

29th September, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ancient Greece meets Willow Class



Last Wednesday, Willow class took part in a fantastic whole day workshop introducing them to our topic and the city states of Athens and Sparta. The children enjoyed listening to how the Ancient Greeks believed the world began with a world of Titans and the Greek gods. The children found out about the birth of democracy and early forms of voting; which included finding out about Athenian rules about who was allowed to vote.

Throughout the day, the children were involved in a range of role plays and competitions to retell the myth of Theseus and the Minotaur as well as taking part in some Ancient Olympic events.

With the help of our host, Theo, we learnt about the life of a soldier and re-enacted famous battles involving Athenians, Spartans and Persians. The children also tested their mental strength and team skills to solve some traditional Greek games such as Petteia and an Archimedes shape puzzle. It was a truly great day setting our topic off to a great start!



TSM Elections

We have been blown away by the amount of care and courage shown by the children during campaigning: confident heartfelt speeches, some superb quality campaign posters and amazing teamwork. We are so proud of everyone who has been involved. We look forward to a busy and productive year with our fantastic new School Council and Team Captains!





A huge thank you to Andrew Hiney who helped us create this memorable experience once again.

Welcomes and Farewells

At the end of this half term we shall sadly say goodbye to Mrs. Bates who is the current learning support assistant in Willow Class. She is taking on a very exciting project in Wales with her family so I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her well and good luck.

A very warm welcome to Rosalind Longhurst and Grace Sharp who will be joining the Learning Support Team in Oak and Willow Class in October.



Beech & Oak Trip to Beaulieu

Beech and Oak went to Beaulieu Motor Museum last week as part of their 'Off We Go!' topic in which they are learning about the history of transport. They looked all around the museum and saw an amazing variety of cars and motorbikes. The two most impressive cars were probably the Model T (as we are learning about Henry Ford) and the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang car! We were quite inspired by the caravan made out of Lego.

In the afternoon, we got to have a ride on Gumdrop (a beautiful blue Austin 12/4) and a ride on a vintage open top bus. It was a brilliant day out and both classes have brought back lots of knowledge and enthusiasm for transport.



Walktober

Walktober is back for another year and My Journey is asking children and their parents to walk, scoot or cycle to school whilst also raising awareness of air quality by “Walking away from pollution”. To encourage you and your children to get involved, they are running a competition which involves taking a picture of Basil or Babs bird on your walk to school. Further details are included in a parentmail sent today.



Parking for school drop offs and pick ups

Separate communications were sent out this week regarding parking during the school drop off and pick up times. We are very fortunate that The Pheonix Pub allows us the use of their car park during these times and would like to politely remind parents to use this facility rather than parking on Queen Street or using other business premises to park. The school has positive relations with our neighbours so we ask that parents also support us in maintaining these.



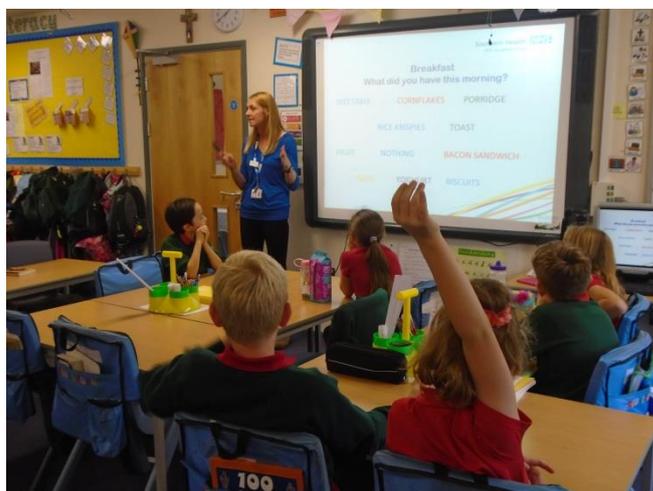
Lost Property

If these brand new purple Hunter welly boots, size 3, with tags still attached, belong to anyone please let the PTA or school know.

