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Fitzwaryn

*'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'*

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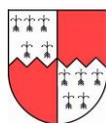
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Dear Parents and Carers

Well here we are in the last week of Term 6!

Thank you for your overwhelmingly positive feedback about our plans for September, your support for the school in these difficult times has been very welcome!

#### Staffing News

As always at this time of the year, some staff move onto pastures new! This year is no exception when we say goodbye to Mrs Winter and Ms Jowett. Mrs Winter has been working in Maple Class and she is going to be taking up a position supporting a child with SEN in a mainstream school.

Ms Jowett has been at Fitzwaryn for several years and she has a great deal of expertise and knowledge in the field of SEN. Ms Jowett has a young family and has decided that she needs to focus on getting her eldest child to school in September – exciting times for them! I am sorry to see both ladies leave Fitzwaryn but I wish them and their families all the very best for the future.

I am delighted to welcome back Mrs Taylor from her maternity leave – this week she has joined the team in the Student Centre as she will be teaching there from the beginning of the Autumn term.

To confirm the class teachers for September:

Maple – Miss Allen, Beech – Miss Cox, Cedar – Miss Wenham, Hazel – Miss Murphy, Ash – Mrs Duckmanton/Miss Kight, Willow – Miss Winsor, Pine – Miss Jane, Rowan – Miss Gleadle, Chestnut – Miss Watkins, Holly – Mrs Gordon/Mr Slatter, Student Centre – Mrs Gardiner/Mrs Taylor

Mrs Broomfield will be overseeing the development of the Nurture Room and carrying out interventions across the school.

Alongside myself, Ms Edwards, Mr Slatter, Mrs Broomfield and Mrs Stratton, Mrs Gardiner will be joining the Senior Leadership team as Head of Continuing Professional Development.

We also say goodbye to our Year 14s, many of whom having been at the school since they were very small. I am so very proud, as we all are, of how far they have come and what they have achieved. Sadly, we have had to put our leavers event on hold for now but hope that we can plan something so that we can celebrate together in the Autumn Term! For now, I wish them all the very best of luck!



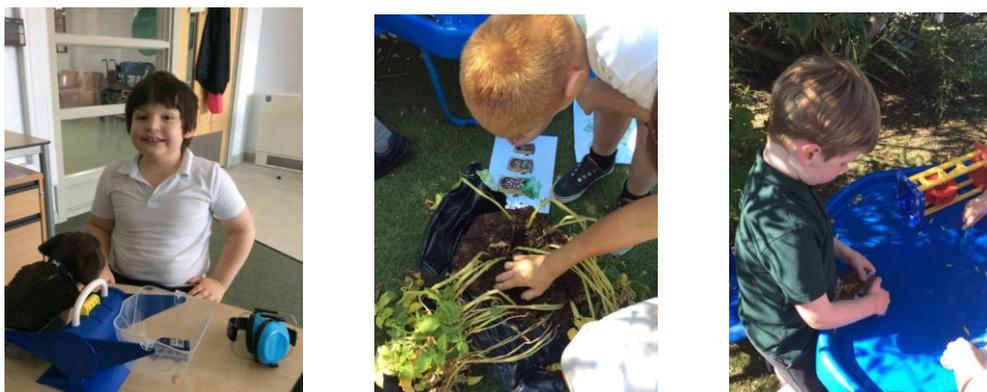
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## Maple Class



Maple Class children have been incredibly busy this year. We explored 4 new topics before the unusual events of 2020 unfolded, All About Me, Muck, Mess and Mixtures, Transport and Space. The children have worked incredibly hard throughout all aspects of the curriculum, working on their mark making, reading and writing. Every child in the class has participated in a huge range of mark making activities and have become much more confident using a range of different materials. The biggest achievement for the children of Maple Class has been their progress in cookery. All of the children have become comfortable, confident kitchen explorers. The children are familiar with the tools and utensils of the cookery room and can use a variety of utensils with increasing independence. All of the children have handled foods which were new to them and can wash, chop, grate, stir, mix and pour with confidence! Some of our favourite recipes were pancakes and smoothies. Maple Class are becoming excellent chefs! It has been lovely to see some of the children return to school as well as to see the children attempting some activities at home, such as growing green beans! Hopefully everyone will have a great bean harvest over the summer months.

