

CLASS NEWS

Willow:



Willow Class have spent lots of time in their outdoor area over the last two weeks. The children have worked together to make safe obstacle courses, created lots of imaginative dishes in the mud kitchen and remembered to take the guinea pigs daily treats!

Inside, we have been writing pizza orders, ordering pizzas on the phone and making and delivering them too. We have grown a cress and bean plant jungle for our dinosaurs and have been very interested in watching them grow.



I can't wait to see the Easter entries for the competition next week. I've heard lots about what is to come!

Beech:

Another busy fortnight in Beech Class. We have finished our Stone Age adventure stories with great results. In maths we have learned how to calculate the area and perimeter of both regular and composite shapes.

Oak:

This week we have been working hard to tell the time! We have been looking at how to recognise o'clock and half past on the clock, as well as looking at one hour earlier and one hour later.



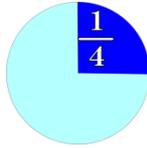
In literacy, we have started to write stories. The aliens, Sandra and Mac, kindly left us their space boots to go on adventures! We have been to Egypt, Gran Canaria, Mallorca and even the South Pole! Next week we will be writing our stories so we look forward to sharing them with you.

Sycamore

In Sycamore class we have focused on personal and social skills to build resilience and positivity. Each child has their own 'happiness bag' which they will bring home on the last day of term containing positive notes and messages. In literacy we have worked on comprehension skills looking at a wide range of texts. The children have really impressed us with their mature inference skills.



We have now started on our fractions topic, which the children are showing great understanding in.



We have also done some activities focused on developing social and emotional skills, such as our egg activity.

This week we have also had our first trip to Energise which went 'swimmingly'. The children gave 100% in the pool and I look forward to watching them progress.

In maths the year 5s have had their first introduction to algebra and year 6 are continuing to march their way through our revision timetable!

Thank you to the year 6 parents who attended our SATs information evening. If anyone was unable to come, feel free to see either Mrs Bromley or Ms Frankish. We will be holding parents evenings the first week back after Easter to discuss individual needs and any concerns.

Huge congratulations to the children who took part in the Community Talent Show. They were absolute stars! We are also very proud of our girls' football team who showed constant positivity and commitment; learning and improving during each game.



OOSC



We're well into spring now and our activities have fit the theme! We've made lots of different things for our spring board, using lots of different crafty techniques to create them. Our paper plate birds required careful cutting and perfect painting, with the end resulting in some beautiful birds to sit on the tree. This week, we learned about kinetic energy through wind power by creating some mini pinwheels – blowing really hard got them spinning very fast!





But of course, the biggest event to happen recently in the Out of School Club was Escape the Room. Lady Winifred has asked me to thank everyone who came to help her on the expedition into the jungle. I'm told it was a very challenging afternoon full of puzzling mathematics, cryptic clues and difficulty hidden objects but that the children all worked together extremely well and triumphed in the end! Well done, adventurers!

Upcoming After School Club Activities:

Week Commencing 8th April:

Monday	Tuesday	STEM Wednesday	Arts and Crafts Thursday	Sensory Friday
Papier-Mâché Eggs	Outdoor Games and Activities	Capillary Action	Jewellery Workshop	Lavender Gloop

Week Commencing 15th April: **EASTER HOLIDAY**

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EASTER TRAIL



Hop along to our egg-citing Easter Trail on Saturday 6th April, 1-3pm. Pick up your map in school. £3 per trail which includes a small prize for each completed trail. Refreshments and tuck shop will be available during the afternoon at school.



GOODBYE

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Jane from out of school club on Monday as she leaves to take on a new role in Newcastle, her home town. We will really miss her big smile, happy personality and colourful hair! We wish her all the very best in her new job and hope she



remembers us as fondly as we will remember her. We're sure the children will miss her too so they are very welcome to come and say goodbye to her in OOSC on Monday after school.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

We want to reiterate the importance of parking safely and considerately around school. Examples of poor parking recently have included blocking pavements and parking on the zig-zag road markings. There should be **no** stopping on the yellow lines outside school at the times designated on the warning signs.

I would remind all parents of the code of practice when dropping off and picking up your child/children:

- Vehicles must always be parked legally so as not to cause an obstruction.
- Please do not block residents' drives.
- Do not park too close to the road junction.
- Please do not simply pull up outside the school to allow your children to 'jump in'.
- If your vehicle is very large, please consider parking a little further away.

There is a car park on the opposite side of the road, a little further up, designed for parents to park in and walk their children the short journey to school.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 4 th & 11 th April	Beech Pedestrian Training
Saturday 6 th April, 1-3pm	Easter Trail
Friday 12 th April	PTA Non-uniform Day
Friday 12 th April	Last day of term
Monday 29 th April	Return to School
Tuesday 30 th April & Wednesday 1 st May	Parents Evenings – more info to follow
Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
W/c 12 th May	Year 6 SATs

Easter Egg Trail
Saturday 6th April 1-3pm
Maps available from Skelton School
£3 per trail
All welcome



Refreshments & Tuck Shop available @ school

