

# Newsletter Friday 21st May



Dear Parents,

Yet another active week has passed and I have been particularly impressed this week by the children's manners. They have continued to be patient with the social distancing measures and supporting each other in the corridors and other spaces. The classrooms are full of fun and the children are fully engaged in their topics.

I would like to thank the PTA for their continued support for the school this year. They are targeting the next funds at the transition celebrations for Nursery and year six. In addition pupils in year six have been entrepreneurial and also raised funds. We are looking forward to the next event which is the Rainbow day on Friday 28th May which will bring added cheer to the classrooms.

In this term of highly changeable weather please can you ensure pupils have coats with them when coming to school and also a sun hat in the bag! If the forecast is for a hot day applying cream before school is essential. Thank you . Ms Praed

# Pod Popping Moments

### Acorns Class



The children have loved role playing this week! We have had pizza parlours, shops and schools and this has produced some fantastic writing and Maths exploration. We have been enjoying observing our cress changes over time and discussing which cress pots have grown the quickest! The chil-

dren have really engaged with our number work of exploring odds and evens this week - particularly the odds and evens teddy bear picnic!

## Willow Class







We have been learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and transient art. We then designed our own transient piece of art, thinking about the materials we would need. We collected the natural materials we needed from the school field and made our own transient art together with a friend. Look at the amazing results!





#### Beech Class





This week, Beech class have been using their science to create 3D mobiles of the Butterfly's life cycle. They have worked with a range of materials and chosen them to suit the stage. They have designed, made, and evaluated their mobiles. Well done Beech Class.

## Rowan Class



This week Rowan were learning about the human skeletal system. We learnt our hands have 28 bones each!! We then went on to create our own 'x-rays' by drawing around our hands and adding in the bones step by step. We then 'painted' the bones with cooking oil so that when pinned up to the window you could see through them!





### Birch Class









This week, Birch donned their aprons and went back in time to create some wonderful Roman bread. They were all delighted to see the bread had risen and the yeast had done it's job. The smell coming out of the Birch classroom was the envy of everyone! We hope you all enjoyed the delicious bread we made.

### Maple Class



This week we have delved into the world of Ancient Egypt and looked at mummification and burial rituals. The children reasoned with burials through the ages, watched the process of mummification (getting their hands dirty) and created canopic jars to help the organs find safe passage to the after life.

#### Oak Class



This week the children have been learning about Egyptian burials. The children designed their own canopic jars - giving reasons to why they chose to use a certain animal head - before making them out of clay. We used many techniques to blend and smooth the clay. They look

amazing and should be ready to paint soon! In Maths, we have been drawing 3D shapes using isometric paper and working out the volume.

# Nursery



Another wonderful week for Nursery. We have been planting beans after reading Jack and the beanstalk. We will make observations over time to see the changes occurring and we can't wait to see which beans grow tallest!

### AWARDS!

#### **Class Celebrations**

Acorns - Harry, Rafe

Willow - Caleb, Charlie

Beech - Fifi, Niamh

Rowan - Grace, Tom

Birch - Sonny, Rose

Maple - Kaiden

Oak - Patrick, Bella
Unfortunately due to
present COVID 19 restrictions there will not
be a celebration assembly for parents. However, we will be presenting
the children with their
certificates in Class.

#### <u>Literacy Star of the week</u>

Acorns - Hugo

Willow - Ellie

Beech - Charlie

Rowan - Violet

Birch - Flo

Maple - Imogen

Oak - Brooke

#### Mathematician of the Week

Acorns - Grace

Willow - Hattie

Beech - Rocco

Rowan - Samuel

Birch - Amelia

Maple - Jack

Oak - Emily B

## **Attendance**

Congratulations to Acorns & Willow Class with 98.1 % attendance

# Notices

### Kids Club

#### **Inset Day**

Monday 7th June 2021, Kids Club will be open from 7.45 am until 5.30 pm.

If you would like to book a place, please email kidsclub@probusschool.org.uk

Thank you

#### **PTA News**



Summer PTA fundraiser!

Friday 28th May - Non School uniform day in exchange for a voluntary contribution of £1.00. The theme will be 'Rainbow' so children can wear cheerful, bright clothes.

Many thanks