## Beech Class



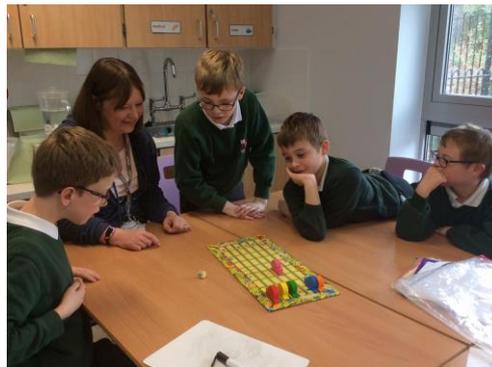
We have had a fun-filled term here in Beech Class! Each week the children in school and at home have been exploring a new fairy tale. In our first week of term we grew beans to see if they grew as big as Jack's beanstalk, ours are still on the small side at the moment! For our second fairy tale, we looked at Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children loved participating in drama activities based around this fairy tale - we created masks and became bears that were hungry for their porridge only to find that Goldilocks had eaten it all! But the fairy tale that has proved to be the most popular with the children is the Enormous Turnip! We had great fun re-telling the story through pulling up and digging for our own vegetables that we had planted back in January! Our potatoes had grown well and from this we weighed them, measured them and finally ate them in a delicious potato salad made by the children!

## Cedar Class



Highlights of the year for Cedar Class have involved mainly being outside and/or moving! A splashing walk around Snelsmore Common in December, collecting amongst other things, sticks for our Christmas lunch decoration, but mainly enjoyed for the big puddles to splash in. We have enjoyed following the REAL PE scheme of work playing team games, improving our balance and coordination and generally burning off lots of energy! There are budding gardeners in Cedar Class and the trips to the horticulture area have been a favourite activity of the week which resulted in garlic, potatoes and bulbs successfully being grown. Miss Wenham is particularly proud of the way that all the pupils have developed focus and independence in the yoga sessions. One further highlight has been seeing all pupils enjoying swimming at Wantage and Kingfisher pools – we do hope they will all be back in the pool again soon!

## Hazel Class



It has been a wonderful and fun filled year in Hazel Class. We have covered lots of topics over the year such as Dinosaurs, Lego, Cat in the Hat, People Who Help Us and lots more. Hazel Class have made great progress across the different subjects and have engaged in many different activities. Pupils have enjoyed; learning about life cycles, cooking traditional foods, playing a variety of team games, going on bug hunts and scavenger walks in the school grounds, setting and achieving personal goals, using clay and mixed media to make a range of art and lots more! Hazel Class have built brilliant friendships with one another and have enjoyed lots of fun together. Well done Hazel Class, great work!

### Ash Class



There were so many highlights for Ash Class during the time we were in school, it is hard to pick just one or two out. World Book Day was loved by all. The children had so much fun creating their own story using the book 'The Story Path'. They also worked hard on their challenges in the lead up to Sport Relief. We have some excellent catchers and hula-hoopers! Sports Relief itself was a huge success with all children joining in with dancing in the hall or running in the sunshine. Swimming has continued to be a highlight; it has been great to witness the children's confidence in the water grow.

### Willow Class



We have had a good term in Willow Class. It continues to be strange and different to what we are used to. We continue to be impressed with how well the children have coped in these challenging times. There has been some lovely work being done at home. It has been great to hear that the pupils at home are enjoying the work that the pupils at school are doing. It has been lovely to see some of the pupils back in school, and they have settled in beautifully. We have really been impressed by their bike riding skills! They have shown real determination to learn to ride the bikes, and their confidence continues to grow. A highlight has been seeing the smiling faces of our pupils on our weekly Zoom calls.

