

WHADDON NEWS

March 2018

It hardly seems possible we are about to enter the final term of the school year. This term has been absolutely jam packed with events, which you can see from this newsletter, the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in.

The path has finally been completed which links the front part of the school with the back and we are very grateful for the fundraising and from FOWS and the time given by volunteer parents to move sheds and clear areas. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!

The path project has also included a new outdoor learning area which will eventually provide the children with an all weather place to learn: physically, academically and socially. We are now keen to complete the project with a canopy to ensure constant access is available to the area.

Mother's Day was a real success again. Lots of sniffing mummies, and a couple of staff members as the children showed their mummies how special they were by presenting cakes and biscuits that had been made with love, and read out how much they loved them. The afternoon concluded with kisses and cuddles and sharing the prized cards they had made their mummies.

The Easter service, if a little soggy, was attended by almost everyone and the children proudly sang the songs they had practised and retold the Easter story. FOWS kindly provided refreshments and organised the Easter Egg challenge around the school. The icing on the cake was a visit from a very special character...



Thinking about everything that has been happening in our school, it is truly illustrative of how wonderful it is. Children selflessly giving their time to help others and who train, learn and practise skills to compete in events with exemplary attitudes;. Parents who willingly help to make our school a better place to be and bake and run events to give pleasure to our children and of course our staff who relentlessly plan, resource, run experiences, events and activities, often in their own time because they know the children benefit hugely from them. What a wonderful school community, and aren't we all so lucky to be a part of it!

Evelyn's Report on the Buckingham Community Church Lunch.

Last month, Class 2 completed their class reward chart. Miss Cartwright asked them what they would like for a reward. They suggested an opportunity to cook. Kaleb then asked if it would be possible to cook for the homeless and people who don't have as much as we do. This made Miss Cartwright very proud. It was arranged for the children to bake for and deliver and serve their food at the Community Church lunch.

We needed flower, eggs, and sugar the main ingredients to make the cakes. The church had lovely glass colourful windows. Also there was a beautiful view. There was over 60 people in the church. We were put into groups then we handed out the cakes and everyone said they were yummy and we were happy about that. Then we chatted to people when all the cakes have gone. After that we all had a rest with squash and water. The trip we made feel joyful.

The elderly diners said the children were delightful and it brightened up their day to talk to the children. Well done class 2!



The Key Stage One Athletics Festival

We went to Buckingham Secondary School after school on Tuesday 13th March to do athletics. Our parents and brothers came to watch us. Ethan, Sam, Timo, Lily, Anna and Harriet were asked to do it and Miss Cartwright came too. We were really excited and Sam couldn't wait to do the hurdles. There were loads of other schools there. First we did ball throwing called the shotput. We were all really good at it because the shotputs hit the wall at the back. We did lots of different sports like tug of war, javelin, hurdling, long distance running, long jump and relay. For lots of the sports we were in two teams so we did a lot of boys vs girls! The girls were stronger than us at the tug of war but we beat them at the long distance running because we ran so fast and skidded on our knees. It was very hard work but it was good fun. Some of the things were a little bit easy! At the end we got given medals and certificates for working so hard doing the athletics. We would like to go again next year.

By Ethan, Sam and Miss Cartwright



KS1 Dance Competition

Last month a group of Class 2 children did fantastically well to win their group heat in the Key Stage One Dance Competition at Buckingham Secondary School, beating eleven other schools. On Wednesday 28th March they took part in the finals. It was a huge event for such young children: there were both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two finalists there, and a large audience to perform in front of. The children did themselves proud and came home with runners up medals for their efforts. It was particularly impressive that they summoned up the energy to perform so well after a cold, rainy walk to the farm that morning!

Well done **Anna, Camron, Caylee, Ella, Evelyn, Harriet, Lily and Molly!**



Music Festival

Our Choir may be a small, young collection of children, but they filled the hall with their beautiful voices when they entered the Milton Keynes Music Festival on Friday 9th March.

They were led by Mrs Logan, our choir mistress who kindly volunteers her time each week to teach the children to sing together.

