

Class News

Willow:



Willow class took part in a Healthy Food Workshop as part of Science week. The children very carefully peeled, chopped and grated different foods to make delicious wraps. They really enjoyed making and eating their healthy snacks.

We also explored 'The invisible world of microbes'. The children had lots of knowledge to share about germs and how important it is to wash our hands. They created fantastic magnified microbes in our Workshop area.



In Maths, the Nursery children have enjoyed using the light box to practise number formation. The Reception children have explored subtraction; they have been



busy bowling and recording their score as a number sentence!

We aim to change the children's books each Tuesday. Please try to sign your child's record when you read together at home. Thank you!

Beech:

Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who came to our assembly this week. I for one am incredibly proud of what the children achieved. The short time scale and nervousness was no match for the creativity and enthusiasm every child showed. It was lovely to see how proud they are of the work they have done, and how well they come together as a team when the occasion calls for it.

In literacy we have started writing our stories. We did an exciting twist with this, writing our first draft on the chrome books. We will definitely be doing this again as some wonderful work was produced. In order to improve our stories we are anonymously peer reviewing each other's work to offer support and ideas.

In maths we are continuing our work on fractions by thinking about equivalent fractions. The children are showing some great understanding in this area,

Oak:

Oak Class has been finishing off their work on fractions this week. We have been working hard to understand how to find a quarter and a third. Some children continued to challenge themselves by finding $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$!



We have enjoyed looking at the story 'Into the Forest'. The class enjoyed looking at pictures from the book and trying to spot other fairytales in there. Year 2 went on to compare the story to other fairytales in their literacy work.

On Wednesday we went into the forest on a hunt for lots of different things. We searched for things of a certain colour, texture and something we thought was beautiful. We are hoping to find different things when we go to Moorlands Nature Reserve on our school trip next Friday. We are sure they will be just as beautiful!

Can children please have wellies in school as we will be doing Welly Wednesday every week (weather dependent) Thank you.

Sycamore:

Following on from our trip to Drax, the science themed excitement continued this week as we kicked off Monday with a real-life dissection. Mr Rampling and



Mrs Rhodes from Vale of York Academy brought in two hearts and a set of lungs (which needed defrosting in the microwave and may NOT have been my favourite moment of the week!)

We expected some children to feel a little uncomfortable about this activity but the entire class were magnificent. Every child was willing to touch and physically examine the organs which generated lots of



through use of pictures, showing fractions, and games.



We also had an exciting visitor in this week to do a fitness challenge with us. Some of the things we tested were agility, flexibility, strength, balance and reactions. Everyone tried their best, and the three children with the most points won oranges! It was



very close between several children so it looks like we might have some budding athletes.

Next week is assessment week so we will be doing some tests. The purpose of these tests is to assess what they know now, and what areas we need to focus on in the coming weeks, so if your child gets nervous please reassure them there is nothing to worry about!

Homework will start going out from this week. I will send homework on a Friday, and expect it back on the following Thursday. If there is ever a problem please let me know and I will address it.

thoughtful questions. Mr Rampling commented that he would normally expect the type of questions from year 9 and year 10 children which confirmed my belief that we have some excellent scientists in Sycamore Class! It has been Science Week this week so the experimentation continued on Tuesday with an afternoon workshop requiring engineering and technological skills and many tomatoes...

Sycamore Class have also been planning fair tests to see how mould microbes develop on bread as well as mummifying tomatoes. In addition to all our practical science, the children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Yorkshire Museum where they took part in a workshop about the Egyptian way of death.



Special Achievements

Mathemagicians

Willow: Miles for using the counting on strategy to add 2 numbers.

Oak: Tilly for recognising $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of amounts.

Beech: Alfie for working very hard on problem solving with fractions.

Sycamore: Kelsey for becoming a confident mathematician.



Caught you caring:
Miles, Molly, Evie and Megan

Staff Spot: Miss Pugh, Miss Bates and Mrs Bromley

Special Mentions

Willow: Jamie for showing perseverance across his work – even when building a snowman (or 3!)

Oak: Lily W for always being so enthusiastic about her reading.

Beech: George for super listening and hard work, especially in RE, where he remembered each event in the Easter story.

Sycamore: Alice for excellent attitude and kindness to others.

House Points

Bronte: 58

Hudson: 58

Rowntree: 54

Wilberforce: 52





FOSCPS- Table Top Sale

The Friends of School are holding a Table Top Sale on Saturday 10th March, 10am – 12pm in school. If you would like to sell your items, a table will cost £5, which is payable on entry and will be available to set up from 9.30am. It is a chance for you to sell your unwanted toys and gifts or just to come along to pick up a bargain! There will be also be a pop-up café offering refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.

OOSC

Thank you to all the parents who have donated toys and books to the OOSC; the children love to come in and see what's new in the room! Jennifer and Jane have really enjoyed this week, getting to know all the children and meeting parents. They look forward to planning some exciting activities in the coming weeks!

Attendance

We would like to draw your attention to our Lateness and Attendance Policy as, of late, there has been an increase in parents requesting term time holidays. We are always concerned about the amount of school time pupils miss as a result of family holidays. **There is no entitlement to time off in term time. Leave of absence is only allowed at the discretion of the Headteacher in accordance with the school policy as agreed by the board of governors.**

Parents have a legal duty to ensure that children attend school and can face prosecution in the event of persistent absence (*below 90%*). The school also has responsibilities under the law and will do all that it can to encourage regular attendance. **All of our Policies are on the school website, under the Policies heading on the home page. Please refer to these for guidance and/or ask at the School Office.**

Important Dates

Mondays 3.30pm-4.30pm	KS2 Hockey Club
Tuesdays 3.30pm – 4.15pm	La Jolie Ronde French (Rec-Y2)
Thursdays 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Rec & KS1 Total Energy
Saturday 10 th March, 10am – 12pm	FOSCPS Table Top Sale
Tuesday 13 th March	Individual and school siblings photographs
Friday 16 th March, 5.30pm	Sycamore Class Sleepover
Wednesday 21 st March, 2.50pm	Easter Egg and Bonnet Assembly
Thursday 22 nd March	Sports Relief
Thursday 22 nd March, 2.30pm	Holi Day Colour Run
Friday 23 rd March, AM	KS2 Easter Service – details to follow
Friday 23 rd March	School closes for Easter break
Monday 9 th April	School re-opens