

NEWSLETTER 01.04.2022

Dear families,

Here we are, somehow, at the end of the Spring Term.

The time has flown by! It's been such a busy term and these last couple of weeks were no different.

Your children have been super stars this term and are such a credit to you all. Their commitment and eagerness to learn has been an absolute joy to see. They are more able to understand and manage their emotions, physically healthier and fitter, better communicators, mathematicians, writers, readers, and scientists. They have a greater knowledge of the world around them, of art, music, history, and geography, and continue to improve their understanding of technology and how to use this effectively. Look out for the amazing learning on the class pages of the website. We have some very talented children (which of course we already knew!).

It was brilliant to hear that so many of you came to Parents' Evening. I hope that you enjoyed seeing your child's work and meeting with their teachers. Thank you also for all of your feedback on the Parent's Survey. We are going through your responses and comments to help us reflect on what is going well and what we need to focus on next. This is really helpful so thank you for taking the time to complete it.

For those of you who will be marking the holy month: Ramadan Mubarak. For everyone celebrating Easter: Happy Easter. I hope that you are able to spend some time with your children this holiday and that you enjoy every moment.

A huge thank you from me to all of the team here. Everyone has worked so hard to make sure your children have the best possible experience. They are an amazing group of people and I am very fortunate to work with them. It has been another rollercoaster of a term with staff off ill. We have worked very hard to overcome this absence with minimal disruption to children, covering classes with staff that the children know and who can keep learning flowing with consistency. A huge thank you to Mrs Tweedale and the rest of the team for making sure everything has kept going like clockwork the last few days. I wish you all a well-deserved, happy and restful holiday.

We would also like to wish Mrs Lawrence the happiest of wedding days.

We are already planning a very busy Summer Term ahead. On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish you a pleasant and restful holiday.

Happy holidays,  
Sínead Connolly, Headteacher

## Diary Dates

- 19/04/22 Summer Term begins**
- 26/04/22 Poetry Slam Year 6**
- 02/05/22 Bank Holiday**
- 09/05/22 Willow Class Sats**
- 13/05/22 Fab Science**
- 16/05/22 Crucial Crew Willow Class**
- 18/05/22 Willow Class trip**

**More to follow...**

## **Every ending has a new beginning...**

Unfortunately, at the end of the Summer Term in July, we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mr Edwards. He is off to start teaching maths in secondary school. We will be very sad to see him go as he has added not only passion to our sports curriculum but has also added fierce competition- as you may have noticed he doesn't like to lose!

With his help we are looking for his replacement to carry on all his hard work and his love for sports.

We wish him the best of luck and know he will be an asset to any school.



In Early Years this week we have been looking at 3D shapes and wondering which ones will travel down guttering the best and why.



We have also been thinking about Easter and new life. In the forest we were very lucky to find our own little chicks to look after and care for.



In Beech class this week, we have loved acting out the scenes of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We knew the story so well that we were able to create wonderful story maps and describe how the caterpillar felt throughout. In maths, year one continued learning about measurements and used their rulers to add together measurements of objects from



around the classroom. Year two focused on fractions, learning how a whole can be split into halves, thirds and quarters. The fraction bar set was a big help with learning this. Mr Trundle made us an enormous class wormery that we filled with special composting worms. We have been feeding them newspaper and expired fruit every day to keep them nourished.



Eat your heart out west end performers! Watch out! Lime class are coming... After a positively stunning dress rehearsal for Gods and Mortals we settled down to a Greek tasting session where Mrs Plato really did have hummus and taramasalata. This week has flown by while we performed a street dance routine and learned about mountain ranges, mountain climate zones and geometry. Making nets for 3d shapes was fun, we also wrote some exciting mountain adventure stories. We have published them into our own books to take home and cherish.



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Maple Class have been writing poems this week and performing them. On Wednesday, we participated in the online meeting of the Erasmus+ 'Cinderella- Discovering values' project and made our school proud. We presented PowerPoint presentations about Easter traditions in UK and the Easter symbols and their



meaning. It was lovely to see many children volunteering to present to our partner schools.



In Willow Class, we love learning new things. We have learnt how to use QR codes to bring our learning to life. We have used QR codes to explore the world of Frida Kahlo further. Scan the QR codes below to travel to Mexico City, take a virtual tour of Frida's house, and hear some of the things we discovered about Frida and her work! We got practical in Maths as we explored volume. We created different shapes with the same volume and talked about what was the same and what was different each time. Our practical exploration helped us to understand the formula used for finding the volume of cuboids. In RE, we have been learning about the Easter story and creating a timeline. In groups, we discussed what questions we would like to ask Jesus or God about the events of Holy Week. We loved sharing and celebrating our work from this term at this week's Parent Consultations. We have much to be proud of!



Willow Class wish you all a very happy Easter break!