The judges were very impressed and, despite being the youngest contestants, our children were awarded second place! Well done Choir. You are amazing!



A Trip to Coddimoor Farm

On Wednesday we went to the farm but it was soggy. Eventually we got to the farm and when we stepped into the farm I was very surprised because I did not know there were new lambs and I wanted to catch one. I got to hold one and I was happy very happy. We had a good time. We went back to school and had hot chocolate.

By Kaleb, Class 2



Forest School News

It has been a very chilly Spring term at Forest School.... we are not sure whether Spring has actually arrived. However, there are a few flowers growing and buds to be seen.

The Foundation Stage children are getting used to measuring the temperature—Ollie suggested that they use the thermometer last week in order to decide whether the temperature was above or below zero. Another aspect of Forest School for the children to get used to has been 'the table' and how to be safe around a fire. To help in this, they learnt 'STOP, DROP and ROLL' which they enjoyed learning, and talked about why it was important. After learning how to make and light a fire the children enjoyed toasting marshmallows.

Class 1 and 2 have been treasure hunting. They found a note saying that there was treasure to be found at Forest School and from there continued to follow clues. It was challenging, but a few of them persevered and found a treasure box... that turned out to be a bird box! It was decorated and filled with pretend eggs.

The older children also had a fire and toasted marshmallows. With all of their Forest School experience they were able to collect the wood needed and helped to light with it. The fire was lit in a Kellie kettle for a change which led to some good marshmallow-toasting flames. While the children ate, Harrison serenaded them using a pan and a stick.

We are looking forward to some warmer Forest School sessions next term, which will bring with it changes in the natural environment for the children to learn about and explore!



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Venue & Further Information
Friday 30th March	GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	ALL DAY	
Monday 16th April	School reopens	8.40	
Tuesday 17th April	NSPCC Assembly for FS, C1 & C2	14.00	School Hall
Wednesday 18th April	Hands up for Jesus	15.00	School Hall
Monday 7th May	May Fayre	ALL DAY	School Field
Wednesday 16th May	Hands up for Jesus	15.00	School Hall
Friday 25th May	End of Summer Term 5	15.00	
Monday 4th June	School reopens	8.40	
Tuesday 5th June	September 2018 Foundation Stage new starters Family Picnic	13.00	School Field
Friday 15th June	Father's Day Celebration	PM	Information to follow after half-term
Tuesday 3rd July	Moving up day for Class 2 to new schools	All Day	Information available from new school
Tuesday 3rd July	September 2018 Foundation Stage new starters Taster afternoon and New Parents Information Meeting	13.00	Foundation Stage Classroom
Thursday 5th July	SPORTS DAY—Everyone Welcome	13.30—15.00	School field Information to follow after half-term
Friday 20th July	End of Year Celebration Service	14.00	St Mary's Church Information to follow after half-term
Friday 20th July	Leavers Family BBQ	13.00	School Field Information to follow after half-term

*Many of the events are now hyperlinks which, when clicked on, will take you to where you can find more information about the event.

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

AUTUMN TERM 2017	Monday 4 September	Friday 20 October
	Monday 30 October	Tuesday 19 December
SPRING TERM 2018	Wednesday 3 January	Friday 9 February
	Monday 19 February	Friday 30 March
SUMMER TERM 2018	Monday 16 April	Friday 25 May
	Monday 4th June	Tuesday 24 July

TERM TIME BANK HOLIDAYS 2017/2018

Monday 7th May 2018 – May Bank Holiday

INSET DAYS 2017/18

Monday 4th September 2017
Tuesday 5th September 2017
Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Monday 23rd July 2018
Tuesday 24th July 2018



