



## LANGLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

### Reminders & Notices

Dear Parents,

I hope that you had an enjoyable half-term break. It was certainly most welcome after a long and hard-working first half. The early signs of Spring are becoming prevalent as we embrace the earlier cracks of dawn, along with the chirping of the birds and the peeps of daffodils.

It is a time for new beginnings which gives rise to hope.

Hope is not just wishing, but a mindset and approach to life. Hope arises when there is something we want with a clear goal in mind. That's how I feel about our school. Though, at times it may be tough going, I remain determined to keep moving forward and developing plans to get us closer to where we want to be. I am grateful for the positive encouragement of the parent community and the loyalty and commitment of the staff.

"Someone is sitting under the shade today, because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

Warren Buffet

### Please note all dates for planned strike action:

Wednesday 1st March  
Wednesday 15th March  
Thursday 16th March



2.2.23 World Book Day. Children can choose to dress as their favourite book character.



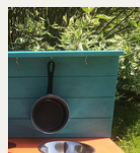
E-safety reminder-The minimum age for TIKTOK is 13. There is a lot of content on this platform which is not suitable for children.



24.03.23 - Midland Mencap will be joining us to share information about their services with us.



Toy Donations-We would like to kindly ask if you have any co-operative games like connect 4, Pop up Pirates and any other old toys that you may no longer want, would be greatly recieved by us.



We are also sending a plea for any old saucepans or utensils you may have that we could use for our mud kitchen in Early Years. Thank you in advance!



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# Firs Class

Firs class have been working very hard learning about Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and The Beanstalk. The children have really enjoyed listening to the stories and learning about all these adventures. They are excited to make some of there own.



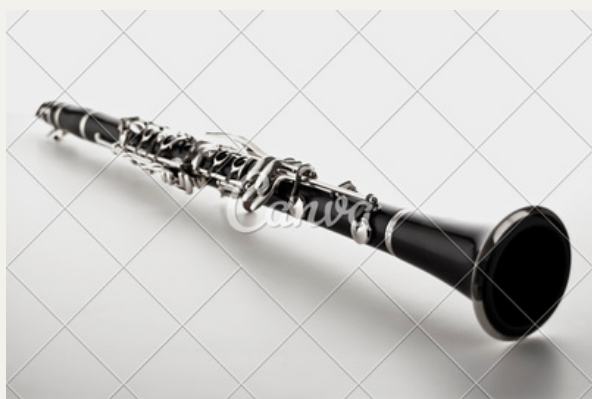
# Oaks Class

We cannot believe that we are already halfway through the year, and what a journey we have been on. This half term we have completed our work on 'Traditional Tales'. Oaks class have really enjoyed listening to the stories and joining in with lots of songs and rhymes. We had a wonderful time using the various construction materials to build, and during our time in the forest, we made houses out of wood and straw, and attempted to blow them down. We have also made bridges to help the 'Billy Goats Gruff' cross over the river. Over the last few weeks, the Oaks classroom has turned into a café, hair salon and a fire station. The children have put their imaginative play skills to good use and we really do have some skilled hairdressers in class 😊.

We are continuing to make steady progress in our phonics and we want to thank parents for all of your support with working on letter sounds at home. Well-done super Oaks!







## Beeches Class

We have had a fantastic February in Beeches. We have dived under the sea and created beautiful fact files about our favourite sea creatures in Literacy. In maths we have explored what is meant by big and small, grouped objects by size and have explored what is meant by more and less. In topic we have explored the different areas around our school and have practised navigating our way around school. Finally, we have really enjoyed our music lessons this half term exploring big sounds and little sounds whilst enjoying listening to different pieces of music played on the clarinet by our fabulous music teacher.

## Acers Class

What a fabulous February Acers have had! We have particularly enjoyed our habitats topic in Science. We have enjoyed learning and finding out about different habitats that plants and animals live in. We even found out about how some animals adapt to live in certain habitats such as camels having long eyelashes to stop the sand from blowing in! We also explored in forest school to learn about micro-habitats it was lots of fun even if we did find lots of spiders! We have also finished our swimming lessons it has been amazing to see the children's confidence grow in the water. Keep up the amazing work Acers.



# Poplars Class



Poplars have been learning about animals, their habitats and food chains. We read the story Tiddler and we made our very own aquariums. As part of our topic, we visited The Sealife Centre in Birmingham where we saw lots of different marine animals and we even got to touch a Star Fish which we later found out is actually called a Sea Star!

# Maples Class

Maples have had a great February. They have really enjoyed their music sessions this half term. They listened to their instructor play the flute and guessed which songs she was playing. We have also really enjoyed our PE sessions this half term which included Commando Joe. We built houses like the three little pigs, we went through the woods like little red riding hood and avoided the wolves. We have been focusing on our signing too and learning to sign our friends names in greetings.

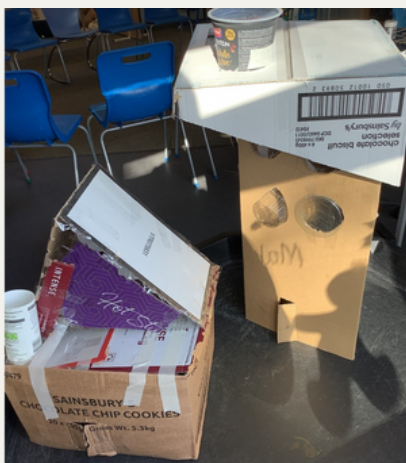


# Cedars Class

Cedars Class have had a fantastic February! In science they have been learning all about different materials and have created their very own fact files about their chosen materials. They have really enjoyed looking at self portraits in Art. As part of the topic, Cedars drew the other half of King Charles III's face. We have extremely talented artists in Cedars class!







## Larches Class

The children in Larches have loved learning about materials and their properties this half term! They began by learning to identify materials, investigated their properties then made junk model houses by selecting the most suitable material for the job.

## Rowans Class

Rowan's have had a very fun month learning about 'Traditional Tales'. In English we did a sensory story of the Three Little Pigs. We did some super signing to retell key parts of the story! Children enjoyed making their very own house, choosing the materials they wanted themselves to create their masterpiece for a very special little piggy! Rowans are continuing to make very good progress with their phonics and reading this half term too – keep up the good work. We hope you all have a lovely break!



## Willows Class

Last term Willows enjoyed forest school and many other activities. Children have come back from half term refreshed and ready to learn!

This week we have enjoyed visiting the Cresnet Theatre for an interactive, immersive show of Jack and the Beanstalk linked to our English fairy tale's last term.

We are looking at Safari this term and are excited to learn all the different animals.

This term Willows are focusing more on intervention allowing children to either have a 1:1 session with another child to build turn taking skills or a small group session with an adult looking at feelings and emotions building on self-esteem and confidence.

