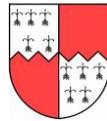


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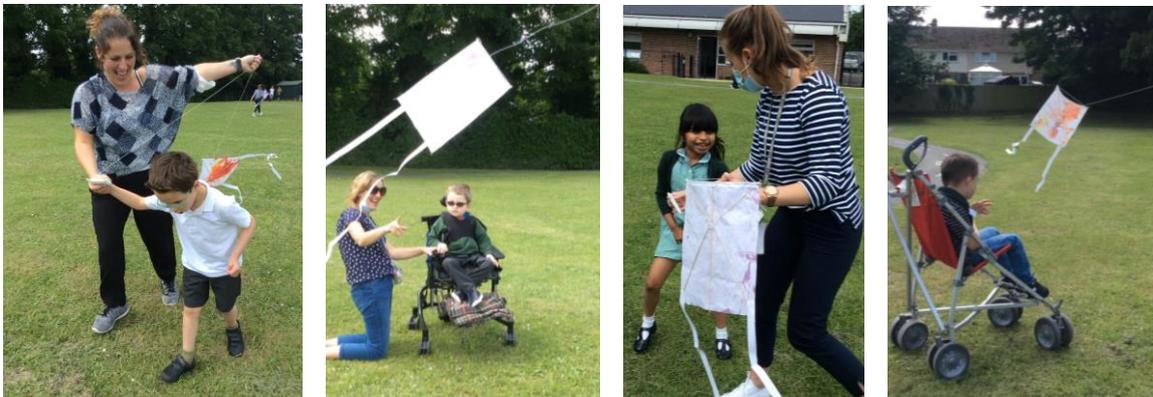
Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you enjoy reading about some of the wonderful things that have gone on this term! The pupils have certainly enjoyed their learning and kept us all (and each other!) smiling.

I would once again like to express my grateful thanks to the wonderful staff team for their dedication and hard work throughout this year which has been a year like no other!

I do hope that you all have a lovely summer break and the sun continues to shine! I look forward to seeing all the pupils back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### MAPLE CLASS



Maple Class have had a wonderful Summer Term exploring our topics, Aesop's Fables and What's in the Sky? Pupils have explored different parts of the world through Geography and have learnt about some famous flyers from the past, like the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart in History. In our Art and Topic sessions this term, pupils made papier-mâché hot air balloons, paper aeroplanes and helicopters and have loved seeing how far we can make things fly! The pupils also



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decorated and made their own paper kites, sadly there wasn't enough wind to really make them fly but they loved running across the field to try and catch some. In cookery the pupils have learnt how to make food without heat, including how to make sandwiches. Maple Class have become more and more independent each week and have tried and tested lots of new fillings!

### **BEECH CLASS**



In Beech Class, we have had a fantastic term and all the children have thoroughly enjoyed our latest topic 'What's in the Sky?'. Pupils have explored all sorts of sky related items, from aeroplanes to planets and birds! We have also looked at some famous flyers such as the Wright Brothers and have enjoyed looking at how early aeroplanes were developed. However, what the children have loved most of all is creating a hot air balloon in art by using papier-mâché and Modroc. It was very messy, but very, very fun! In maths, we have looked closely at number and measure, where we have focused on time. The children enjoyed this, especially when we had races to determine what was fast and what was slow. Pupils have also explored plants and trees in Science. So, we have spent lots of time in the Sensory Garden making observations and rubbings to better understand different parts of a plant. Overall, another wonderful term to finish the year off, well done Beech Class!

### **CEDAR CLASS**



Cedar Class have really enjoyed their 'Olympic' topic this term. They have learnt about a different country and a different sport each week and all pupils have shown great enthusiasm for trying out the different sports in our PE lessons. Inspired by Usain Bolt, they have practised their sprint starts and showed a great talent for the relay. They have also enjoyed trying to be Chris Hoy on the bikes and seeing how fast they can get round the track. In DT, they have been learning about logos and have designed their own logos which they are now printing onto t-shirts. It has been great to be able to enjoy being outside in the warmer weather and lovely to see the class enjoying playing games together.

## HAZEL CLASS



Hazel Class have had a busy and fun filled summer term. The topic this term was 'The Olympics' and the children have loved learning about different athletes and sports. Hazel Class have looked at biographies, had a go at hurdles, relay races, obstacle courses and more in PE lessons, taken part in an art project designing their own logos and making an Olympics t-shirt each. Pupils have also been working hard on their money and counting skills in maths and have produced some wonderful writing in English. Hazel Class have loved spending lots of time outside this term and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Sports Day and the visit from the ice cream man! As a class, Hazel have achieved so much this year and have all made huge progress with their communication, and independence skills in particular. It really is wonderful to see the friendships that have been made and to watch them all play so nicely together each day. Well done Hazel Class!

