

7th December 2018

Darwin: Darwin class have had a busy week! They have been learning the traditional tale 'The enormous turnip' and have made their own story maps, remembering the beginning, middle and ending. Linked to the story, they have been experimenting with forces and gravity and seeing what happens when you push or pull objects. In maths they have been focusing on the number ten and thinking about different ways of making ten, for example, 6 and 4, 5 and 5. They have also been continuing with their work on time and have been ordering the events of the day, such as; getting up, breakfast time, school, lunchtime etc. As you know, the children are taking part in the Christmas play and learning all of the words to the songs. We hope that you are looking forward to next Thursday's performance as much as the children!

Kandinsky: Kandinsky have recreated a 3D moon landing as an extra STEAM challenge and finding out key facts about this amazing event. We have been publishing our alien sentences to showcase on Friday to accompany our paintings and 3d models of aliens and rockets. In Maths we have been counting the number of minutes in multiples of five to 60 and reading time on the hour.

Seacole: What a week Seacole have had. We have designed and made moon boots, finished making Mars and its two moons and practiced our nativity ready for next week! Seacole class have shown great determination, bravery and enthusiasm in rehearsals this week and we are all very excited to show you all, all the hard work next Thursday. In English we have been planning our own fact files and in Maths we learnt that when you add numbers you can do this in any order - it's the commutative law!

Valentina: This week in Valentina we have truly lived up to our namesake. We learned all about the first lunar landing, and we have studied the important features of moon buggies and then designed our own. We watched an interesting animation which showed us a variety of imaginary planets, each with a different theme, which then inspired us to imagine and create our own themed planet in Art. Mr Needle and Mrs Kidley have been working super hard to help us create our scaled models of Saturn and Earth using papier-mâché and painting techniques. All of this alongside learning to use adverbs in our writing and our first foray into column subtraction with exchanging. Somehow, we still mustered the energy to enjoy the Christmas fair and practice our Christmas carols. Phew!

DaVinci: DaVinci Class, have this week been responsible for their part of the planetarium which is being created in the school hall. The children have created 2 planets ready to hang from the hall ceiling. The children have also been working hard on their extra challenge this week: constellations. Using origami techniques, the children have created stars which we have placed in certain patterns on a black background to mirror the patterns that the stars create in our night sky. In our English this week we have been looking at non-chronological reports; focusing at first on the features, before next week we move on to writing some of our own.

Shakespeare: Shakespeare class have been unleashing their inner creativity and have built the most amazing planters- Jupiter and Neptune. We have written the most incredible planet descriptions as well story starters. So many of the stories were so descriptive and technical that they could have been made in to films! I am really looking forward to reading the finished products at the end of next week. In maths we have been investigating fractions and practising our additions and subtraction fluency. The children are working hard on the rapid recall of multiplication facts.

We have created the start of the Nativity in silhouette in our classroom window- it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... 🎄

Christmas Fayre:

Thank you to everyone involved with the Christmas Fayre. It was great fun and there was lots of festive cheer. Santa also came as our special guest! Thank you for your support!



Space Day: On Friday the entire school constructed a planetarium in William Morris school hall. I'm sure that all parents who visited for our SPACE event would agree that it was truly out of this world. Thank you to all children, staff and parents for their hard work.



No Nut Policy: We have several children with severe allergies to nuts and therefore we have a policy whereby we can't have nuts (in any form) in the school. If you choose to send in chocolates or sweets for a birthday celebration, please can you guarantee they the items are completely nut free. Staff will check and if they are not sure, will not be able to hand them out.

Some information regarding winter benefits that may help some parents: soWarm Home Discount - £140 off your electricity bill for winter 2018 to 2019 under the Warm Home Discount Scheme. The money is not paid directly to you - it's a one-off discount off your electricity bill, between September and March.

<https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

Cold weather payment - If the average temperature in your area is recorded as, or forecast to be, zero degrees Celsius or below for 7 consecutive days, eligible families will be entitled to receive £25 for each 7 day period of very cold weather between 1 November and 31 March. <https://www.gov.uk/cold-weather-payment>

Key Dates for your Diary (next page for full list):

- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 14th December
- Break-Up Day – Friday 21st December
- School Opens – Monday 7th January 2019

Have a fantastic weekend!

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team



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Winter Term Activities

Dates for your diary

Thursday 13th December

EYFS/KS1 Christmas production

1:30pm and 6:00pm performance to parents/carers

Christmas lunches - Book a meal with the office – deadline for bookings and payment is Wednesday 12th December. Don't miss out – catering numbers **MUST** be submitted on **Thursday 13th December**

Tuesday 18th December

EYFS/Y1/Y2

12:00pm Christmas lunch with parents/carers

Wednesday 19th December

Y3/Y4

12:00pm Christmas lunch with parents/carers

Thursday 20th December

Y5/Y6

12:00pm Christmas lunch with parents/carers

Thursday 20th December

Christmas Jumper day and at **2:15pm** Carol Service, all parents/carers are invited to join us in the hall

Friday 21st December

1:00pm School finishes – MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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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

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