



Newsletter February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

February half term already!

In the last six weeks, a lot has happened in our academy; Miss Rickards was successful at interview and is now our Assistant Principal, which provides someone to lead the academy in my absence. Well done and thank you to Miss Rickards!

Our netball team also competed in the cluster netball tournament and came second in the small schools category-a brilliant achievement!

I hope you managed to pop in and try the dinners, now that we have changed suppliers. Feedback from the children and staff is that they are much tastier now. I can vouch for the pizza, which is very nice!

We also spent a whole day learning about looking after our mental health. The children did a variety of activities as you saw from our Tweets. These activities are based on the theme 'Being Healthy Inside and Out' and included healthy foods, thinking about what we can do if we feel fed up as well as thinking about what we are good at. Each child was given a badge to help them remember how amazing they are! At the end of the day, Niki Szidat-Barton ran a yoga session for parents, children and staff. It was a really fun session, especially the partner yoga! I would like to thank Niki for running the session as she did it for free.

We did not appoint an MSA for lunchtimes, so if you would like to apply, please let Ms Burdett know.

Have a lovely half term, we will see you on Monday 25th February.

Mrs Owner



Acorn

What a busy half term we have had in Acorn class! Our topic was 'Light and Dark'; we have learnt so much including nocturnal animals, sources of light, what causes night and day and how to make our own electrical circuit. Our focus book was 'The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark'; Plop the owl came to visit us and we helped her to feel better about being in the dark.

In Maths, we have been practising our number recognition to 20, and ordering by height, weight and capacity.

In our phonics sessions, we have been practising our letter formation, sounding out and blending, learning new sounds in phase 3 along with new tricky words. We also learnt about how stories are structured and we made story paths before acting them out with shadow puppets!

We also had a great day learning all about Chinese New Year. We took part in lots of different activities and tried some Chinese food!

We had a great time at our Reading Cafe, thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

We hope you have a lovely break!

Mrs Harris



Willow

This half term Willow class have been very busy with our new topic 'Fantasy'. Most lessons were linked to this topic and it been so much fun!

Jack and the beanstalk, in our math's lessons the children have estimated and measured the giant's feet and counting magic beans. In English, the children have produced instructions on how they would catch the giant they also wrote character descriptions.

Little Red Riding Hood and The Emperor of Absurdia have also played a big part in this half terms learning where the children have made missing posters, written diary entries and re-written endings for the story.

In Science, the children have planted their very own beanstalks and were able to tell us what they would need to grow! They also created a diagram of the plant life cycle.

Finally, in our topic lessons we have made our own beanstalks (broad beans) and have designed and built our very own castles fit for kings and queens.

This half term we had a lovely reading café, I would like to thank you all for coming and listening to the story and taking part in the activities with your children. I cannot wait for the next one!

Have a lovely half term holiday, and look forward to you all coming back refreshed and ready to see what the next half term may bring.

Miss Doherty



Beech

Beech class have had an amazing time looking back to Aztec times. We have read the story Aztec Attack, made hot chocolate Aztec cups, Aztec calendars and Aztec musical instruments. I expect everyone in Beech to now be an Aztec Expert; we have had that much fun.

Maths has also been outstanding. Many Beech class children have moved on fabulously with their times tables - well done; and we have learnt all about multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000 ready to convert our distances - mm to cm, cm to m, m to km.

Next time will be just as exciting,

Have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Slade



Oak

This half term in Oak Class has been brilliant and we've tried really hard to Tweet as many posts as possible to demonstrate how much topic-linked activities we have been doing. Most recently the children have written brilliant Roman Myths, produced PowerPoint presentations about the difference between being a slave and a servant in Roman times and finished their incredible been art mosaics with Mrs Stubbings.

Next term we are continuing to learn about the Romans but we'll take more a science look at volcanoes and lever-based weapons. We're hoping to go to the Methwold site to do some DT and also have a Science Fayre to help support what we know.

Well done Oak for another smashing half term of learning.



Cluster High 5 Netball

On wed 6th Feb Pupils from year 4, 5 and 6 played 4 games of netball. First game was against Weeting. Team Iceni started off very well with a 3-0 lead.

Unfortunately at half time and a rotation of positions we lost the game 5-4. We played Methwold and Feltwell and then Methwold again for the small schools winners cup.

Team Iceni played exceptionally well with Jed being our top scorer with a total of 9 goals over the four games. Player of the match goes to a player that played in every position with a smile on her face, that also showed true sportsmanship and committed 100% to the game and that is Lily H. Well done team Iceni, our next cluster event is Tri-Golf.

Mrs Z Hovell