## ASH CLASS



In Ash Class we have been learning about the Olympics. The children have had so much fun running like Usain Bolt and playing seated volleyball. They have also worked hard studying the Olympic logo and using this information to inform their own logo design. Our favourite moments have been having ice cream from the ice cream van and taking part in the Fitzwaryn Sports Day. It has been lovely to see so many smiles and happy faces.

## WILLOW CLASS



This term the pupils have really enjoyed learning all about the 'seaside'. In History, the pupils used their imagination to travel back in time to the seaside. A highlight for the pupils this term was visiting the seaside in our class garden. The pupils enjoyed buying an ice cream, making sandcastles in the sand and paddling in the water, some of the pupils even caught a fish! The pupils have been working really hard on their friendship skills. They have been learning to play traditional playground games as well as classic board games with increased independence and cooperation. As a result, their turn taking skills have developed and they are showing more respect towards each other throughout the day. They have also enjoyed taking on more responsibility within the classroom by sharing the job of the classroom helper. The classroom helper has the responsibility of welcoming all the pupils in the morning, handing out the tools and equipment needed for each activity as well as handing out the lunches during lunchtime.

### **PINE CLASS**



Pine Class have had a great term and have enjoyed learning about Habitats and the Seaside! We had lots of fun on our seaside day where we pretended to go on a seaside holiday. We then wrote a diary about our experience of the day. We have also been learning about different animals including their habitats and their lifecycles. We have also been learning basketball skills in PE and about forgiveness in RE. In Art, we have made bug hotels and sewn our own puppets which we used to perform our own Punch and Judy show!

### **ROWAN CLASS**



The pupils in Rowan have continued to work hard in their lessons. We have been very impressed with all the pupils this year. This term, we have been busy learning about the seaside and have enjoyed learning about the features of seaside locations. In History we have compared old and new seaside holidays. We really enjoyed the ice cream van coming to school, we all loved our ice-creams! Another highlight for Rowan Class was joining in with Sports Day.

## **CHESTNUT CLASS & HOLLY CLASS – SENIOR SCHOOL**



What a year we have had!! All of the pupils have managed so well and we are so proud of them! This term our topic has been International. Chestnut organised a French celebration for Holly Class, and Holly organised an Italian one for Chestnut Class. It has been so much fun, and all of the pupils really enjoyed it. We have learnt all about the features of comic strips, poetry in English, had a focus on life skills, and did some problem solving and reasoning in Maths. The pupils have enjoyed going to the shops, and even had a trip to Costa!! For ASDAN we have used Publisher to make an invitation for our celebrations and completed some gardening. We have improved the look of the senior school gardens and helped keep on top of the polytunnel. The pupils have made such progress in all areas of their independence, and we are so pleased to see their confidence growing. We couldn't be prouder of them and wish them a lovely summer holiday!!

## **STUDENT CENTRE (written by Lily)**



This Term we have been learning about the different countries of the Olympics, and we did a Jamaican race around the track to see which team was the fastest. We have also been doing Duke of Edinburgh, we have been walking on White Horse Hill and to The Ridgeway. We have been on trips to a farm and Munchies Café for our lunch. We played a Wimbledon Match at Wantage Park; we were split into teams to see who was the winner of the match, it was Evan and Callum. We had strawberries and cream and nosecco to celebrate after – true Wimbledon style!

We have been sorting P.E Equipment for lower school and Ikea ordering in preparation for September. We have also been washing the minibuses and hoovering them, and we are looking forward to all classes using them more in September.

The Year 14s have been going to college for their Transition day to look around college and ask questions about it. We have been going to Grove Rugby field to play rounders, badminton and basketball and we played a match together as a Team.

## **Message from Julie Mabberley – Chair of Governors**

This has been another very challenging year for all of us, (Governors, Parents, Children and Staff) and I'm pleased to say that we have all survived. As Governors, our main roles have been to ensure the well-being of the staff and safeguarding of the pupils. We are now very used to Zoom meetings, but it will be really good if we can get back into school and join our classes and staff next year. We have to give a gigantic THANK YOU to our staff and especially our Senior Leadership Team, ably led by Mrs Coneboy, for all of the work this year. Our two new Deputy Headteachers have settled in well and there will be a strong team for the future.

There will also be changes to our membership over the summer. Marion Evans and Lis Green have both offered their resignations as they have been governors for six and seven years respectively. Wayne Tica (a parent who took part in the election for a Parent Governor last year) will now be joining us as a Community Governor, but we still have one vacancy so if you know anyone who might be interested do get in touch via the school office.

New faces always bring new ideas and new skills to the team and I look forward to working together next year.

I'm sure you would like to join me in thanking Marion and Lis for their support as governors. We will miss them.

Finally, we hope that you all have happy holidays and that the pupils and staff come back refreshed in September.

Stephanie Coneboy  
Headteacher  
July 2021