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## News from the classes.

Below is a brief summary from each of the classes as to the sorts of things that have been going on over the last half term.



### Cedar

2023 has started off well for Cedar class, having covered many topics and units of learning in a short space of time. In Maths, we have tackled tough bodies of work around Ratio and Algebra. As well, we have studied two rich fiction texts, *Goodnight Mr Tom* and *The Island*, both of which we explored in depth, and wrote our own alternative, descriptive and further captivating pieces of creative writing.

As well, we have continued a larger study across Science and Geography all about Climate change and Sustainability, taking into consideration the impact of the Carbon Cycle and our part to play in it. In Design Technology, we have

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been conducting market research into Cakes and the amount of sugar content they have, and why it is important to consider this with regards to our health and diet. After conducting market research, we generated design criteria, calculated and sourced ingredients and then baked wonderful, delicious cakes in line with our brief and design criteria. See the indulgent results below!

We have continued our SATs preparation and we are cooking on gas! We have another round of mock SATs after half term, and are continuing to revise using the CGP homework books. Please do help us to mark these as it creates vital learning opportunities in the run up to May and beyond! Lots more in store in the Spring and Summer term, but this marks half way through Year 6 – how is that possible?!



Beech

It has been a very busy half-term in Beech Class!

We have persevered through a challenging Maths topic on fractions and have shown great resilience while getting to grips with identifying equivalent fractions, mixed numbers, improper fractions and solving calculations involving these!

We have enjoyed reading the text 'Who Let the Gods Out?' by Maz Evans, which has inspired discussions in guided reading as well as some creative writing.

Learning about the Ancient Greeks in History helped us to understand the history of the Olympic Games and its links to religious beliefs in Ancient Greece.

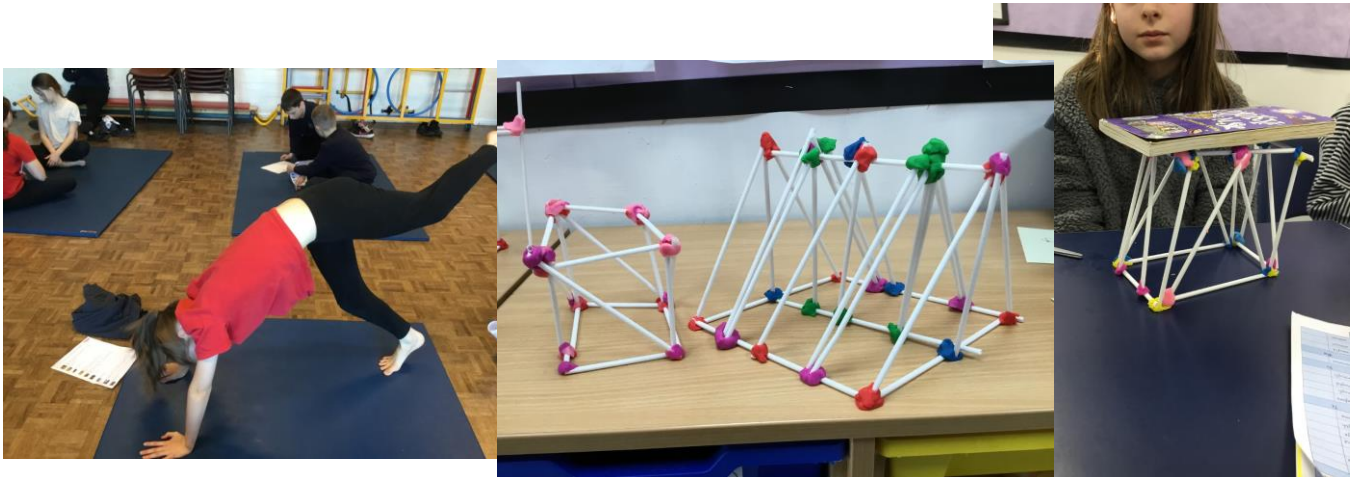
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Our P.E unit on yoga facts involved learning how to do different poses and stretches, which we used to create our own sequences.

We have enjoyed learning about frame structures and making our own prototypes in our Design and Technology lessons.

We have been very proud of our football teams who have shown great fortitude when representing the school in recent tournaments. They persevered while braving the cold weather and faced strong opposition as they played against more experienced older players!



### Holly

This half term saw preparations for our Spring term performance of Aladdin get underway, taking centre stage for most of this wonderfully creative class. Our Autumn term Science unit trickled into this term, finishing off by making some model lungs showing how the diaphragm works. In English, we have enjoyed reading Oranges in No Man's land, a gripping story of a young girl's journey through war-torn Beirut, which inspired our own narrative suspense story.

With the multiplication check approaching in the summer term, we have been working away at our times tables as well as talking 3-digit division! In PSHE, some life skills have been covered in our economic wellbeing unit, looking at ways to earn, spend and save money. In a game of 'The Price is Right', we had some interesting guesses for household expenses! Composing and creating were the theme in this terms music with Ms Lee channelling the classes love for Harry Potter to help them build a range of rhythms over a beat. Lastly, what better way to tackle the

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final week than with pizza.. healthy pizza of course! We mixed, kneaded and proved the dough before adding toppings of our choice, including a beautiful Italian sauce courtesy of Mr Nagypal.



