

21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

**Darwin:** In Darwin Class, the children are becoming more settled and now know their way around the classroom and the school. They are becoming more familiar with the class rules and routines and are starting to make new friends.

Our 'Book of the Week' has been 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children have listened to the story and thought carefully about the journey that Little Red Riding Hood made through the woods. Each child created a colourful map of her journey using cotton wool buds and talked about what she might have seen on her route.

On Tuesday, the class went on a rather windy nature walk around the school. They collected lots of natural objects and used these in their artwork to do printing. The children noticed the similarities and differences between what they had found and have started to make a collection in class.

If your child finds any interesting natural objects over the weekend - leaves, conkers, small sticks etc, please do bring them in next week!

**Kadinsky:** Kandinsky pupils have been sequencing photographs and sentences of our Nature Detective Walk and using them to support our recount writing. In Maths we have been identifying shapes around the classroom, especially concentric circles which we have created to make our Kandinsky Rock Art. Using number lines we have been counting forwards and backwards from any number to 20 and identifying numbers which are one more than a given numeral. We have enjoyed using the parachute to participate in team games and thought about how to use kind words to show compassion to each other.

**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. Seacole class 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:** This week has been action-packed in Valentina! Our first swimming lesson was a huge success and Mrs Shepherd was super impressed with our behaviour and listening on the coach and at the pool. We have been doing a variety of place value challenges in maths to show off how good our understanding is, and we've learned to count in 50s. Our biggest challenge this week, has been learning to read facts and then write them in our own words. We understand what plagiarism is and we're almost ready to write our own information leaflets about a predator. We have really worked hard to decorate our door and the collaborative art we have produced is stunning. We think our namesake, Valentina Tereshkova, would be very happy with our space-themed display! On Thursday afternoon, we loved our STEAM session with the rest of the school. Our experiments with wind-proofing and waterproofing have

given us lots of ideas to use when we build our shelter. We're starting to show a really positive attitude to learning - keep it up, Valentina!

**DaVinci:** DaVinci have had an exciting week, we have really begun to get to grips with our science for the term which is all about life cycles. The children looked at a variety of animals including elephants and birds. We focused the most on the lifecycle of amphibians, particularly frogs. Ask your child; can they remember all the different stages in the life cycle? In our English work, we have been looking at writing newspaper reports and spending time identifying the features. We then planned and wrote about the amazing real life story of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and even spoke a bit about the curse of the mummy...

**Shakespeare:** Shakespeare class have all completed their Play Leaders training and worked very hard during the day's sessions. We are all looking forward to starting play leading at lunchtimes from next week.

We also performed the first class assembly of the year - based on our value of the month, compassion.

In class, we have been developing our writing skills by writing a diary entry from the point of view of Charles Darwin. During art lessons, the children have created a bird silhouette based on our class text, Spy Hawk. Keep your eyes open as they will be displayed around the school over the next few weeks.

**SCIB:** There will be a SCIB - safeguarding children in Banbury - stall at Castle Quay on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th October. A member of staff from William Morris will be there for part of the day for both days and there will be information about things that we are doing to keep their children safe. It would be lovely if they could drop by to say hello and find out about safeguarding. Our children's work will also be displayed.



### **Applications for Secondary School:** County Council

Admissions are now accepting applications from Year 6 pupils due to transfer to Secondary School next September 2019. Letters to parents have recently been posted reminding parents of the need to make an application for their child for Secondary School starting in September 2019. Parents are encouraged to apply on-line as this is the most secure method of making an application. Please note the letter is just a reminder and parents should not wait until they get a letter, as there is nothing in the letter that is needed in order to make an application. Online applications can be made using this link: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/starting-school/secondary-school>

### **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!

*Hiddleston*

Julie Hiddleston and the school team



# CLUBS

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

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

All tuition books and diaries are also supplied free of charge by the service. To obtain an application form, please email [MJmusicervices@aol.com](mailto:MJmusicervices@aol.com)

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