

## **WILLIAM MORRIS NEWS**

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**Beech:** Beech Class have been practising their phonics, each morning we have been doing a 'space race'; writing many different words, we have also been practising our handwriting. You may be aware that we have also been experimenting with beans! We planted beans in pots and then experimented using different conditions to see what happens!

Year 1 had a high frequency words treasure hunt in the library, which they then used to make sentences. Lots of fun! In maths, we have been looking at money and in particular, paper money. Our creative juices have been flowing while decorating Easter eggs and making cards too.

**Willow:** Willow class had a lovely week. We completed our giant stories for English. We carried on learning about position and movement in maths and tested out our new directions on each other during an Easter egg hunt. Along with that, we have been celebrating Easter by making cards and fluffy Easter bunnies.

**Elm:** In Elm this week, we have been writing poems about our playgrounds using adverbs and adjectives. In Maths, we have been identifying equivalent fractions and have been cracking Mathematical Easter Codes and creating our own to share with others. We had our Special Friends Tea party and are looking forward to moving back into our new classroom after the Easter holiday.

**Cherry:** The highlight of this week in Cherry Class was mummification! The children as part of their topic on Ancient Egypt first learned about the rituals behind mummification and why it was done. They then got into pairs and took turns acting out these rituals (without removing vital organs) before wrapping each other up in toilet roll. The children had an amazing time, and thoroughly enjoyed being mummified. They were very pleased to be able to break out of the toilet roll in the end though! A big thank you to all parents who supplied toilet roll for this activity.

**Redwood:** Redwood class have been awesome this week. We have been continuing to explore the complicated story of A Midsummer Night's Dream, creating a character web and a superbly glittery display in class. We have worked collaboratively to develop our SPaG skills including synonyms and antonyms. On Thursday, we had the exciting opportunity to play the board games we have created with Mr Wright and all the children had fun completing the final sewing for their bags. Enjoy a relaxing, well-earned Easter break children.

DREAM 

BELIEVE 

ACHIEVE

**Morning Routine:** A reminder that our school day starts promptly at 8:40am. There is a five-minute opportunity for children and parents to line up and talk to the teachers before the day starts. **Gates open at 8:35am, classrooms open at 8:40am.** 



**Cycling Proficiency:** We would like to say congratulations to Joshua Golder, Eryn King, Rosabella Parsons-Willerton, Linet Liju, Lucas Young who all took part in a course on how to ride a bike safely on the road – they even took a test at the end! They all worked hard and should be very proud of themselves – well done!

**WM PE gets an online mention:** We have been lucky enough to have Chris Pemble, our PE representative at North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership, come to William Morris and work with the children. He is particularly pleased with the progress in Hockey that our Year 3s

have been working at. He has posted an article on the NOSSP website which you can read here: http://www.northoxfordshiressp.co.uk/news/20344/year-3-pe-at-william-morris



**Easter Extravaganza:** What a great Easter Extravaganza! We had cakes, we had Bonnets and most importantly we had lots of people come to enjoy the event and help raise money for our lovely school. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves!

If you are interested in becoming part of the PTA please feel welcome to attend our next meeting or speak to Mrs Shepherd.

## **Key Dates for your Diary:**

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 Easter break!

Giddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team







## 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			Rugby Tots
Open to existing			For ages 3-7
members initially (waiting list in operation)			£3.00 per session
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 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 MJmusicservices@aol.com

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