



23rd March, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week our Year 4 and 5 children have been on their residential to Stubbington Study Centre. It has been quiet without them so we're looking forward to their return later this afternoon.

At TSM we strongly believe in the educational value of residential visits for our pupils. We have a programme that builds progression year on year during our children's time at our school in terms of the challenge, skills and experiences. The current residential trips on offer are Stubbington, Avon Tyrrell and Calshot.

Our TSM 'Learning Keys' are embedded in residential visits ensuring consistency from school to offsite visits. Often children achieve above and beyond in terms of their independence and social development away from school and the usual comforts of home. The 'I can' mindset when a child reaches the top of a climbing wall, canoes in a straight line for the first time or works cooperatively in a team is transferred back to the classroom, bringing a more positive learning attitude with it. Where better to raise self-esteem; improve communication skills; develop teamwork; demonstrate independence; build empathy with others or challenge communication skills than challenging activities beyond the classroom? In next week's newsletter we shall share some of the highlights with you.

A celebration event will be held next term so we shall send a communication out separately to our Year 4 and 5 parents as soon as we have this organised.

A huge thank you to all the staff and student teachers who have looked after our children so well this week and spent time away from their families: Mrs Charlie Wright, Miss Anna Hutchins, Miss Charlotte Shemmans, Mr Sam Thwaites and Miss Grace Sharpe. Thank you for adding so much to our children's educational experience.

Easter Service

A reminder that our Easter Service will be taking place on the last day of term, **Thursday 29th March, at 9.30am in St Mary's Church**. We look forward to welcoming you all at this special event.

The Tempest

On Thursday last week, children in KS2 enjoyed the treat of a Young Shakespeare Company production of the Tempest – a stirring tale of betrayal, magic, power and forgiveness performed specifically for us in our very own school hall! This theatre company are masters at making the complex plots and language of Shakespeare accessible to children and involving youngsters directly in the action. Positive feedback abounded and it is clear that all children thoroughly enjoyed the event, and took a lot away from it. Inspired by this dramatic experience, KS2 classes have this week been writing their own works – Sycamore have taken the theme of magic to create poetry, Willow have been exploring events from Caliban's point of view and Yew have been developing their own script for a Shakespearian scene. Do look out for the creative writing that this special experience has sparked when you next browse your children's books.

Here are some photos of the action:



And few writing extracts to give you a taster:

Written by Ella, Jess and Julia in Yew Class

(Macbeth walks in, going to Lady Macbeth)

Narrator: As Macbeth walks through the door, Lady Macbeth is summoning an evil plan.

Lady Macbeth: You have finally arrived. I have something to say to you.

Macbeth: What? Is it Duncan's surprise party you're planning? Lady Macbeth: Huh! No! It's the total opposite.

Macbeth: Uh! What? Someone's died.

Lady Macbeth: Naaah, you're going to kill King Duncan!

(Macbeth dramatically stage faints)

Macbeth: No! You ain't making me!

(Sound effect – oven ding)

Lady Macbeth: Ooh, my scones are ready.

(Lady Macbeth totters out)

Narrator: Macbeth is not happy! He thought better of his wife than she is. However, Macbeth knows she will never give up. He has a big choice to make! (Sound effect dun, dun, dun!)

Written by Jacob, Alex, Dominic and Robert in Yew Class

Lady Macbeth: You must kill King Duncan.

Macbeth: Why, my lovely darling?

Lady Macbeth: So that you become king, you imbecile; so we can rule the block!

Macbeth: How dare you call me an imbecile, you imbecile!

Lady Macbeth: Just hang with the plan and the kill the king, you old coward.

Macbeth: Let's forget about this and have some dinner – do you fancy some Mackie D's?

Lady Macbeth: Why are you always thinking about your tummy, you greedy little piggy. We must plan, plot and destroy!

(In walks King Duncan)

Macbeth: Hey mate, bro, how's it hangin'?

King Duncan: Yo – yo, bro, what yo sayin'?

Lady Macbeth: (shocked) Oh it's you King Dun...Dun...Dun...Dun...Duncan!

King Duncan: Yeah, course it is my, pretty girl.

Lady Macbeth: Oh hello charming (winking at Macbeth)

King Duncan: Macbeth, good to see my main man.

(Macbeth looks worried)

Extracts written by Sycamore Class – The Magic Box

I will put into the box:
a golden eagle's feather that's as elegant as a ballerina on tiptoes. **Megan**

I will put in the box:
a beautiful golden carpet
that hides a million secrets from the sun and the moon. **Thomas**

I will put in the box:
a blue sun that is watery, that is on the floor,
and shining on the grass to make flowers grow. **Wiktor**

I will put in the box:
the invulnerable flame of a rich and famous dragon
floating delicately in the summer breeze. **Samara**

My box is fashioned from:
moon rock that glows in the sun,
reinforced with dragon scales and sparkling with diamonds. **Tom**

My box is fashioned from:
crystals pink, purple, yellow and blue
taken from the magical caves of Russia,
wishes on the outside and secrets within. **Susanna**

Yew Class get busy making bird sculptures

On Monday Rosie's Dad, a local artist, came to assist the Year 6s with their bird sculptures. The wire feet finish their birds off perfectly, enabling them to be free-standing. Mr Roberts also demonstrated how he makes wire birds. Thank you, Mr Roberts for taking the time to lend us your expertise, which helped to make our bird sculptures a great success.



