

### **WILLIAM MORRIS NEWS**

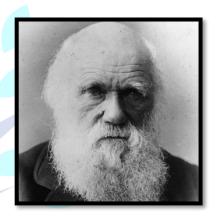
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**Ofsted:** We had an HMI Inspector in school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Thank you for your support and to all parents/carers who talked to him and/or completed parent surveys for this inspection. The report will be published soon and we will be delighted to let you know when this is ready. In the meantime, we would like to say how very proud we are of the staff, children and our community who all played a part.

**Darwin:** The children in Darwin Class have settled well into their new classroom and are enjoying taking part in all the new activities. On Monday the children were excited to take home their very first school reading books. Our class book this week was 'Jack and the Beanstalk', where the children took part in role play and thought about their own describing words for the characters of Jack and the Giant. In Maths we have been finding out about number 1 and using Ten Town to listens to song and stories about King One. As part of Roald Dahl day, Darwin class listened to the story of The Enormous Crocodile and created their own crocodile using a range of materials.





**Kadinsky:** Kandinsky class have enjoyed being Nature Detectives, exploring the school grounds and our enchanted woodland in the classroom. We have observed the different changes of tree leaves, collected them for our ongoing nature table. In English we have been using the RWI actions to write sentences using capital letters, commas and full stops and developing our sentences using the vocabulary we have discussed. The magic fairy has been observing how well we have all settled into our new classroom and outdoor garden. We have been counting precious stones to 20 and counting forwards and backwards to 20. Using numicon number lines we have developed our understanding of teen numbers and used it to explain our understanding of numbers. In P.E we have been dancing developing our listening skills with the tambourine and enjoying engaging in team games such as fruit salad bowl. For Roald Dahl Day we have captured our wishes and good dreams into bottles to

help build our reading shelter for our STEAM challenge. Please keep bringing in bottles! Thank you

**Seacole**: Seacole Class have been busy getting into the swing of Year 2 this week. They have been using great adjectives to describe key characters in the fairy tale Rapunzel and in maths they have been learning about the value of digits in a two digit number. We have also learned all about the history of castles through the ages and have even made their own grand castles which included motte and baileys made out of sand! Lastly the class are thoroughly enjoying our class book, Fantastic Mr Fox. We have started to put photos on our Class story using ClassDojo and our new IPAD which we are very excited about.



Valentina: Valentina Class have had a wonderful start to the year! We have been getting used to our new routine and we have been showing some fantastic role model behaviour now that we are in Key Stage 2. We love our new class novel, The Sheep-Pig, and we have done some lovely descriptive writing about the characters we have met so far. Our favourite learning has been for our new topic, Predator! We have studied the adaptations that make predators dangerous, we have learned about food chains in different environments, and every one of us has learned the name of at least one predator that we didn't know before. In Maths, we've recapped and deepened our understanding of place value and we've done some tricky wizard challenges, showing off some super



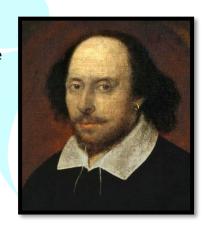
impressive attitudes to learning! Everyone is excited to learn some more advanced maths strategies as Year 3 goes on. Roald Dahl Day has been a lovely opportunity to explore some of our favourite stories, and we especially loved writing about what our Perfect Teacher would be like, or even our Worst Nightmare Teacher! Everyone is looking forward to starting swimming next Thursday, and we can't wait to get cracking on our STEAM challenge.



**DaVinci:** DaVinci class have made a brilliant start to the year, the children have come back to school full of enthusiasm and energy and it's been a pleasure to be teaching them. Straight away we have got stuck into our awesome new topic all about the Ancient Egyptians. As part of this topic we are reading The Phoenix Code, by Helen Moss. It is a great book, packed full of tombs, pyramids and mysteries! This week we have also been getting into our STEAM topic for this term, planning and building a sustainable reading shelter. A big thanks you to all those children brining in recycling materials, please keep it up!

**Shakespeare:** Shakespeare Class have made a fantastic start to the year. They have settled in to a routine and

enjoying the challenges of our new topic, Darwin's Delights. We have researched the life of Charles Darwin and investigated his exploration on the HMS Beagle to the Galapagos Islands. The children have planned and started to write a diary entry, focussing on using quality vocabulary to describe their feelings. We have accepted our first STEAM challenge and have lots of ideas for the design of out sustainable shelter. Keep it up Shakespeare Class!



## William Morris Primary School

**Playground Equipment:** Please be aware that school finishes at 3:05pm and children are parents/carer's responsibility after this time. This especially applies if your children are on playground equipment. Please also be aware that the main gates may need to be locked when we have clubs on, for safeguarding reasons.

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

- FoWMS: Parent Forum, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 8:40-9:10am
- FoWMS: William Morris Pub Quiz (Adult only) 5:30-7:30pm
- Parents evenings: Wednesday 31st October (3:15-5:00pm) and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November (4:00-7:00pm)
- Year 6 residential: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October
- Break-Up Day Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October
- INSET Day Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October
- School Opens Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Have a fantastic weekend!

Giddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team

### William Morris

**Primary School** 



#### All clubs for this term, from now until December run from 3:15-4:15pm

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir	Cross Country Running	Oxford United	Tag Rugby
Yrs 3-6	Yrs 2-6	Football Ladies	Yrs 2-6
	Free of charge		Free of charge
Free of charge		Invitation only, date to	
	Football	be advised	Dance Club
	£3 per session		£3 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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