



William Morris Primary School

17th May 2024

What's next ...

Class Photos – Tuesday 21st May
Individual Photos – Wednesday 22nd May

Darwin Class:

In nursery this week, our learning question has been 'Caterpillars are living things, do they always stay the same?', support or challenge. To investigate this, we have been looking at pictures of caterpillars and butterflies to see if they are the same. We noticed that the butterfly was different colours and had wings, where the caterpillar did not.

We have also been looking at different objects, for our observational drawings, and the children have really noticed lots of different details as they draw. In maths this week, we have been looking at A/B patterns and the children are really beginning to understand how to spot patterns in our activities.

Finally, we were very excited to see a butterfly this week, the children helped the class adults to cut up fruit and make the sugar water for them.

We hope you have a great weekend

Star of the week :. Nala for trying new foods at lunch time



Cartwright Class:

We have had another fun week of growing and learning in Reception. In Literacy we thought about the different stages of plants and wrote captions for pictures in our books. In Maths we have been thinking about number lines and where to place numbers in relation to other ones, for example eight goes far down the number line because it is a much bigger number than one. We have also been exploring the capacity of objects, noticing if they are full, almost full, half full, almost empty and empty. In our wider curriculum learning we have been thinking about all of our body parts and which ones are inside our bodies and which are outside. We have also spent time repotting our tomato plants so we can take them at home at the end of term next week. We had a lovely PE session this week with Chance to Shine cricket and learned lots of new skills!

Star of the Week: Declan for his excellent sitting, wonderful effort with writing and hard work all week.

Star Reader: Mia, for her dedication to her reading this week.

Star Writer: Jakub, for working really hard on his letter formation.

Star Mathematician: Koby, for his exemplary efforts in maths this week.

Kandinsky Class:

Year 1 have been enjoying the sunshine this week, we have been getting creative by making our vertebrates out of clay, we are continuing to look at money and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. Today we were super excited to take part in a cricket activity developing our throwing and catching skills, working on our hand-eye coordination and practising how to hold and use a bat.

Star of the Week: Olivia for becoming more independent in her learning and her approach to school life.

Star Reader: Luna for reading loud and proud in her phonics lessons.

Star Writer: Lucian for taking time and care in order to produce a quality piece of writing.

Star Mathematician: Maia-Amour for showing excellence in her mathematics when working out the value of money.



Seacole Class:

Year 2 have had another brilliant week! In Maths, we have moved onto a new topic looking at Time. We have focused on being able to read o'clock, quarter past, half past, quarter to and each 5-minute interval. We have each used a mini clock to support us in being able to tell the time before applying our understanding to a range of questions. In English, we have now begun writing about our own chosen animal, ensuring we are applying the skills we have been practicing. We researched all about our chosen animal using different sources before starting to draft our first paragraph about what the animal looks like. For our wider curriculum lessons this week, we finally got onto creating our final product! In our first lesson, we put on our artist hats by creating a backdrop for our chosen habitat. We started by exploring the different colours we would need and how we could make these lighter and darker. On a rolled-out piece of paper, we then drew our habitat before using a range of paints and paintbrushes to create our final piece! For our second lesson, we recorded our documentaries. We started by orally rehearsing in our groups, making sure to give eye contact and think about where they are stood, maintain suitable posture and a moderate tone. We then watched them back to peer assess using the summary bullseye.

Star of the Week: Leo for being a compassionate friend by encouraging others and giving them positive feedback.

Star Reader: Daisy for showing her love for reading by engaging in a range of books.

Star Writer: Emmie for her huge improvement in her letter formation and showing determination.

Star Mathematician: Simon for his excellent understanding of time and being able to show this on a clock.



Chawla Class:

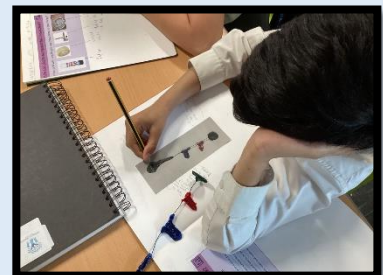
In Maths this week, we have been exploring non-unit fractions. We recognised that non-unit fractions have a numerator that is more than 1 (a unit), and that adding unit fractions repeatedly creates a non-unit fraction. In Writing, we have been using emotive language and rhetorical questions to practise writing our letters to Sir David Attenborough, persuading him to help with reducing plastic pollution in the oceans. It has been wonderful to see the children's passion for saving the planet and marine life! In Wider Curriculum, our wire plant sculptures are well underway - the children have shown great resilience in sculpting the different thicknesses of wire to create realistic shapes for petals, stems and leaves. We have also enjoyed creating our own digital magazine covers in Computing. We look forward to adding the final touches on these projects next week!

