



CLASS NEWS

Willow:

Willow Class have continued to amaze us with their creativity and excellent attitude to learning.

In maths, we have been exploring 2D shapes. We have used iPads to take photos of shapes found around our school, made shape printing pictures and played lots of shape games to help us remember their names.



As part of our topic, we have visited and looked at photographs of Skelton Church. The children loved the stained glass window and made their own to brighten up our classroom.

We were very lucky to take part in an All Starts Cricket Workshop. We listened really carefully to the instructions and enjoyed developing our batting and fielding skills.



The children have been inspired by the Great British Bake Off and have made their own competition with many themes: Halloween, princess, Christmas and birthday cakes to name a few.



They each described their creations before being judged by various members of staff. Miss Frankish was so impressed she went to find more ingredients. The children shared flour, milk, yeast and spices to make their favourite so far... gooey cakes! We cooked them, but definitely didn't eat them!

I look forward to seeing you at parents evening next week.

Beech:

We have had a busy couple of weeks in Beech Class.

In literacy we have been reading about the Chocolate Room from Charlie and the Chocolate Family. We used this to inspire our

Oak:



We have had lots of pumpkin fun in Oak Class over the last couple of weeks! We have been using pumpkins for our maths, to inspire our writing and even created some beautiful art work.

During maths we measured pumpkins and predicted how many seeds were inside. We discussed whether all pumpkins had the same amount of seeds in them, just like the avocado



does in Handa's Surprise or whether all pumpkins are different. We also predicted how many scoops it would take to get out all of the seeds. It turns out there are lots more seeds in a pumpkin than we first thought - around 300 in each pumpkin! We had a lot of counting to do!



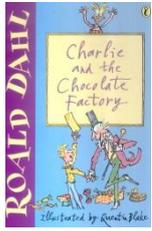
We have also been busy out in the forest. One of our reading volunteers kindly bought us some toadstools and fairy doors. We spent time deciding where we would hide these; we hope other classes manage to find them.

If you haven't already done so, please remember to book in for parents evening next Tuesday or Thursday.

Sycamore:

We are so proud of all the hard work Sycamore class have done this half term. There is more than we can possibly mention in a newsflash but here is a little taste of some of what we have been working on.

In literacy we have been writing play scripts and letters of thanks based on Maia Walczak's book 'Stray'. 'Stray' is set in Santiago in Chile and follows the unfortunate events of one



own ideas and have written a description of a walk around our very own chocolate rooms. The children worked so hard, with some writing several pages!

Our place value topic is drawing to a close so we have been doing some problem solving and investigations to deepen our understanding of value of numbers. We have continued to enjoy Times Table Rockstars with some impressive increases in game speed!

We have put our knowledge of the Ancient Maya Civilisation to good use. We travelled back in time and got stuck, and decided to write a letter to tell others about all the things we had learnt. We have also started building some fantastic pyramids based on the Mayan temples.



All in all, another great fortnight.

lonely street dog who is badly injured before being befriended by a fellow stray. We watched an animated version of the story and also did some research into the real street dogs of Santiago City. The children have got really emotionally involved in the story, particularly because many of them have pet dogs themselves. They have produced some quality writing over the past two weeks and we were impressed with how quickly they picked up the skills necessary to write a play script. The class decided that they would like to do some fundraising for the real street dogs of Santiago.



So next Monday, the 22nd of October, the children have chosen to hold a bake sale during morning break. We have discussed the importance of all children in Sycamore contributing something to the sale which will be opened up to all the other children and staff. Any

remaining baked goods will be sold in the school playground at the end of Monday. Thank you in advance for your support of their venture!

In maths we have moved on to multiplication skills. We cannot encourage the children enough to practice their timestables at home. The maths curriculum and testing is very rigorous now and a sound knowledge of timestables underpins so much of the children's learning.

In science the children have designed an experiment to separate a solution using the process of evaporation. There were some excellent team working skills on display with the most successful group being the one who were most able to share ideas and compromise with one another. This group were fully able to evaporate the water from their solution, leaving only a thick crust of salt behind.

We are really looking forward to being able to tell you how fabulous your child is at parents evening and we hope you will take the time to look at their work. Ask them to show you the amazing interactive display Mrs Bromley has put together in the corridor...



