

WEEKLY NEWS

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Spring Term – Edition 6, 9th February 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had another wonderful week here at Little Waltham!

On Tuesday, our Year 4 class travelled to Melbourne Stadium for the Superstars competition. This event was not just about sports; it was an opportunity for our pupils to showcase teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. It was great to hear that our pupils immersed themselves in various sporting challenges, cheering each other on and worked superbly well as a team. We are thrilled to announce that the class finished in second position among schools from around Chelmsford—a remarkable achievement indeed! Congratulations to our fantastic Year 4 pupils for their outstanding efforts and exemplary behaviour throughout the competition.

In addition to the Superstars competition, our school prefects from Willow B, Mattie and Reuben, represented our school at the Identity and Diversity Pupil Summit held at Chelmsford Cathedral. They joined pupils from other schools from across Essex to explore leadership, learning about inspirational leaders, and creatively conveying these messages through music. We are immensely proud of Mattie and Reuben for their active participation throughout the event and dedication to fostering leadership skills within themselves and their peers.

Lastly, on Thursday, we were treated to a delightful class assembly by our Year 2 pupils, showcasing their learning journey throughout the half term. From facts about Florence Nightingale to incredible artwork and enthusiastic singing performances, our Year 2 pupils exhibited confidence and enthusiasm, leaving us incredibly proud of their progress and potential. Congratulations, Year 2, on a truly remarkable assembly—we can't wait to witness your continued growth and development as this year unfolds.

Looking ahead to the final week of this half term, our termly parent consultations will take place next Tuesday and Thursday. We warmly welcome parents into school to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead.

Warm regards,

Mr S Saunders Headteacher

Identity and Diversity Leadership Day

Chelmsford Cathedral









Year4 Superstars

Melbourne Sports Stadium

On Tuesday, Oak class travelled to the Chelmsford Sport and Athletics Centre to represent school in the Superstars competition. We joined schools from all over Chelmsford to earn points in a variety of events – throwing, catching, jumping, scooters, basketball dribbling and relays.























The children were fantastic representatives of the school. They showed determination, resilience, encouragement and support of each other. We are pleased to say that they came in 2nd place of their heat. Well done Oak class!

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 13th & Thursday 15th February

If you haven't already, please log on to SchoolCloud to book a parent evening time slot for your child. If you require any assistance please contact the office.

Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 14th February

In the spirit of Valentine's Day the PTA will be holding a 'love yourself day'. It will be a **non-uniform day** giving the children the opportunity to wear clothes that they 'love' and feel special in.

Our PTA will also be spreading the 'love' with a little present for all our wonderful pupils!

We invite the children to draw a self portrait which will be displayed on our notice board and ask if these can be handed into the school office by **Tuesday 13**th **February**. Please remember to include the child's name and class.

Finally the PTA will be holding a cake sale at the end of the day if you wish to purchase any yummy treats. Donations are welcome; we do ask that any homemade treats have an ingredients list included.



Ash Class

Work of the Week

Ash Class

Jacob, Jovina, Sophia

Our Chinese Dragon





Jacob, Jovina and Sophia worked collaboratively to create their Chinese dragon.

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Chestnut Class

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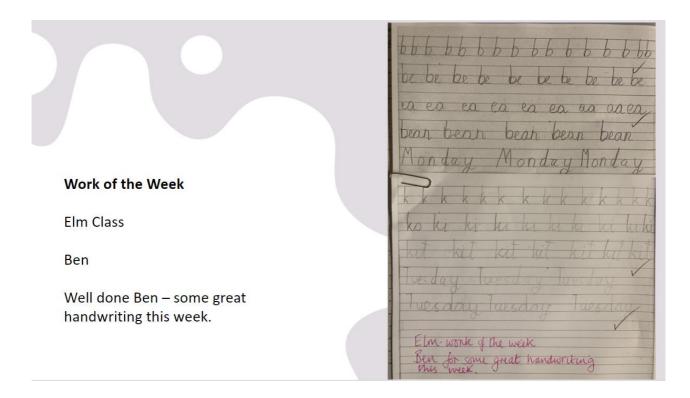
Jairon and Darcie

Jairon and Darcie worked hard to sort animals into their groups today (Birds, Insects, Mammals, Amphibians, Fish).

Darcie then went on to tell me what the similarities and differences were between the animals in each group. "The snake doesn't have legs" "They are all cold blooded" "They all have beaks and live outside".