Foundation Stage Work to be Proud of

21.3.18 Independent Work

Archie made a picture



Peter is hiding from Mr
McGregor as he can't find
Mr McGregor's cat
Peter Rabbit

By Archie

Year 1

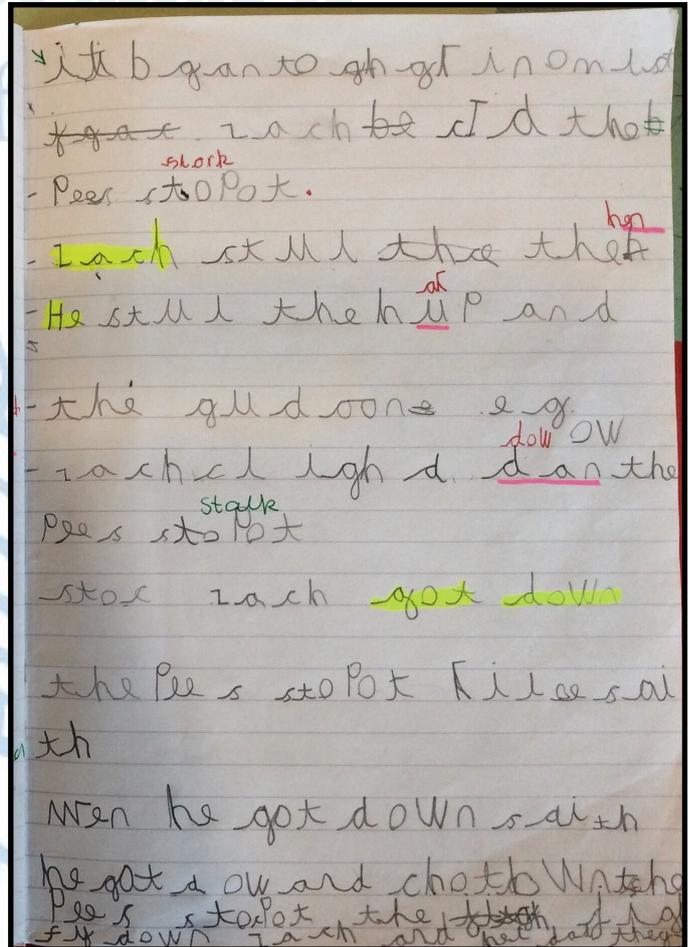
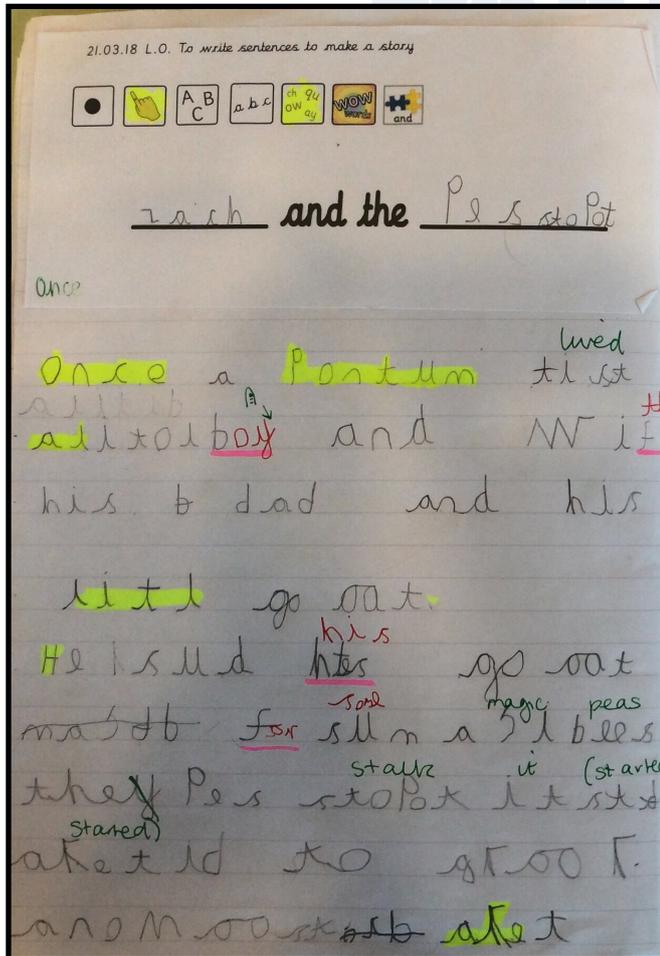
Work to be Proud of



**Jacob's Portraits of King Brannagan
in Charcoal**

Year 1

Work to be Proud of



Once upon a time lived a little boy and with his dad and his little goat. He sold his goat for some magic peas. The peastalk it started to grow. It began to grow enormous. Zach climbed the peastalk. Zach stole the hen. He stole the harp and the golden egg. Zach climbed down the peastalk. Zach got down the peastalk really safe. When he got down safe he got down and chopped down the peastalk. The giant fell down. Zach and his dad they got the gold.

