

Dear Parents,

Staff developments

Sadly this half term we will be saying goodbye to two excellent members of our school community. Both have achieved a promotion and we wish them well on their new adventures. Mrs Hunkin will be moving to the Aspire finance department and Mrs Schofield will join the Parent Support Team. Both have been wonderful members of our staff team and they will be very missed although in their new roles they will continue to have contact with our school.

Mr Flack will be working with our reception pod and bringing his sporting expertise to the early years. Mrs Saunders will be joining us as secretary after half term. Mrs Saunders is an experienced school secretary who has worked for the Aspire trust for many years.

COVID Procedures

Although nationally the situation is altering our school procedures will remain in place for the foreseeable future. We will continue to maintain our pods and activities for the children will be organised as discrete groups. Entrances and exits to school will remain the same and communications continue to be by phone, Seesaw and email.

Please be aware school will not be open to pupils on Monday 7th June as this is a staff training day.

Thank you Ms Praed

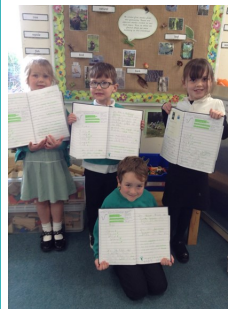
Pod Popping Moments

Acorns Class



After our previous Science day, Acorn's curiosity for science has exploded! The children keep asking us to do 'science experiments', so we have focused on this heavily this week. The children have loved planting cress and observing the very fast changes. We also have pet caterpillars in our classroom now and will make observations of these as time goes on. Another super week!

Willow Class



This week in Willow Class we have enjoyed reading the traditional tale 'Hansel and Gretel'. The children showed great enthusiasm for the story and thought of some amazing adjectives to describe the characters in the story. They then used their adjectives to write some super descriptive sentences about the characters! Well done to all the children in Willow Class.

Beech Class



The children of Beech class have turned into story tellers. They listened to a new story on Monday called "The boy who lost his bumble" and by Wednesday they were performing it. They have loved the story and adding actions. Well done Beech Class.

Rowan Class



Rowan class have enjoyed Maths outside this week. The children measured widths, lengths and heights and then added and subtracted them using their new skills of compact column addition and subtraction. They thought about why taking accurate measurements are an important life skill and even had a go at converting cm to mm. Excellent!

Birch Class



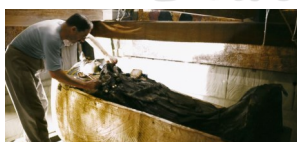
Birch class have been fabric weaving this week, creating some beautiful designs by using a range of colours and fabrics.

Maple Class



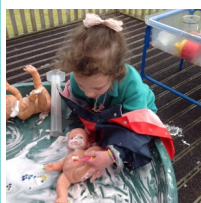
This week, Year 5 have learnt about mummies and mummified their own fruits: learning the process of burial rituals from the Ancient Egyptian era. They have planned their independent write about Tutankhamun and started to draft it, with every single one looking excellent at this stage. Drumming was the music focus this week with the class creating tunes in the likeness of 'We will Rock You' and 'Three Little Birds'. Children have reasoned with missing angles, number problems and created their own bar models and part whole models to show their understanding in Maths.

Oak Class



This week, we have followed the story of Howard Carter's amazing discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. From this, we explored a wide range of high level vocabulary to help us write a narrative full of vivid descriptions. To make it a little more interesting, we wrote in the present tense, so we can experience the reactions of the character as they happen. Also, the children have been taking part in some Year 6 assessments - they have done amazingly well and I am very proud of them!

Nursery



This week Nursery have been learning about all the ways we use water. We have been particularly interested in talking about brushing our teeth and have loved using the toothbrushes and foam to "brush" the dolls teeth! We have spent lots of time playing in the water tray and have been using guttering and pipes to see how far we can make the water travel. We have been learning about how we can change water to a solid by freezing it and using tools to break shells free from the ice!

AWARDS!



Class Celebrations

Acorns - Tom, Oscar M
Willow - William, Scarlett
Beech - Whole Class
Rowan - Amelie, Tommy
Birch - Lara, Rosie
Maple - Reuben
Oak - Emily, Jack

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.

Literacy Star of the week

Acorns - Oliver T
Willow - Hudson
Beech - Nellie
Rowan - Oliver
Birch - Layla
Maple - Mason
Oak - Reuben

Mathematician of the Week

Acorns - Isabelle
Willow - Lilly
Beech - Edgar
Rowan - Eden
Birch - Sophie
Maple - Lilly
Oak - Sam

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



Attendance

Congratulations to Beech Class with 99.5 % attendance attendance!

A big Thank you



Thank you for the amazing support of your time and donations for the Probus School allotment many thanks to.....

Neil and Karen
Lynnes and Nathaniel
Sheridan
Ross and Sarah
Abz
Sue
Marilyn
Julia
Sam and Ollie
Gary and Rachael
Ruth
Kirsten
Pengelly Garden Centre
Cliver
Andy
Sophie
Jo

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

Notices

Census Day Menu

20th May 2021

Meat pasty and beans

or

Veggie hot dogs with
beans

Pudding - Sprinkle
cake