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THE BOOK BUS!

Book People Book Bus & Community Cafe - we would like to invite children and parents/carers and members of our community to come and visit the Book People Book Bus, which will be in the school grounds from 8.30am to 4pm on Tuesday 20th November 2018.

The Book Bus will offer a wide range of children's (and some adult) books at discounted prices, so it is a great opportunity to get early Christmas presents for family and friends. From 1.15pm to 3.15pm there will also be a community cafe in school and we would encourage as many people as possible to come along with family and friends!

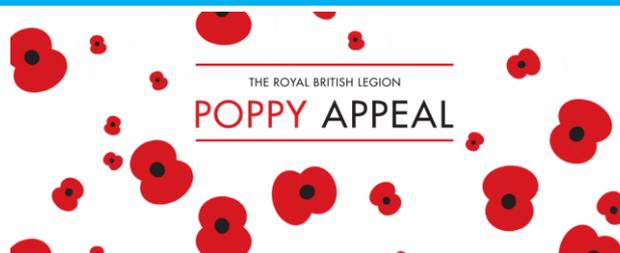
LIBRARY

Sadly, we have had to make the decision to begin charging for library books that do not get returned to school. Mrs Poulter runs the library very efficiently, offering rewards and prizes to children who read regularly, including dojo points. However, we are finding that even though children are reminded and notes also sent home, books are regularly lost, or when they do come back late are scribbled on or the school details ripped out completely.

Books should be returned (or renewed) every two weeks when the children have library sessions in class, and not put back in the library when it is unmanned.

We will be charging £3 for each book that is not returned at the end of each half term.

Poppy Appeal



We will once again be collecting for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Reflective key chain poppies will be on sale to children from Monday 22nd October with a suggested donation of 50p.



OOSC

The Out of School Club has started getting spooky in preparation for Halloween this week! We've been creating lots of decorations for the upcoming Hogwarts Halloween, including creepy paper chains, sticky spider webs, and miniature pumpkin stress balls. We've also had the chance to make some slippy slime again, and designed some personal messy mats to help keep the tables clean!



Last week, we got up to all sorts of crazy things! There was even a beanbag explosion one morning, so we took the opportunity to gather some polystyrene balls and learn about static electricity. We also made some deliciously juicy slushies by crushing up some ice and pouring mashed up berries over it to add a fruity flavour!

Next Tuesday, we plan to continue in the spirit of Halloween by doing some pumpkin carving, so come along if you'd like to help design and carve a petrifying pumpkin for Hogwarts Halloween! Furthermore, the Hogwarts Halloween event is now almost completely full! If you would like to make a last minute booking, we ask that you please do so no later than Monday 22nd October. Thank you.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Don't forget to book an appointment for our parent consultations on Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th October. To book, please log in to eSchools or call/pop into the office for an appointment. We would encourage parents to come along as it is a great opportunity to speak with the teacher, discuss your child's progress and ask any questions you may have. If you require longer than a ten minute appointment, please ask.



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 22 nd October	Bake Sale – 50p per cake
Tuesday 23 rd October, 3.30pm - 6pm	Parents Evening
Wednesday 24 th October, 1pm – 3.30pm	School Open Afternoon
Wednesday 24 th October, 3.30pm - 6pm	After School Club 'Hogwarts Halloween'
Thursday 25 th October, 3.30pm - 6pm	Parents Evening
Friday 26 th October	Non-uniform/Halloween costume
Friday 26 th October	Tuck shop & last day of term
Monday 5 th November	Return to school
Friday 16 th November	Children In Need (non uniform for £1 donation)
Tuesday 20 th November	The Book People Bus in school 8:30 – 4:30pm. Community Café, 1.15pm – 3.15pm – all parents, carers and members of the community welcome!
Friday 30 th November, 3.30pm	Tuck Shop
Saturday 1 st December, 12-3pm	Christmas Fair
Thursday 6 th December	Disco
Monday 10 th December	Rec-Yr 5 Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 11 th December, 2pm	KS1 Nativity Play
Wednesday 11 th December, 6pm	KS1 Nativity Play – evening performance
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 21 st December	Break up for Christmas