

CLASS NEWS

Willow:

Last week, Willow Class learnt about Chinese New Year. We read the Chinese Zodiac story and found out which animal year we were born in. The children also tried using chopsticks, built the Great Wall of China and made dancing dragon puppets.



On Welly Wednesday, Willow and Oak class went into the forest to make clay faces on our trees. We used twigs, leaves, stones and grass to create funny faces including some beards, moustaches and extravagant eyelashes!



The highlight of this week has to be our trip to Snozone. We loved meeting Snowy the polar bear, sledging with our friends and drinking hot chocolate!



Oak:

What an amazing day we had at Xscape! We started the day by learning even more about the Polar Regions with the help of the staff at SnoZone. We then made our way up the huge snow slope - it took us quite a while! We arrived at the top to be caught in a snow storm, which meant we had to take it in turns to hide in the tent at the top. Poor Mrs Johnson then caught hypothermia! Luckily, we had packed a first aid bag and managed to get her back down the slope to safety. Snowy the Polar Bear was on hand to help too!



After our lunch, which included hot chocolate and cookies, we returned to the slopes to have a go at sledging, again with the help of Snowy.

Quote of the day:
"This is better than Christmas!"





OOSC

Our Chinese New Year event last week went down a treat! Everyone had a taste of some unfamiliar snacks and treats, the red mandarin oranges were especially popular. We created some interesting candles and decorated some beautiful lanterns, but the absolute favourite activity of the night was all about our dragon dance! First, we attached a long, flowing piece of red material to a cardboard box. Next, we grabbed some sharpie pens and turned our box into a fierce Chinese dragon – we even added some feathers for his fiery breath. Finally, we took our completed dragon into the hall and got everyone under it for a great big dance around the hall. The children absolutely loved it, and we even went to visit Mrs Poulter in the library!



We've been finishing up the last of our winter activities this week. Getting crafty, we made a whole bunch of decorative wooden snowflakes, using fluffy paint to make them white and squishy! In the hall, we had an indoor snowball challenge. We played dodge-snowball, snowball bowling, held relay races and of course, how could we resist having a snowball fight? We've also made a few Valentine's cards and learned about sound waves through cup communication.

Our next big activity will take place after half term – we're planning an adventurous escape room! Stay tuned for further details in the next newsflash.

Upcoming After School Club Activities:

Week Commencing 18th February:

Monday	Tuesday	STEM Wednesday	Arts and Crafts Thursday	Sensory Friday
Lego Construction Challenge	Obstacle Course	Static Bugs and Birds Experiment	Salt Dough Animals	Bubble Bonanza

Week Commencing 25th February: **HALF TERM**



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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 18 th February	MINSTER FM Test the Teacher!
Friday 22 nd February	PTA Tuck Shop
Friday 22 nd February	Break up for half term
Monday 4 th March	Return to school
Tuesday 5 th March	Beech trip to Yorkshire Museum
Wednesday 6 th March, after school	Year 5/6 Netball at Vale of York – letter issued 8 th Feb
Monday 11 th March, 3.30pm – 4.30pm	KS2 Tennis Club
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th March	Sycamore trip to Low Mill
Wednesday 3 rd April	Beech Swimming – letter to follow



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