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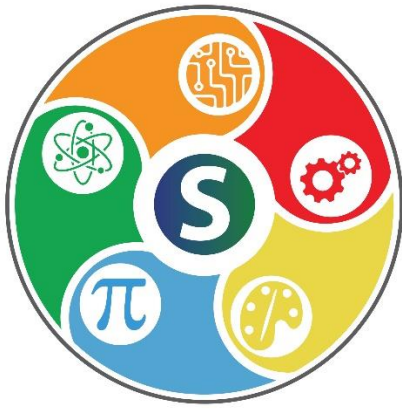
What a term!

What an Autumn Term we have had! In some ways it has flown by and in others (ahem Christmas) there seems to have been an endless supply of days in which to pack in lots of activities. So many wonderful things have happened this term including the construction of our very own planetarium.

It is, however, with great sadness that we say goodbye to the amazing Mrs Spilberg. Zoe has been an integral member of the senior leadership team over both schools. She has lead the early years for both schools with conviction, passion and a dedication that is staggering. She was instrumental in helping to turn William Morris around to give our children an outstanding start to their schooling and she has helped create and shape the ethos and culture of a brand new school. The ripples of what Zoe has set up here at William Morris will be felt for years to come as we continue with the good work that she has started. We wish you the very best of luck Zoe (not that you will need it) in your new exciting adventure as a Deputy Principal. You will be missed and we hope that you come to visit us soon.



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AND THE WINNER IS...

SHAKESPEARE CLASS



Well done to Shakespeare Class who were outstanding this term. The writing that has been produced by this class is literally out of this world along with some impressive planet building and researching to boot. An amazing effort and a shining example of what the oldest and most responsible children in our school can do. They will receive their STEAM CHAMPIONS T-shirts in the new year.

BEST DRESSED CHRISTMAS TREE

This term we had a competition for the best decorated Christmas Tree. Classes had to be creative and decorate their tree in the theme of their class name. We had Darwin and Valentina Angels on their trees, mini Shakesperean booklets and pen quills, Da Vavinci and Kandinski inspired art decorations but the prize for ultimate creativity and the best dressed Christmas tree goes to.....SEACOLE CLASS! Well done Seacole class, if you have never seen a Christmas Tree wrapped in bandages rather than tinsel and a nurse's hat for an angel, then do pop in and have a look! Seacole class enjoy some bonus Christmas sweets.

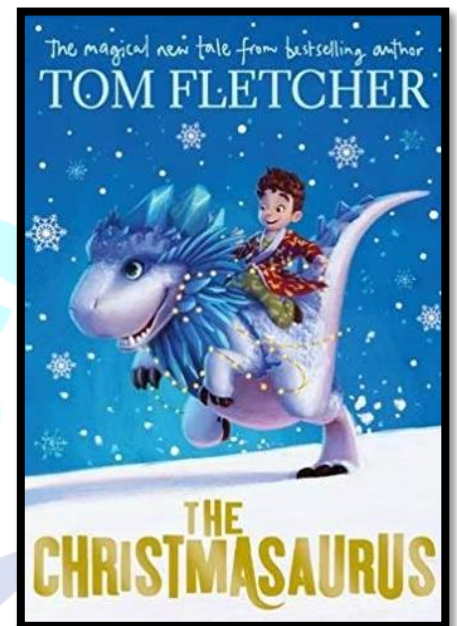
Kandinsky: In this final week of the term we have been editing and publishing our writing in our Golden Writing books. In phonics we have been revising the high frequency words and special friends we have learnt. In Maths we have discussed the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and calculated addition sums using dice. Kandinsky enjoyed our wonderful Christmas dinner yesterday and are counting down the days to Christmas with the help of the elves. We have improved our scissor cutting and finger painting skills to create Christmas reindeer paintings, cards and decorations, which we hope you will be proud of. Happy Christmas to all, best wishes from Kandinsky.

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Darwin: Darwin class have been continuing to play in our Post Office and Santa's workshop role play area. They have been wrapping presents and pretending to send letters and parcels. To link with this, in maths we have been learning about weight and using mathematical language such as 'heavy, light and balance'. The children have been learning about the Christmas nativity story, naming the characters and ordering pictures of the story in correct sequence. Our classroom is now looking very festive, the children have made decorations for the Christmas tree and have painted Christmas cards to take home.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Seacole: Seacole class have taken up the challenge of best Christmas tree in full force. They have come up with lots of different ideas to represent our class in decoration form and have shown how creative they are. In our reading Seacole class have thoroughly enjoyed hearing the story of the "Christmasaurus" and they have done some great pieces of writing based on this. In Maths, they have been working on strategies to add numbers that would cross over a tens boundary. Finally, Seacole class have been fantastic artists in the afternoons and have worked hard on developing their painting skills to produce great pieces of art. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and look forward to our next topic, Land Ahoy!



