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STAFFING NEWS

Miss Dixon will be returning from her maternity leave after half term. The children were very pleased to see her on a visit day this week.

I would like to thank Mrs Bilke for her time as Assistant Head over the last few terms. Mrs Bilke is such a valued member of staff and she has done amazing work.

After half term, Mrs Bilke will continue her work, starting each week in Pine Class every Monday. She will continue to lead Phonics and English. We have all seen her passion for Reading and this had a huge impact on the children.

OUT AND ABOUT AT GROVE!

It is hard to know where to start this newsletter due to the number of events the children have taken part in over the last 2 weeks! As always we have received brilliant feedback about the behavior and attitude of the children on the various trips. The good news continues in school. Liz from Dancefest tells us 'I love how the children work well together to create their dance routines, I love coming here'. Well done children—we are very proud of you.

As you may know, the finishing date for the work in the school hall was delayed by a week. However, Oak class were able to perform their Titanic assembly in front of a large family audience.

The children in Oak wrote, directed and performed the first class assembly of the year. They certainly set a very high standard for the other classes to reach.

ATTENDANCE:

Willow Class and Pine Class have really improved their attendance this week. Keep it up after half term.

Well done to Oak class. You attended for 99.5% of your learning time last week!

**Your
attendance
matters
and so
do you.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13th February

Open The Book assembly

Friday 14th February

Beech Class swimming

1:30 Open Afternoon; parents welcome

Last day of Spring 1



Monday 24th February

First day of term.

Friday 28th February

Beech Class assembly (confirmed new date)

Monday 3rd March

Year 5/6 Bikeability Week

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Friday 7th March

Beech Class swimming

Monday 10th March

Heights and Weights (Reception and Year 6)

Friday 14th March

Beech Class swimming

Friday 21st March

Severn Arts Music Concert
Pine, Beech and Oak

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS



All children should wear a school jumper with black/grey skirts or trousers. School shoes should be black. Trainer style shoes can be worn but only if smart and black all over. On P.E days, school jumpers and white t-shirts with trainers are expected.

Necklaces, bracelets and large earrings are not permitted.

WILLOW CLASS CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR



MEETINGS IN SCHOOL

We aim to be approachable and supportive of our families. Class Dojo is a great way for us to communicate and celebrate the learning in each class.

There may be times where you need a more formal meeting, such as a meeting with Mrs Smith, our SENCO. Please arrange these meeting via Mrs Nend in the school office. If you wish to bring someone with you, **names of visitors must be registered in advance.**

This is ensure we have accurate records and ensure confidentiality.

BEECH AT BOUNDLESS!

Trips and visits are a vital part of our learning here at Grove. We want all children to have experiences and memories with their friends that will last a lifetime. Beech Class certainly made some memories on their visit to 'Boundless Outdoor Education' here in Malvern. We are lucky to have this amazing facility on our doorstep.

The children and teachers enjoyed climbing, rope swings and other challenges as part of the day. Miss Jones particularly enjoyed the zip-lining and observing the pencil rolls on the low ropes course. Well done to all of the children who overcome their fears and embraced each challenge with confidence.



It was amazing! I didn't think I would do the climbing wall—it was SO high. My friends helped me get to the top. Getting down was the most fun.



TIMES TABLES CHECK

It is a legal requirement that all Year 4 children take a Times Tables check in June. This is an online test that requires the children to answer 25 questions. They have 6 seconds to answer random questions on the 2x up to the 12x tables. After half term, children in Year 4 will have a weekly practice session to build their confidence in a timed challenge. The children can start at home using these websites:

www.urbrainy.com/mtc

www.ttockstars.com



THE BOOK FAIR IS BACK!

The children were delighted to see the Scholastic Book Fair is back in school.

Each class has been in to choose the books they would like to read over half term. Every book purchased helps us to update our school library.

Come and join us at these times:

Monday 10th Feb:

9:30—11:00 am:

Book Fair, Cuppa and Cakes. Open to all

3:30—4:00

Tuesday 11th: 3:30—4:00

Book payments: Card only

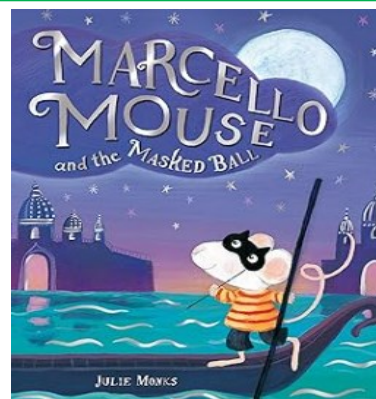


TITANIC ASSEMBLY

Oak Class presented their class assembly this week on The Titanic. The children applied their learning about this topic using their artistic, directing and performance skills. The audience learnt so much about this 'unsinkable ship', including the differences between third, second and first class passengers. Of course, we know that there could not be a happy ending the script showed sensitivity and care.

All of the children were nervous but performed with confidence today. I especially loved the moving final song.

I am so proud of you all.



WHO IS MARCELLO MOUSE?

You may hear the name Marcello a lot at the moment! 'Marcello Mouse and the Masked Ball' is a book that the whole school is studying. After they have read the story about a brave mouse in Venice, each class will produce a piece of story-writing showcasing their narrative skills.

As artists, we will also learn about the canals of Venice in this year's 'Take One Picture' art project with The National Gallery. At the end of next half term, there will be a gallery of children's art work inspired by a painting by Canaletto called

'A Regatta on the Grand Canal'.