Healthy Eating Presentation for Year 6's

On Tuesday, the school nurse came in to talk to the Year 6's about the importance of looking after their bodies and staying healthy. The children happily identified the five food groups on the “Eatwell Plate” and their importance in our daily diet. They also discussed how exercise, a good night's sleep and talking to friends/family/teachers all help to keep us in “good working order” and helps to reduce anxiety.

The Year 6's will see Sarah again in a few weeks when she returns to measure their height and weight – all part of the National Child Measurement Program.



Messy Church

Messy Church starts again after the summer on this Sunday 1st October, from 4pm-6pm in Twyford Village Hall. Our theme this time is '*building a strong foundation*' and we're going to be building towers and structures all over the place - on all sorts of foundations and with all sorts of materials - even cake! Games, crafts, worship and food... Do come along if you can - we'd love to see you.



Star of the Week

Ash	Euan	For being a brilliant Incy Independent when making his police hat.
Beech	Samuel	For writing a super excuse for the rabbit not to push the car and for being the first person in Beech Class to achieve a Go for Green stamper!
Oak	Isabel	For her highly entertaining, creative and well-written interpretation of a Mr Benn story.
Sycamore	Ollie	For improved focus, super deductions in topic and challenging himself in maths.
Willow	Maggie	For producing an outstanding piece of home learning: creating a play script of a Greek Myth and using her place value knowledge to multiply by 10, 100, 1000 including decimals!
Yew	Julia	For an excellently written and beautifully published newspaper report.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Myanna	For showing the value of care. When her friend was tired Myanna took care of her and read her a story.
	James	For always remembering the Golden rule of being kind and helpful with others in Ash class.
Beech	Evalyn	For being an Incy Independent and using a number line to help her write her numbers.
	Tamsin	For being a Curious Cat when writing all the nouns she could find in the classroom.
Oak	Lola	For always being a kind Team Bee
	Alexie	Being a super persevering pig when subtracting over a tens boundary.
Sycamore	Megan	Super speed, challenge and layout in maths.
	Thomas	A fantastic reptile design – with labelled diagram – in science.
Willow	Orla	For using her independence skills to challenge herself in maths this week to multiply by 10, 100 and 1000, even exploring decimals.
	Monty	Working hard in maths this week exploring place value and multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.
Yew	Rosie R	For carefully evaluating the data in her lever Science investigation and forming an accurate conclusion.
	Finley	For persevering with his Maths work on the order of operations and presenting his work very neatly.

Dates for your diary

Autumn Term	
2nd October	INSET Day
4th October	School Photographer (individual and siblings)
12th October	Watercress Line visit – Yew Class
13th October	Harvest Service @ St Mary's Church 9.30am – Please note change of date
16th – 20th October	Diversity Week
16th October	Chinese Cookery Workshop
17th October	School Disco
19th October	Art Exhibition – 3:00-4:00pm
20th October	Dress in the colours of the Chinese flag
23rd – 27th October	HALF TERM
6th November	Special Remembrance Assembly – Passchendaele
9th November	Stonehenge trip – Sycamore Class
7th November	Yew Class trip to Royal Armouries, Fort Nelson
12th November	PTA Fireworks
13th – 17th November	Health and Wellbeing Week
13th November	Theatre visit to school – Hope
17th November	Life Education Parents Workshop 8:40 - 9:10am – Details to followc
21st November	Parents' Evening 4-6pm
23rd November	Parent's Evening 5-7pm
4th December	INSET Day
12th December	KS1 Nativity @ St Mary's Church 2pm
13th December	KS1 Nativity in the School Hall 9:30am
15th December	Christmas Pantomime – Aladdin
19th December	KS2 Carol Service @ St Mary's Church 9:30am

Warm Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Beckett', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mrs Hannah Beckett
Headteacher