Oak

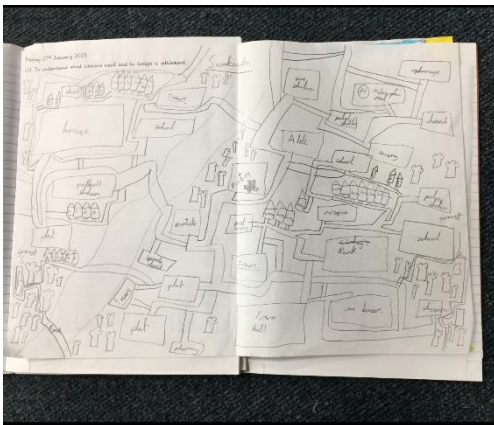
Although it has been a quick half term, we have still managed to learn a lot in Oak Class.

In geography we have been learning about population and settlements. The children in particular enjoyed applying all their learning to designing their own settlement.

We have enjoyed reading ‘Bee Boy – Attack of the Zombees’ and ‘The Iron Man’. We had a go at writing our own adventure story based on Bee Boy and will continue to use ‘The Iron Man’ to inspire our writing after half term.

In music we have been learning about two notes – c and d. Ms Lee has taught us fun ways of how to remember the notes and we’ve been practising playing the notes on glockenspiels! We’ve also been starting to learn the songs for our musical ‘Aladdin’ which we are very much looking forward to practising more after the half term break.

We’ve loved finally getting to make our magnetic mazes which we unfortunately weren’t able to fit in before Christmas. The children made their prototypes and then adjusted their design for their final maze.



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## Elm

Elm class have been developing as historians this half term and are now experts on the reigns of Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. The class produced some amazing posters comparing the two Queens. If you come into class make sure you look out for them.

We have also been having lots of fun chanting times tables at any given chance using the 'Rolling Numbers' chants. You can find these online if you would like to practise at home. You are in the right place with a chant that starts... 'Team, team good as gold, let me see your fingers roll... the 2s/5s/10.' Have fun!

In English we have read an amazing text called 'Good Dog Lion' which the children used to write their own stories inspired by the original text. The finished stories have been a delight to read with many children using lots of imagination whilst staying true to the main storyline. Well done everyone.

Lastly, we have just completed a unit of PE on Yoga which has enabled the children to learn many 'jungle-related' poses and use them to tell their own stories through movement and poses.



## Ash

We started the term off by having an art day where the children recreated a Wassily Kandinsky painting. During the last half term Ash class were very interested in space. We have been learning about space in our science and English lessons and doing extra research through questions the children have asked. The class have started bringing in books from home over the last term to share, this has been lovely as it is not something I have organised but the children have organised between themselves. In history the children explored the life of Christopher Columbus and Neil

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Armstrong. I am very proud of how far they are coming along with their phonics and writing; they really are all stars! In Maths, we've been working on shapes, place value within 20 and addition and subtraction. We finished off the term by having a D.T day where we made see-saws.



## Willow

Willow Class have had a very busy half term. We have been reading 'Duck in The Truck' and produced some super art work and writing in response to the story. We had fun finding out about Chinese New Year. We cooked rice and noodles, made some paper lanterns and dragons. We also made some rabbits as it was the year of the rabbit. This last week we have been reading 'Owl Babies' and went on our first school trip to The Raptor Foundation. We had such a good time and our teachers were all so proud of us. We have since been inspired to print some owls and to make an owl using clay. We have also enjoyed our weekly trips to the woods for Forest School and have started using ropes to make some swings and wobbly bridges. .



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## Active at Holywell

### Active Lunchtimes

The Scrapstore Playpod is still proving very popular with the children. We are expecting the first of four 'top ups' to our Playpod in February where new scrap will be brought in to replace any scrap which has become past its best. The children continue to learn how to negotiate with each other and share ideas using this equipment.

The sporting area of the playground is being well used by all Year groups. It is lovely to see how the older children interact and support the younger children in this area. The discovery of a foam rugby ball has seen some interesting games of dodgeball!



### Festivals and Tournaments

We took nine Year 2 children to a Multiskills Festival at One Leisure Indoor Centre in Ramsey. It was organised and delivered by the Hunts School Sports Partnership with the fantastic help of the Young Leaders from Abbey College. The children took part in a carousel of activities which included tennis, cricket, football and rugby. The children had a great time and didn't stop moving the whole afternoon! Thank you to parents and grandparents who helped out with transporting the children to this event.



### After School Clubs

Netball club are working hard to improve their skills in preparation for the tournament after half-term (details will follow). We have been focussing on our shooting, footwork and spacing! We are also working on our communication skills and continuing to learn how to be positive and helpful team members.

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The ball-sports club on Mondays has been fantastic fun, with children from Year 3 and Year 4 playing dodgeball and football. We will be continuing this club after half-term playing a new range of ball-sports.



## PE Points

The PE Points system has seen lots of children being given stickers for demonstrating the School Values during PE lessons, at break times and at Forest School. This half term Beech, Oak, Ash and Holly have all won the PE points, by getting the most points in a week, and enjoyed playing a mixture of dodgeball and football on a Friday lunchtime. The children at the end of the half-term with the most stickers were awarded the PE Points Superstar certificate! Congratulations to Holly in year 4, Amy in year 3 & Violet in year 2 for winning last half-term!



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### Holywell School Gardening Club

We would like to say a big thank you to the members of Needingworth Gardening Club who have kindly donated a number of seeds from their recent club order. It is a timely gift as we look forward to getting the school allotments back in shape after the winter. If you would like to get involved please contact Mrs Drysdale about anything from donating plants, seeds, helping at the club or anything gardening-related. Thank you!

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