Valentina: Valentina class began the week by writing up the Science experiments we were able to complete during our trip to Space Studio Banbury last week. We found out lots of important considerations for building rockets! We loved our Christmas Golden Write this week, based on a very snowy video. We have revised a few of our earlier Maths topics and we have finalised our Valentina-themed Christmas decorations! We are super excited for our new topic for January 2019, which is called Tremors.

DaVinci: DaVinci have been celebrating some of their brilliant writing this term. We've been publishing for display some of our persuasive writing and our non-chronological reports that we've worked so hard to produce this term. We've also been getting into the Christmas spirit by creating baubles out of wool. But the highlight of the week has to be cooking our biscuits on Thursday, the children were brilliant at following the recipe to the letter and decorating them afterwards. I hope they shared some of the ones they made with the rest of the family when they got home!

Shakespeare: Shakespeare class have been showing their skills this week in maths, reading and GPS as they have been completing Autumn term assessments. They have shown high levels of maturity during the last week, helping with every Christmas dinner and the carol concert. I had many comments about their politeness and good behavior - I was a very proud teacher.

We have all enjoyed a Christmas week of activities, designing and making very stylish cards, gift bags, delicate button bowls and delicious Christmas cookies. Have a lovely Christmas, get lots of rest and be kind to each other.

I can't wait to start out new year and new topic ...


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Carol Concert: It was amazing to see so many parents and extended families at our Carol Concert this week. It has really got everyone in the festive mood, with mince pies and traditional carols sung so well by everyone who came. The range of super Christmas jumpers was awe inspiring too! Well done William Morris and Ho!Ho!Ho!




Invictus




Nobel



Oscar




Big Ben




House winner this term is:


Oscar




Invictus




Nobel



Oscar



Big Ben



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Choir: On Wednesday, the choir had the amazing opportunity to visit Glebefields Care Home. We were very lucky that the rain stopped and we had a lovely sunny walk! We performed all of our Christmas songs for the Glebefields residents, who kindly provided juice and biscuits for afterwards. Our new choir badges made us stand up and sing even more proudly than normal, and even though it was only our second concert ever, we delivered an excellent, confident performance. Huge thanks to Mrs Green and Mrs Shepherd for accompanying us and encouraging us in our singing.



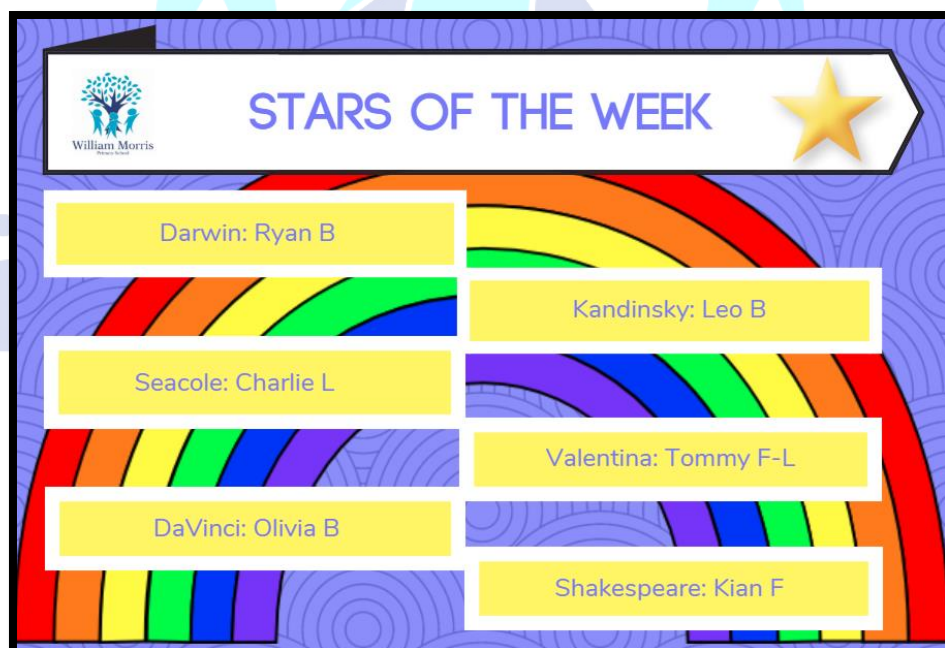
Key Dates for your Diary (next page for full list):

- School Opens – Monday 7th January 2019

Have a fantastic Christmas and new year with your families!

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?**

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