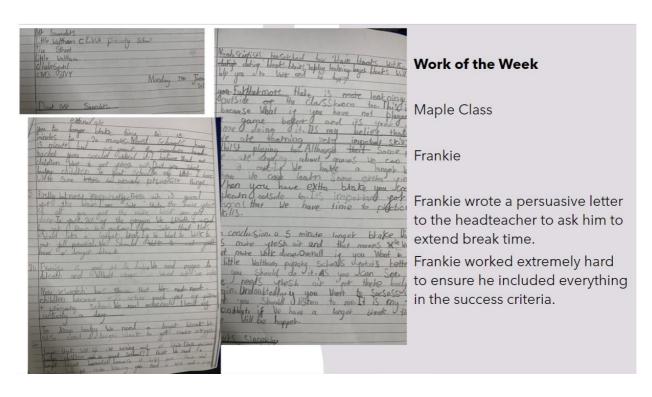


Elm Class



Work of the Week

Maple Class



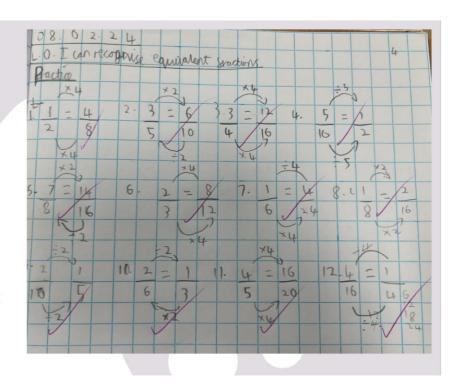
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Work of the Week

Oak Class

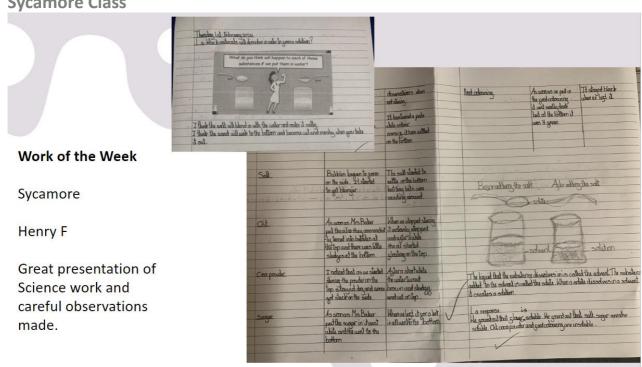
William H

William H for his perseverance with recognising equivalent fractions and always making sure he uses correct vocabulary when talking about fractions.

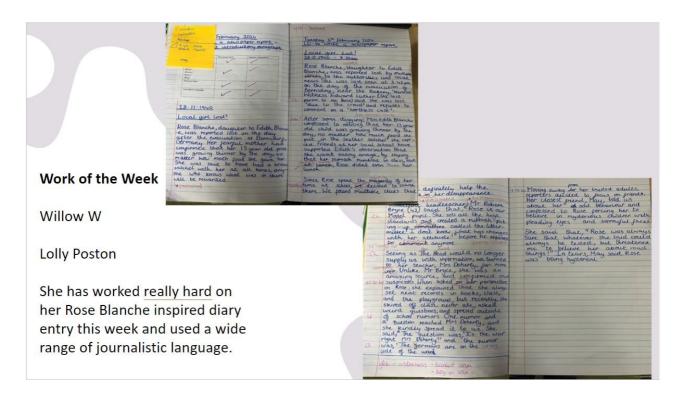


Work of the Week

Sycamore Class



Willow Class W



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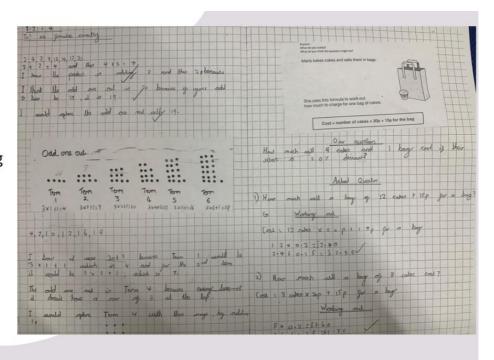
Willow Class B

Work of the Week

Willow B

Aaron

Excellent reasoning demonstrated in mathematics.



	Value Award	Super Skill Award	Work of the week
Ash	Rose for helping others making their Chinese dragon puppets.		Jovina, Sophia and Jacob for working collaboratively to create an amazing large-scale chalk dragon.
Chestnut	Harry, for making some excellent choices in his behaviour this week. Keep it up, Harry.	, -	Jairon and Darcie for working hard to sort animals into their groups (Birds, Insects, Mammals, Amphibians, Fish). They then went on to discuss the similarities and differences between the animals in each group.
Elm	Angelica for being a helpful and sensible member of the class.	Freya for being really keen in	Ben for a super effort in handwriting sessions.
Maple	Emily – for showing good listening and being ready to	Enthusiastic Palaaksha – for excellent participation in RE and for having good discussions.	
Oak	Lukas for trying hard to make wiser choices and showing a good attitude towards his learning.	The whole of Oak Class for fantastic determination, resilience and drive to succeed at our Superstars	William H for showing perseverance with recognising and identifying equivalent fractions and always making sure he uses correct vocabulary when talking about fractions.
Sycamore	Jenna-Rose for persevering		Henry F for great Science work. Super presentation and detailed observations.
Willow W	Effie for always making wise choices around school and		Work of the week Aaron for great reasoning when completing maths explore problems.
Willow B	Grace- for always working hard, trying her best and showing a respectful attitude to everyone around	Aiming High Henry- for working really hard to reason and explain his understanding of algebraic expressions in maths	Lolly- for a fantastic newspaper report, inspired by the book, Rose Blanche. Excellent, thoughtful use of journalistic language throughout.



