

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

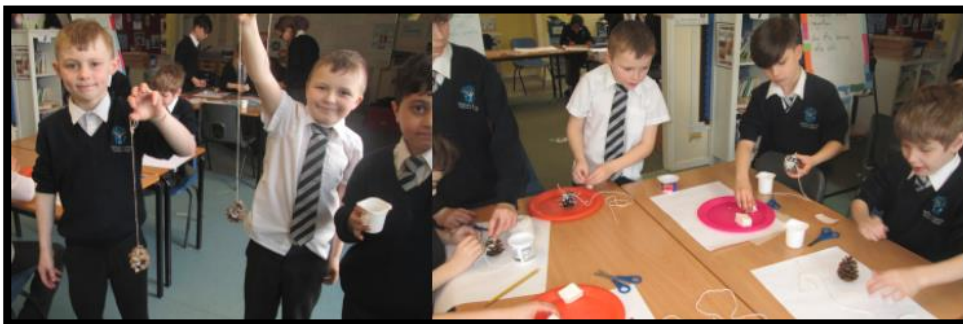
**Beech:** Reception have had another busy week! We have been looking at the book “*Odd Egg*” by Emily Gravett, and have been putting our creative skills into practice by making our own ‘odd eggs’. It was also lovely to meet so many of you at parents evening.

We all really enjoyed doing the skip-a-thon and dance-a-thon for Sport Relief, we were all puffed out! This week in literacy, we have spent some time learning about poems. In maths, we have been working with money.

*Quick report about last Friday:* For science week, we did some exciting science experiments: blowing up balloons without touching them and making predictions about how plants grow! Great fun!

Keep up the reading at home and any opportunities to write or use numbers would be great!

**Willow:** We have had a super fun week taking part in sports relief! We skipped and danced like absolute superstars. In addition, this week we have been exploring micro-habitats for science, combing the playground for any mini-beasts we could find. In maths, we have been exploring movement and how we can describe it using words such as a quarter turn, half turn, left, right, clockwise and anticlockwise to explain directions.



**Elm:** We have been working especially hard during our assessment week completing tests focusing on reading comprehension, maths arithmetic and fractions. We have been continuing to spot birds in our quad and using our fat

feeders we made to spot birds at home. We thoroughly enjoyed the Sports Relief Day and making chocolate Easter nests to eat at the fete.

**Cherry:** Last Friday, Cherry class had an amazing day at Tudor Hall school. We were invited to attend a science day in recognition of National Science Week. The children were treated to some fascinating science, and a few loud bangs! There was a Rainbow Fizz session, in which the children created - using various chemicals - the colours of the rainbow in a test tube! This was followed by a science teacher setting his bubble-covered hands on fire! During the afternoon sessions, the children were able to experience the amazing qualities of liquid nitrogen at first hand.



We saw how it could shrivel fully inflated balloons down to a crisp, turn an orange so rock hard that it shatters. We were also present during some enormously loud explosions as various balloons were set on fire filled with different gas mixtures. Finally, the children had a slightly calmer session touching exotic creepy crawlies such as a giant millipede and African snails. It was an enormously enjoyable day and the children haven't stopped speaking about it since!

**Redwood:** The Year 6 children have been exploring the story of A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare; researching the characters and retelling the story. We spent another successful day working on our bags, sewing buttons, fabric and beads. They are really looking fantastic. Mr Wright worked with the children on Thursday, supporting them to create board games, which we will play next week. We really enjoyed taking part in the skip-a-thon and dance-a-thon for Sports Relief, and learning about the work the charity does in the UK and across the world.

**Sports Relief:** Sport Relief is always a fun day and this year was no exception. We had not only a dance-a-thon, but a skip-a-thon too! We are still counting the money raised, but early indications show that we've raised a good amount for such a worthy cause. It was a win-win all round: fitness, fun and finance!



**Phonics Drop in for Year 1:** Beech Class are having a Drop In session on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 2:00-3:30pm** for parents to find out what their child needs to practice to pass the year 1 phonics test. Please sign up for this in the classroom.

**Key Dates for your Diary:**

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2:00-3:30pm – Year 1 phonics drop in, with Ms Munoz and Ms Price
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – last day of term, **finish at 1:30pm**
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April – **EASTER BREAK**
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, return to school
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Football - £3</b> (all years)	<b>Sway Dance Club - £3</b> (all years) led by Ms Whitehead		<b>Youth Club - £1</b> (Cherry and Redwood) led by Ms Rees
<b>Ninja Number club</b>  Open to existing members initially (waiting list in operation) led by a Ninja Volunteer			<b>Rugby Tots</b>  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?**

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