



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are having a very busy time in school with lots of interesting and exciting things going on in classes.

We have had a visit from a sports champion, the pupils really enjoyed hearing her inspirational talk, learning about how and why she became an athlete. Some of our older pupils have been on trips to visit different post school options and are now making decisions with their families about what their plans are for the future. Classes have enjoyed visits to local beaches and cafe's as well as finding signs of Spring in the local area.

Our Gardening Club has started a community project with Allanton Village Hall, working on the community garden located behind the hall and also the pots and other areas dotted around the village they are really enjoying this work.

We have had a visit from Live Music Now, four instrumentalist came into school and planned different styles of music, all the pupils were able to take part in these sessions.

Our website has lots of information about what we get up to, it also has a gallery of pictures to look at, please note the list of dates of upcoming events that is attached to this newsletter.

We are also pleased to welcome back Miss Naomi Hooson as a permanent full time member of staff from April 2019. This is an additional post to ensure that all our learners receive the best offer they can in school each day.

We are taking some pupils on residential holiday this year, those pupils parents have been notified. We are hoping to be able to ensure that each pupil has a Primary and a leavers holiday, these are funded through charitable contributions and there is no cost to parents.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries



This term Maple/Willow Class enjoyed a visit from three musicians from Live Music Now





Elm Class had great fun celebrating Chinese New Year. We made paper plate pigs to celebrate the year of the pig. We made Chinese marks in glitter and Chinese spiced play dough. We played Chinese takeaway in our home corner and made dragons and lanterns. We all enjoyed making and tasting chow mein and noodles and made spring rolls in cooking too. In our assembly, Elm Class told the interactive story of the Emperor's race across the river to decide which animals would be in the Chinese zodiac and we all had fun doing Chinese ribbon dancing.





Beech Class



Beech Class had great fun making, flipping and eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

Beech Hub



Beech Hub thoroughly enjoyed listening to a trio of musicians who visited school recently.

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We have been thinking about our favourite things to do. When we do our favourite things, we feel happy. Happiness makes us feel good inside and makes us smile! We are learning that being kind to others makes us feel happy too. In Sycamore Class we know that if we are kind to each other, then we will have friends who will want to be kind to us. Being friends makes us happy!



We made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, tossed them and enjoyed eating them.



We have been outside in the fresh air, enjoying the sunny Spring weather at the beach and the park. One of us tried horse riding for the first time!



Some other things that have brought smiles to our faces - Bertie the dog, music, selfies and spending time with friends.

Oak Class- March 2019

Cooking: This term Oak Class have been working hard on a range of life skills and practical activities. We have been doing lots of cooking and learning how to prepare healthy meals. All students have really enjoyed making the food and have been happy to try new meals they have not had before.



We celebrated Chinese New Year this term and had a visit from a dance teacher who introduced us to traditional Chinese Ribbon dancing. It was great fun and all the class really enjoyed waving our ribbons around. It is always good to learn about different cultures and celebrations.



Glasgow Rangers footballer Lisa Swanson came into Oak class as part of the Sport for Champions programme. She talked to the class about her career as a



footballer and how she managed to achieve her dream of playing for Glasgow Rangers. After her presentation she did a fitness training session with the class which was exhausting but great fun! The class really enjoyed meeting Lisa.