

CLASS NEWS

Willow:

Over the last two weeks we have dived straight into our Under the Sea topic.



The children have loved exploring wax resist, drawing their sea creatures with crayons and painting the sea in watercolours. We have been very excited to see the effect!

There have been some lovely creations in the dough area, using the small world animals for reference. Some children have started to make their own 'scary sea monsters'.



In the water area, we have tested lots of classroom objects to see if they float or sink. Reception children have started to record their findings in a table.

We look forward to seeing you on Sports day next week. Reception children should know their teams. Nursery children will be invited to take part in a race at the end of the day. Please feel free to come and watch if your child attends Nursery on a Thursday afternoon.

Beech:

We have had a busy two weeks back at school. We put all our learning about endangered animals to good use by creating some beautiful fact pages about an animal of

Oak:

Despite the awful weather, Oak Class have spent lots of time outside planting our pumpkins near the forest. We took it in turns to soften the ground, dig holes and plant our pumpkins; we even pulled up some huge roots from something that had been planted before. We couldn't quite work out what used to be there!



Oak Class have also been talking about plastic pollution, particularly at the seaside as this is our current topic. The class did some wonderful persuasive writing to try and stop people littering in our oceans.

During PE, we have been getting ready for Sports Day, practising some of the races that we will be doing on the day. We hope to see you there next week - let's hope the weather is better!

Sycamore:

In numeracy this week the children have been brilliant at developing their understanding of co-ordinates, working in four quadrants and translation. We have done lots of work constructing four quadrant axis, which has been a good test



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our choice. We used the chromebooks to check facts, then wrote about the diet, habitat and lifestyle of various endangered species. We also thought about reasons why they are endangered and wrote some suggestions about how we can help.

In maths we learnt how to convert tenths to decimals, something the children showed fantastic understanding in. This week we have looked at money and how to convert between pounds and pence.

We have also produced some lovely collages based on plastic pollution and are currently planning a diary based on the journey of un-recycled plastic.



of the children's understanding of negative number too. It's been really satisfying to eavesdrop on lots of passionate conversations about where shapes should be translated to as children compare their understanding with that of their partner's.



In literacy we have been writing newspaper reports about the short film we watched last week. The animation tells the eerie story of the disappearance of a

teenage girl called Francis Brandywine. You can find the film at this address <https://www.literacyshed.com/francis.html> We did two days of planning for a sensational newspaper report, which included the children recording interviews with one another, in character, so they could collect lots of quotes to include in their reports. The writing we have done with the children recently has been teacher assessed and will form part of their end of year results.

Sycamore class did exceptionally well last Friday, raising over £140 for World Wildlife Fund. The children were able to turn £10 of food into £40 worth of profit which was quite astonishing. More than half the school had their nails expertly painted by a crack team of children and staff (huge thanks to Miss Bates and Miss Pugh) and the jumble sale table was well and truly cleared! In addition to the bake sale the class organised earlier in the year, they have raised over £200 for animal charities this year.



Trespassing in School

Our monitoring system has shown that there have been teenagers and older children entering the school grounds in the evenings and on weekends, messing around with outdoor resources and climbing onto the roof.

If trespassing continues we will be taking our information to the police as the children are obviously unwilling to respect school property, but more worryingly, are risking their own safety. We would like to ask those of you living in Skelton to report anything suspicious to the local policing team.



FOSCPS

Leavers' Prom, 10th July

A disco for the whole school with a **Beach Party** theme. Come in party wear or beach wear! **Year 6, please come at 5.15pm** for a fizzy drinks reception and photos. **The rest of school, please come at 5.30pm.** The disco will finish at 6.45pm. Nursery children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Entry is £3 which includes hot dog and drink. £1 mix-up bags and the normal tuck shop will also be available.



Also please can we ask for a donation of a cake/cakes for us to sell at the Summer Fair on Saturday 6th July. Cakes can be brought into school on Friday 5th July. All proceeds, as always, are used to benefit the children in school.



OOSC

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing lots of different card games and puzzles. Monopoly has become the favourite hit across the club though! The children have been working together really well to help each other count spaces, read numbers and sound out new and unfamiliar words on the cards. Nobody lost their competitive spirit though! Everyone's been fantastic at finding the balance needed for a friendly game, and sorting out rule disputes by themselves.



This week also witnessed the beginnings of the fantastic wearable Barbie car that two girls have been working really hard on. From just a simple cardboard box, the girls have cut, painted, glued and decorated in order to create something entirely new and I am really looking forward to seeing



how it turns out!

From the 24th June, the Out of School Club will be moving into the hall temporarily as the usual club room is being redecorated. Please can parents picking up and dropping off children for the OOSC come to the main entrance from the 24th until further notice.

Please note there will no after school club on Friday 19th July (last day of term).

Upcoming After School Club Activities:

Week Commencing 17th June:

Monday	Tuesday	STEM Wednesday	Arts and Crafts Thursday	Sensory Friday
Outdoor Games and Activities	Making Cheesecake	Beautiful Bird Kites	Egg Carton Caterpillars	Beaded Sun Catchers

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 20 th June, 1.30pm	Sports Day
Thursday 27 th June (during school)	Beech Football Tournament – letter issued to those selected to play
Friday 28 th June, 3.30pm	Tuck Shop
Saturday 6 th July	Skelton Summer Festival
Tuesday 9 th July	SATs Results Day
Wednesday 10 th July, 5.15pm/5.30pm	Leavers' Disco – Beach Party Theme! See details above
Monday 15 th July, 1.30pm & 6pm	Sycamore Production
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term