

"Following God's path to flourish in life"

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 20th January 2023

This week in school...

The snowy weather that we have had this week coincided beautifully with **Willow Class'** topic about the Polar Regions. The children have been learning about Arctic and Antarctic animals. They have made lovely collages showing the icy environment and written some fascinating facts about penguins and polar bears.



This week, the children in **Oak Class** have once again been thoroughly enjoying their learning and have been investing lots of effort into all of their activities. They have continued to follow the adventures of 'Traction Man' by reading the second book in the series and the children have started to plan their very own Traction Man adventure. In their art lesson, the children enjoyed finding out about the life of Pablo Picasso and then worked with so much enthusiasm to create some detailed fact files about him. As you can see from the wonderful display pictured, Oak Class children have even experimented with drawing portraits in the style of Picasso.



The children in **Beech Class** had a fun gymnastics lesson in PE this week. They enjoyed using the apparatus and practised their jumping skills. In science, the children began learning about the three different types of rocks; 'igneous', 'sedimentary' and 'metamorphic'. They asked lots of interesting questions and brought some of their own rock/gem collections in from home for everyone to look at. In art, the children planned their own monster sculpture which will be made out of a cardboard tube – photographs to follow in next week's newsletter!



The children in **Elm Class** have worked really hard this week in maths lessons on their multiplication and division unit of work. They have been learning how to multiply a 3-digit number by a 1-digit number and all of the children have shown brilliant perseverance. In English lessons, the children have learned how to plan a persuasive speech and have already written their introductions. The children are using persuasive techniques to influence their

listeners and readers. The class are going to read out their persuasive speeches to Beech Class when they are finished.

In **Sycamore Class** this week, the children have been learning about Earth and Space. They have learnt about the Flat Earth and Spherical Earth theories and have weighed the evidence for both theories, before coming up with their own conclusions. They have also drawn and labelled the different planets, as well as creating a poster about Space. They have worked hard in maths lessons focusing on fractions and in English lessons they have finished writing up their presentations, ready to perform in front of Elm Class soon. During their PE lesson, half of the children enjoyed practising their football skills, whilst the other half enjoyed building dens in Forest School.

This week has flown by in **Maple Class!** The snow has caused great excitement and, as you can see from the photo, has also inspired some lovely, scaled down, snowman sculptures. The children have enjoyed their second swimming lesson where they are beginning to work towards their awards. Computing was a noted highlight this week, along with creating more Clarice Cliff inspired patterns and as well as reading more of The Nowhere Emporium. The children have been planning their own 'Wonders' using powerful vocabulary to create suspense. The school house captains held a successful meeting and the librarians are enjoying taking responsibility for keeping the library tidy and useable.



School Dinner Menu for the week commencing Monday 23rd January

Week 1 Menu	Hot Specials		Daily Fave	Jackets	Puddings
Monday	Macaroni Cheese Served with Two Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Vanilla Ice Cream with Fresh Cut Fruit Slices
Tuesday	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Hot Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Custard and Fruit Slices
Wednesday	Roast Turkey Served with Roast Potatoes, Two Vegetables and Gravy	Vegan Sausage Casserole Served with Two Vegetables	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Oat Cookie served with Fruit Slices
Thursday	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholemeal Pasta and Two Vegetables	Chinese Vegetable Rice Served with Two Vegetables	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Apple Crumble served with Custard
Friday	Breaded Fish Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips and Three Vegetables	Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato and Filling	Ice Cream Milkshake with Shortbread and Fruit Slices

Attendance of the week...

Willow	Oak	Beech	Elm	Sycamore	Maple
97.7%	98.4%	99.1%	97.5%	97.8%	97.3%

Well done to everyone. Even better than last week. All attendances are over 97%. A particular well done to children in Beech Class with an attendance of 99.1%. Amazing!

CHILL – Before and After School Wrap-Around-Care

Online booking forms are available on the school website. Please make all bookings by 1pm on Friday the week before and ensure payment has been made in **advance** via ParentPay or childcare vouchers activated. To make a booking click on the link below.

[CLICK HERE to book your child into CHILL](#)

Prayer Space

Psalm 25:4-5

Show me Your ways, LORD, teach me Your paths.

Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Saviour, and my hope is in You all day long. Amen.

Pupils of the week



Well done to Olivia, Ethan, Jake, Jessica, Hannah, James, Isaac, Eevie and Henry. We are really proud of you.

And finally...

Many of you will be concerned about the impact that the teachers' strike is going to have on school and particularly if there is going to be a closure or partial closures. As it stands, I do not fully know the impact the strikes will have on St Andrew's. From what I know so far, St Andrew's will be able to open fully on Wednesday 1st February. I cannot promise that all lessons will continue as normal but children will be supervised properly. It is too early for me to comment on the dates in March at this point.

Just one last thing. We are looking to appoint a lunchtime supervisor for a Thursday lunchtime. Just once a week. Please, if you can help, let the office know and they will take your details and I'll get back to you. Thank you. Mr Hayward.

Term Dates and Events for the Year 2022 - 2023

Spring Term 2023

Holiday: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Monday 6 February	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 29 March	Maths Day
Friday 31 March	Spiritual Day – Preparing for Lent

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 9 April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17 April

May Day: Monday 1 May

Inset day: Friday 26 May

Holiday: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

Inset day: Monday 5 June

Wednesday 5 July	New Reception children (September 2023) to visit all day
Wednesday 5 July	Y6 pupils to visit Weston Road Academy
Friday 7 July	Sports Day and Summer Fair

Term ends: Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July – Friday 1 September

Term Dates Year 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Inset day: Monday 4 September

Term starts: Tuesday 5 September

Holiday: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November

Term ends: Friday 22 December

Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January

Holiday: Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Term Ends: Friday 22 March

Holiday: Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 31 March

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 April

May Day: Monday 6 May

Holiday: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Term Ends: Monday 22 July

Holiday: Tuesday 23 July – Friday 30 August