This week's lunchtime awards go to:

KS1 – Arthur in Ash class for remembering to say 'thank you'.

KS2 – Liam in Willow class for helping to avoid a disaster with trays on the trolley.

The Big Question

How can we have a positive impact on our community?

Chestnut

We can make good friends- Myla We can show respect and be kind to others- Robin We can be a good role model- Albert We can help each other- Julia

Elm

Give gifts of food - Logan
Pick up litter and help animals.
Small acts of kindness - Freddie B
Help people and ask them to play at the park.

Oak

We can try to help people who are less fortunate – Ivy
We should help people who need it – Noah
We could pick up litter to help the wildlife and we could help charities around us – Rosetta
Small acts build to bigger things. We can pick up litter, help each other and raise money to help charities Liroshan

Sycamore

We can inspire others to be kind by helping others – George.

By being kind and doing the right thing – Samuel

You can help each other and make them feel better if they are sad – Esmie

By being kind and small acts of kindness can make a big difference – Izzy

By being kind and respecting others – Mattie

Willow W

We can give a person or group of people a hand if they need help with something. We need to stay positive and build people up, rather than looking to break them down – Blake If we support one another and work together then we will have a positive impact on them. If we can trust each other and build each other up our community will be stronger – Lolly We can be polite and aim to be good role models who inspire younger generations. Good manners and complimenting people will create a nice community – Kelsey





This week's value is forgiveness.

Dear God,

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross so that we can have our sins forgiven. Thank You for forgiving my sins. Please help me to forgive others as You forgive us.

Amen

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16



Dates for the diary

Non-Pupil Days Monday 3rd June

February 2024		
Tuesday 13 th Feb	TBC	Parents Evening
Wednesday 14 th Feb		Valentine's Day – Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 15 th Feb	TBC	Parents Evening
Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd Feb	-	HALF TERM
March 2024		
Wednesday 6 th March	11am-6pm	Yr5 Wicked Trip
Thursday 7 th March		World Book Day – dress up
Wednesday 13 th March		Yr6 Trip – Milden Hall
Friday 17 th March		Comic Relief TBC
Tuesday 19 th March	9am	Year 4 Assembly
Wednesday 20 th March		KS2 Author Visit 'Toxic'
Tuesday 26 th March		Faith Day – Easter Faith Day
Wednesday 27 th March	2pm	Speech Festival
Wednesday 27 th March	·	Reports to Parents
Friday 29 th – Mon 1 st April		BANK HOLIDAY
April 2024		
Tuesday 2 nd – Fri 12th April		HALF TERM
Friday 26 th April		KS1 Author visit 'The Girl and the Mermaid'
May 2024		
Wednesday 1 st May	9am	Reception Assembly
Monday 6 th May		BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 13 th May – Fri 31 st May		SATS Week
Friday 17 th May		Faith Day - Pentecost
Monday 20 th – Fri 25 th May		KS1 SATs Week
Wednesday 22 nd May	9am	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 27 th May		BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 26 th – Fri 31 st May		HALF TERM
June 2024		
Monday 3 rd June		INSET DAY
Tuesday 4 th – 14 th June		Time Table Screening
Wednesday 5 th June	AM	Yr2 Minigames
Thursday 6 th June	9am	'Sex & Relationship Education' Parent Meeting
Monday 10 th – Fri 14 th		Phonics Screening Week
Thursday 20 th June	9am	Year 1 Assembly
July 2023		
Wednesday 3 rd July	9:30am	Sports Day and family picnic
Friday 5 th July		KS2 Author visit 'Kyan Green'
Tuesday 16 th July	9am	Macbeth Production Year 4
Thursday 18 th July	2pm & 6pm	Year 6 Production
Monday 22 nd July		Reports to Parents
Monday 22 nd July	TBC	End of Year Presentations
Tuesday 23 rd July	TBC	Leavers Assembly

Class Assemblies		
Wednesday 29 th November	9am	Year 6
Thursday 8 th Feb	9am	Year 2
Tuesday 19 th March	9am	Year 4
Wednesday 22 nd May	9am	Year 3
Wednesday 1 st May	9am	Reception
Thursday 20 th June	9am	Year 1