright. We have been writing letters to the Year 5s telling them about life at the top of the school. We have been investigating properties of circles and created circle artwork. We have worked on our tote bags, starting the sewing and preparations for the next stage of development.

BBC Radio 2 Competition: Thank you to everyone who have sent in their entries to the 500-word story telling competition. Good luck!

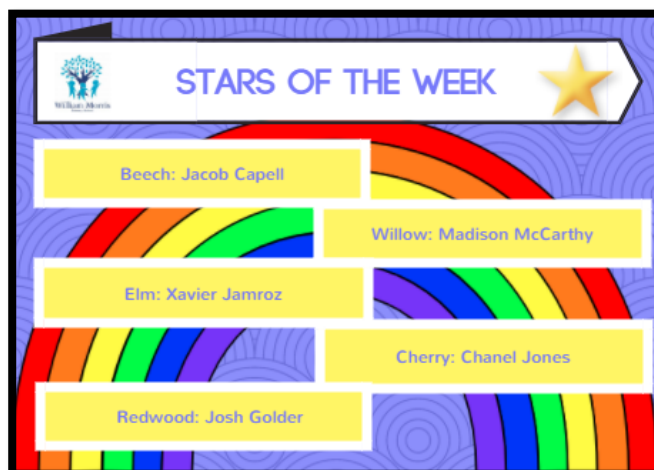
Rugby Tots: Was great fun, here's an online review: *"Rugby Tots was an introduction to the game for our young son, he's never really enjoyed team based sports and has always felt a bit shy or left out. This all changed at Rugby tots, he really found a place he enjoys and a game he not only liked but actually got much better at every week"*. **Speak to Mrs Duckett in the office to book a place at the next session.**

Year 1 Parents: Monday 26th February 6:00pm. Year 1 Expectation and phoics check. It is really important for parents to attend so that you can support your child with this essential stage in their learning. There will be a Creche available for 4yrs and up.

Year 2 Parents: Tuesday 27th February 5:30pm. Year 2 SATS meeting. It is essential that all year 2 parents attend to find out all about assessments and what it means for the children. There will be a Creche available for 4yrs and up.

Beech Class Parents: There is a very important meeting for all Beech class parents on Wednesday 28th February 8:45am starting in the hall. There will be a tea and biscuits followed by a presentation from staff and an opportunity to get to know them and the set up going forward for the rest of the year. We have already had such positive feedback about the changes in Beech class and we thank you once again for your support.

Beech Class trip: Wednesday 28th February – Trip to Oxford Museum. Please ensure your child is in full uniform and in school on time. You will need to bring a packed lunch for that day. If your child is eligible for FSM, you can order this from the kitchen.



DREAM ○ BELIEVE ○ ACHIEVE

World Book Day: Thursday 1st March! Get dressed up as your favourite characters for World Book Day! WBD is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and, most importantly, of reading. All children will receive a £1 book voucher which they can spend at the Book Fair which will be visiting us from Wednesday 7th until Friday 9th March. The fair will be open in the school hall after school until 4pm.

Key Dates for your Diary:

Monday 26th February – Year 1 Curriculum update meeting – 6:00pm in the hall

Tuesday 27th February – Year 2 SATs meeting – 5:30pm in the hall

Wednesday 28th February – Beech Class Trip to Oxford Museum

Wednesday 28th February, 8:45am – Beech Parents Coffee Morning (presentation and chat)

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day, dress up as your favourite fictional character

Tuesday 6th March-Tuesday 13th March – Book Fair

Friday 29th June – INSET Day, no children in school

Have a fantastic 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			Rugby Tots For ages 3-7 £3.00 per session

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 opportunity 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