### Rowan Class and Pine Class



Rowan and Pine Class have had a great year! At the beginning of the year, the pupils worked incredibly hard preparing for and performing 'The Tempest'. They performed confidently at 'The Cornerstone' theatre in Didcot and the pupils should be very proud of this achievement! We visited Blenheim Palace for the Alice in Wonderland exhibition and the pupils really enjoyed seeing the lights, dressing up and meeting Alice. The pupils also enjoyed World Book Day this year. We wore pyjamas and completed work around a picture book. Some pupils read with lower school and we walked to the book shop to collect our books. In PE we had new activities including hockey, rugby, cricket and boxercise. The pupils have excelled in these new sporting skills and had a lot of fun doing it!

### Chestnut Class



Wow, what a wonderful 'year' we have had in Chestnut Class! We got stuck into our ASDAN straight away and completed several modules including: Science, Health and Survival, Beliefs and Values and Communication. One of the highlights of the year has got to have been going to see 'A Christmas Carol' and then performing our own version at Christmas, everyone was so impressed and proud of each one of the pupils who took part. And who can forget boxercise? We all loved taking part in these sessions during PE and the improvements we made were outstanding!

### Holly Class



In Holly Class this year we managed to achieve and experience a huge amount, despite everything slowing dramatically at the end of March. In the Autumn Term, we completed a stunning performance of 'A Christmas Carol' and went to the theatre to see a professional version (nearly as good as our own!). The whole of Senior School worked together to produce a truly spectacular Christmas Dinner. We have learnt about a whole new range of topics through our ASDAN work such as Geocaching and how to treat minor injuries. We put on an Art exhibition of our own work and invited the governors to visit – something they really appreciated. There has also been the opportunity to conduct different Scientific Experiments and we learnt a huge amount about animal adaptation. One standout was the different activities covered during PE; these have included cricket, circuit training and Boxercise to name but three.

## Student Centre



The sun has been shining, both in reality and for our virtual inter-railing trip around Europe! The work produced, in school and at home, has been outstanding and I have loved the mounting excitement as we moved onto our next destination. Venice was keenly anticipated by many; one student commented 'I'm buzzing! I can't wait to get there!'. If only it was a real trip....

Students have enjoyed learning about the different cities and their associated artists. Many have completed pieces of art inspired by iconic images and we have made models of famous landmarks. We have practised our foreign language skills and the weekly menu has reflected our journey. Lots of work has been done at home and it has been great all knowing that wherever activities are being completed, we are all on the same leg of the trip. Images from both home and school are on the website.

We have also shared our experiences and feelings of lockdown and this too has been an important feature of our curriculum. I have been so impressed with the maturity and emotional literacy that our students have displayed. Daily check-ins with our own anxiety thermometers, for both staff and students, have been a hit and we plan to continue with them next year.

Weekly Zoom calls have been established and it's amazing how quickly we all adapted to this new form of communication. A particular highlight was the unplanned joining of various dogs and cats from different households one morning!

We say 'goodbye, au revoir, ciao' to Dougie, Ethan, Jamie Rae, Olivia, Ollie and Thomas this summer – a smashing bunch of Year 14 students. We wish them all the best as they move onto exciting new adventures and challenges and hope they keep in touch to let us know how things are going.

Message from the Chair of Governors, Mrs Julie Maberley:

This has been a 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. There have been lots of telephone calls and zoom meetings. It has been very different to a normal school year.

We have to give an even bigger THANK YOU than normal to our staff and especially our Senior Leadership Team ably led by Mrs Coneboy for all of the work this year. Let's hope that there are some calm patches over the summer.

There have also been changes to our membership. Alan Bennett became our first Grandparent Governor before Christmas and when Tamara Harris decided that her new role at work meant that she had to stand down as our second Parent Governor, Matt Heyworth obtained the most votes in the election for a new Parent Governor. Mary Hallam has completed her term as a Community Governor and has been replaced by Andrew Smith, who I'm sure some of you will meet when we are allowed to visit the school again. New faces always bring new ideas and new skills to the team and I look forward to working with the new Governors in the future.

I'm sure you would like to join me in thanking Tamara and Mary 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.

That just leaves me to wish everyone a good summer break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school in September! School returns on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

With very best wishes

Stephanie Coneboy  
Headteacher