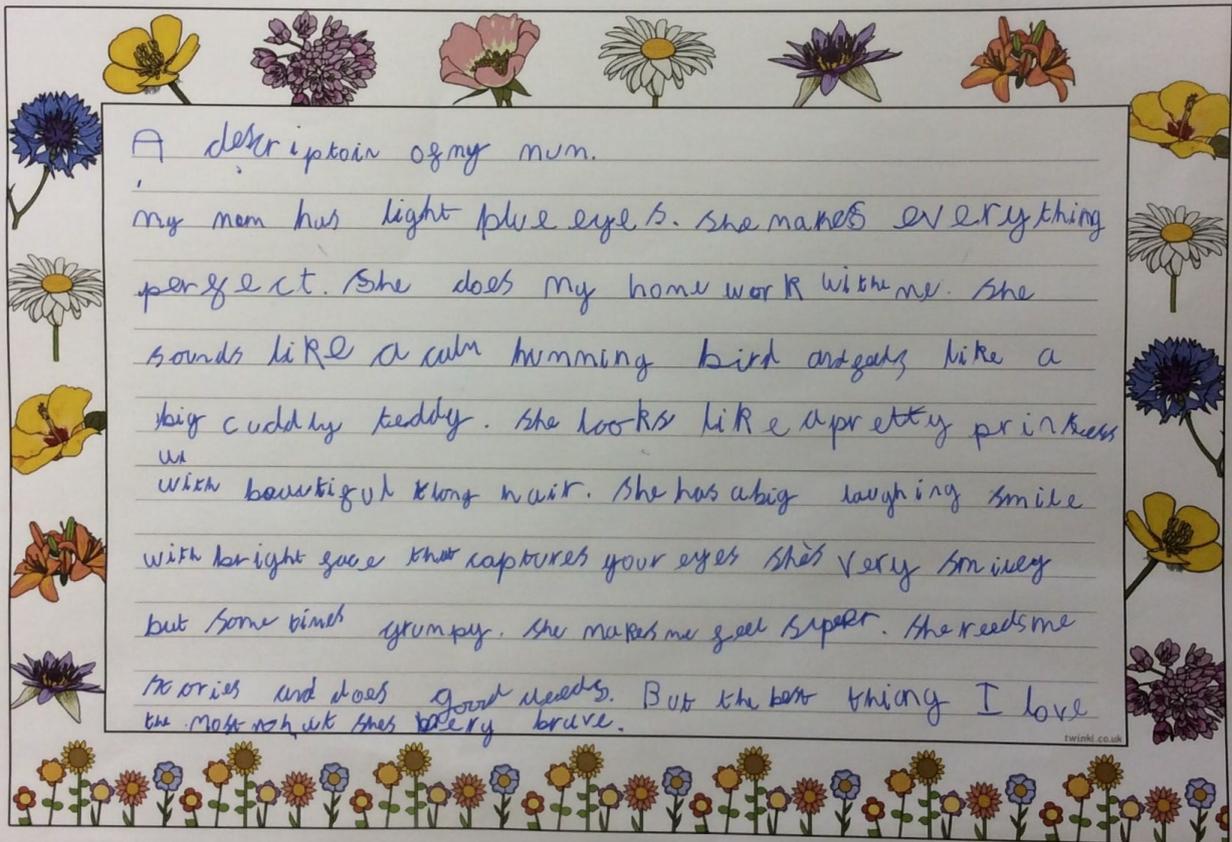
'Zach and the Peastalk' by Ethan

Year 2 and 3

Work to be Proud of

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Camron's Mother's Day Character Description