



Newsletter Summer 2018



Sports Day

What a great day! Not only were we blessed with wonderful sunshine, but the children were great sports- trying their best, keeping going and encouraging each other. Thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to come along and cheer the children, and to FOLS for organising much needed refreshments. Staff got everything organised – including gazebos without instructions- so well done! And with a big thanks to Miss Wharton for taking events in hand during Mr Rafftree's unavoidable absence.



The points from the Clockwork Sports and Races have been combined to give the final results:

Sports Day WINNERS :

Gold - Swans

Silver – Kingfishers

Bronze- Herons

Special Sportsmanship Awards for excellent participation and effort are awarded to:

Amie W, Eric, Evie Y (Y6) , Holly S, Simon, Jack H, Jessica, Maisie , Sammy, Seth

Sports Week

Well done to Oak and Willow pupils who took part in Dodgeball and World Cup Football festivals last week –These were organised by our sports partners, with other schools taking part. Once again, Sportsmanship Awards were given, this time to Lorcan, Jessica, Archie H, Cameron and Oliver.

At the Netball finals, Lyng came 3rd, with Charlotte achieving the Sportsmanship award.

Our Skipping Day was a great opportunity for children to learn some new skills and games, with Coach Marilyn praising Lyng pupils for their efforts and determination in a letter to the school. A special mention must go to Max who went from having no confidence or ability to jump, to performing jumps with the coach in the 'Grande Finale' performance!

It has been good to see children continuing to practise - Tabitha can now do the twirl with skip!

Visitors and visits:

We have been lucky enough to have a range of visitors this term, with some still to come.

Willow, Rowan and Oak had the opportunity to meet a Benedictine monk, who explained his beliefs, his role and special clothes. In addition, a Buddhist came in to speak to pupils in Oak about his beliefs and way of life. Rowan class have visited St Margaret's church and produced lots of work about it ready for a display in the church.

Year 6 have just attended the Norfolk Children's Book Festival at Norwich School- meeting 4 published authors.

Multicultural Dance Workshops have just taken place, with Cherry learning some Indian Dance traditions, Rowan flamenco and traditional Spanish group dance 'El Candil'. Oak learned Brazilian Samba Rhythms. It was great to see children working together extremely well to create dances.

There were some fantastic expressive movers and shakers!

Next week will be Willow's turn to learn some African music and Dance styles.

Library Competition

This term's winners:

Story – Niamh – her prize was a £10 book token (ooh, what book to choose!)

Art – Johan - his prize was a beautiful book of traditional stories selected by children's author Michael Morpurgo

Well done to all the entrants – there were highly commended runners up too- Anna Archie H, Elodie Evie Y(Y2), Holly M, Oscar B, Sam C, Tommy.

Family Lunch We welcomed many Year 2 parents for a Willow Family lunch. There were compliments for tasty homemade lasagne, served with salad and fresh baked bread, followed by Chocolate Brownie, again made that morning from scratch in school, or jelly or fruit. Ms Lane works mostly on her own, and is to be commended for the meals created on a shoestring! The Family Lunch enables parents/ grandparents to enjoy a family meal at school, but also as an opportunity to sample a typical school lunch.



Transition



Children (and teachers) are preparing for their new school year. Last week, teachers had a Class Swap, spending the day with pupils who will be in their class next year. This proved a good opportunity for teachers and pupils to get to know each other!

Nursery pupils are making visits to school, and have met their new teacher, Miss Phillpot, who is joining us as class teacher for Cherry class.

Year 6 will visit their high schools, during which time our own school move up day will take place.

Uniform We have some laundered second hand and a small quantity left over new uniform items available to buy. There will be in sale in the hall on Friday 13 July.

Please ensure that your child's uniform, PE Kit, and other possessions such as water bottles are clearly named, ready for September. Every year, we end up with a stock of lost uniform that is not named and remains unclaimed. Please make sure that in September your child has the correct uniform and PE Kit. We are beginning to see a lot of variation, in footwear and PE kits for example. Please check the website for information on what is permitted.

Headlice and nits. Please remember to regularly check your child's hair to avoid spread in school. If found, the whole family should have treatment.

Long hair should be tied back for school. This is more presentable, safer in a school environment and reduces the chances of transmission of headlice (which crawl from head to head on contact).

Traffic – we still have cars being parked or waiting on the zig zag lines- Do not park here- the lines are there for a reason! This area close to the school gates needs to be kept clear for access and visibility. It is therefore unsafe to stop on the zig zag lines and you are putting families, especially children at risk- don't do it for *any* length of time.

Dates for your Diary

9 July – *Activity Afternoon in Cherry class- Reception and New Reception parents invited (no siblings please)*

10 July – *UEA ambassadors to talk to Oak pupils*

10 July- *Cherry class to Sports partnership tennis festival*

11 July – *Move up Day (am only for new reception pupils) Y6 at High school*

12 July- *Y6 Day 2 at high school*

12 July – *Willow 'Africa' Exhibition in the school Hall*

13 July- *Anna Mudeka visit for African music and dance assembly (whole school) and workshop (Willow)*

13 July – 2.45 pm – *Uniform sale in the hall*

16 July – *Annual Achievement Report to parents/ carers*

18 July – pm – *Road and Travel Safety session for Oak pupils (Norfolk Road Safety team)*

20 July – *Whole school Outdoor Day. School lunch for this day will be a 'picnic lunch'- see letter*

24 July – *Leavers' Assembly 9.10 am. Performance and presentations.*



School closes for the summer holidays on Tuesday 24 July at 3.05pm and reopens at 8.55am on Thursday 6 September.