Star of the Week: Anto for his independence in his work and showing resilience in all lessons.

Star Reader: Austin for his use of skimming and scanning effectively to retrieve evidence to support given statements.

Star Writer: Alfie for his focus and creativity when writing his persuasive letter.

Star Mathematician: Roman for his independent representation of non-unit fractions.



Ramanujan Class:

Year 4 have enjoyed another great week. They have been treated to a few special master classes this week – firstly, with the fantastic author Harriet Muncaster who writes the Isadora Moon series. The children were shown how to draw some of her iconic characters and learnt a little more about how to become an author and illustrator. Secondly, on Thursday, we had a joint Year 4 and 5 music lesson where we wrote a school song – the children contributed lyric ideas for rap sections, and they will be excited to share it with you soon. Finally, on Friday we enjoyed a cricket workshop – we have some cricket stars in the making. We have had a very busy week with Wider curriculum working towards our campaign and protest for the STEAM showcase – we will be protesting the use of pesticides used on crops which are killing our bees. The children have been very creative and have produced some excellent flyers filled with information as well as some bee-utiful bee puns.

Star of the Week: Milena for her excellent work this week and her kindness to her friends.

Star Reader: Clara for some excellent rapping in music and creative lyrics.

Star Writer: Leeroy for his incredible improvement with his writing and his spelling

Star Mathematician: Kal and Ava for their incredible improvement with their timetables.



Davinci Class:

This week, Year 5 have been absolute superstars! As the Year 6's have been undertaking their SATs, Year 5 have adapted extremely well to being outside of our classroom. On Monday, the children enjoyed a fantastic live workshop with the author, Harriet Muncaster, who writes the 'Isadora Moon' books. The children fully immersed themselves in the session and produced some wonderful illustrations. On Tuesday, the children had a cricket workshop with some teachers and sixth form students from Tudor Hall School. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and showed great resilience when learning new skills. This week, we also joined Year 4 and had a lesson based on the school values. We learned a values song based on our school and the children composed their own raps to accompany the song. The children are also looking forward to participating in the Year 5/6 intra-school athletics competition on Friday morning! It's been a busy, yet brilliant week. Well done Year 5!

Star of the Week: Anna, for always being an excellent role model and striving to achieve her best.

Star Reader: Natalia, for having a wonderful love for reading both in and outside of school

Star Writer: Ryan, for excellent focus on his sentence writing and handwriting.

Star Mathematician: Liliana, for great determination in maths and always being willing to contribute.



Shakespeare Class:

SATs are finally completed! Well done to every child in Shakespeare Class; you have all shown such positivity and determination to your papers. No matter the result, remember how hard you have worked and be proud of yourselves for this. Today, the children have taken part in a sporting competition with Year 5. Within this competition, the children have taken part in a range of challenges: a 600m run, a 75m sprint, a triple jump and a throw. I was so impressed by the sportsmanship and the school values which have been portrayed throughout the day. This week there is no homework - the children should relax and go for a walk. Have a great weekend!

Star of the Week: Omari for always thinking positively and being a supportive friend.

Star Reader: Abigail for using excellent exam techniques throughout her reading paper.

Star Writer: Anyanya for her careful research of Mary Anning and writing this in note form.

Star Mathematician: Milana for showing resilience and determination towards her mathematical reasoning.

News and Notices ...

Football

On Wednesday evening, the KS2 Boy's football team played a match at Hill View. The game ended in a loss, but Miss Gould said that the boys didn't lose focus and gave the game their absolute best, persevering to the end.

A great show of determination and teamwork!



Cricket

Today we had a visit from Charlotte (who works for 'Chance to Shine') she into school to run some fun lessons with the children, where they practised skills commonly found in the game of cricket. Each class had their own session and had a go at: catching and throwing balls, batting, bowling and a whole class match.

Caterpillars

This week, there have been some exciting developments in our 'caterpillar to butterfly projects'. Year 2 now have 8 butterflies, Nursery have 1, and Reception hope to have some new friends any day now! The children have been taking great care of their butterflies, making sure they have lots of fresh fruit to eat and the right amount of sunlight. Well done KS1!