PTA Easter Disco

The PTA have been busy selling tickets after school this week for the Easter disco, taking place next Tuesday 27th March in the school hall. The KS1 disco is from 4.30 – 5.30pm, with the KS2 disco following on from 5.45 – 6.45pm. The entrance cost is £3 per child which includes a drink. Childcare is available in Yew Class from 4.30 – 6.45pm for an additional cost of £1 per child, for those families with children in different year groups.

Dropping off / collecting during the school day

A polite reminder to all parents – if you are dropping your child off during the day following an appointment, your child needs to be dropped at the office and not taken directly to their classes. Likewise, if you are collecting for an appointment, you must come to the school office to sign your child out and wait for them to be collected by a member of staff. This is so the office can record the absence appropriately, for the safety of all our pupils and to help with the smooth running of our school.

PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale

On **Friday 20th April** the PTA will be running a second hand uniform sale so you will be able to get your children kitted out in summer dresses and shorts for the warmer weather.

If you do need any uniform in the meantime, please email the school office (adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk) with your requirements.

Remember that all trousers, shorts, skirts and pinafores are free until further notice.

If you have any uniform that your children have outgrown please leave it in the school office – thank you!

Twyford PTA Trail Run

Up for a challenge? Come and join us for the first ever Twyford PTA Trail Run on Saturday 28th April, 2pm.

There are three distances you can enter for:

- 10k - £10 (£12 on the day) - participants must be 12 years and older
- 5k - £8 (£10 on the day) - participants must be 7 years older; children under 11 years must be accompanied by an adult
- 2k - £3 - Kids only (parents can accompany their child and don't need to register)

Entries (and more details) through: www.muddyrunners.org.uk/twyford-trail-run-2018 or www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=126924 (for registration)

Apart from many runners we will be looking for lots of volunteers to help stewarding, manning cake/drink stalls etc. Please contact Celine (07867473982) or twyfordstmaryspta@gmail.com if you can help or have any questions.



Star of the Week

Ash	Myanna	For being a brilliant Persevering Pig learning her initial sounds and for starting to use them to have a go at sounding out short words. Brilliant!
Beech	Seren	For being a Curious Cat when finding doubles to 10. Well done Seren super recording of your doubles!
Oak	Sophie E	For being a Persevering Pig when solving a tricky money problem!
Sycamore	Wiktor	For super creativity and fantastic use of language and imagery in his Magic Box poem.
Yew	Robert	For working so independently and well on your bird sculpture. Your bird is amazing!



Roll of Honour

Ash	Clara	For being a Team Bee making finger puppets and telling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk with her friends.
	Euan	For being an Incy Independent and using a sounds card to write a label for his model, "caterpillar snake."
Beech	Georgie	For being a Persevering Pig when mentally calculating her doubles to 20. Well done!
	Blaise	For always being an Incy Independent and her positive attitude to ALL her learning.
Oak	Luke	For making a real effort to improve his productivity.
	Isabel	For taking her class responsibilities very seriously and for overseeing the re-organisation our book corner.
Sycamore	Megan	For superb explaining in her comprehension answers on the poem 'The Magic Box'.
	Thomas	For super creativity and especially thinking of using his senses in his Magic Box poem.
Yew	Zara	For superb perseverance leading to excellent progress in your mock SATs.
	Bean	For achieving all round progress in your mock SATs results and for your acting skills in our Shakespeare plays.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term	
26th March	KS2 Relay Event at Fair Oak Junior School
27th March	Willow Class to Winchester City Centre and City Museum
27th March	Yew Class to Hawk Conservancy Trust
27th March	PTA Easter Disco
28th March	Cross Country Event at The Gregg School
29th March	Easter Service at St Mary's Church – 9.30am
29th March	Sycamore – Final Forest Schools session
29th March	Special Easter Lunch
29th March	Last day of the Spring term

Summer Term	
16th April	First Day of Term
17th April	Year 6 SATs Parent Information Evening – 5pm
20th April	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale
24th April	Swimming Programme starts
26th April	Beech and Oak trip to Marwell Zoo
27th April	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale
28th April	PTA/Muddy Runners Fun Run – 2, 5, 10km options!
14th – 18th May	SATS Week
17th May	Sycamore Class Parents' Lunch
21st May	Yew Class Parents' Lunch
28th May – 1st June	HALF TERM

Warm Wishes



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