



Oak Class Perform at Voices and Visions, Worcester Cathedral

This week Oak Class children performed their amazing dance at Worcester Cathedral as part of the annual Voices and Visions event. Oak Class had 2 days to choreograph, learn and perfect their routine with a little help from professional choreographer, Janene Wyatt from 'Dance Fest'.

We are so proud of how hard all the children have worked and how very well they executed their performance. Dressed in white and black t-shirts and set against the backdrop of the Cathedrals iconic stained glass windows. There were 7 schools from the local area, performing either a song, dance or a drama piece. Parents were invited to watch each routine, travelling to different places in the Cathedral for the various performances.



Our children did an amazing job, a fact which was reiterated by a member of the public who phoned the school the day after the performance to say **how wonderful our children were, with their dance and their behaviour**; she added that **their performance was the highlight of the evening for her and the friends she came with**. Well done children!

I'd like to say a big thank you to Janene Wyatt from Dance Fest, who taught the children their routine and to Mrs Hill, Mrs Haines and Miss Evans who accompanied the children and looked after them throughout the day. Most of all, I would like to say a big thank you to Oak Class for all their hard work. You should be very proud of your dance and the way you behaved and represented our school.





New Security Systems

Please be reminded that our new security gates and timings will be operational (all being well) when we return after half term. Children will also be able to enter school from 8:40am—8:50am and go straight to their classrooms. Members of staff will be in the cloakrooms to assist children to their classrooms. Teachers will be in the classrooms from 8:40am. We hope this extra flexibility in drop off time will ease the parking congestion around school.



Sharing Day—Wednesday 19th June

We are very pleased to let you know that we are launching our new 'Sharing Day' to all parents / carers on **Wednesday 19th June**.

This is an exciting opportunity for you to share in an activity with your child in school. Activities can be anything from story writing to bridge building, whatever is planned is there for you to join in! The sessions will be held in the classrooms (unless your child's teacher informs you otherwise closer to the date).

The sessions will run as follows:

9.00-9.45 **Reception** classes (Acorns)

9.45-10.30 **Y4** classes (Hazel and Oak)

10.30-11.15 **Y1** classes (Maple and Holly)

11.15-12.00 **Y3** classes (Cedar and Cherry)

1.30-2.15 **Y2** classes (Rowan and Beech)

2.15-3.00 **Pre-school** (Willow)

Parents / carers will need to meet in the school hall 10 minutes before their allocated session. A member of staff will then collect you and bring you to your child's class.

Due to the limited space in classrooms we must strictly restrict the number of parents / carers attending these sessions to one adult per child.

We understand that most of our parents work during the day and that it is hard to get time off to attend such events. We are therefore opening this opportunity up to grandparents or other close family members. Please let your child's class teacher know in advance if anyone other than yourself will be attending this event.



Class Assembly dates

We are very pleased to invite parents and carers in to school to watch your child's class assembly to see and hear all about the learning they have been doing in class.

Please see the table for a list of dates.

Each assembly will start at 9:00am.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Class	Date of Assembly
Holly	Tuesday 11 th June
Cedar	Tuesday 18 th June
Hazel	Tuesday 25 th June
Cherry	Tuesday 2 nd July
Rowan	Thursday 11th July
Acorns H	Tuesday 16 th July

Purple Mash

Each child in school (from Reception—Year 4) has been issued with their very own individual 'Purple Mash' log in. This will allow children to access the online platform both at home and at school. Purple Mash's home access allows children to seamlessly integrate learning at school and home.

Children can access educational games and activities including coding, core skills games and open ended tools which allow children to boost their creativity.

If you have any questions please see the school office. We hope both you and your child enjoy exploring this platform and have fun learning together!

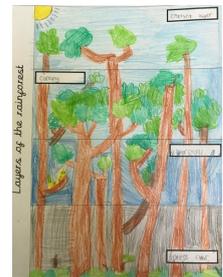
News from... Cedar Class

In Cedar Class we have spent the last few weeks researching and writing about endangered animals and Rainforests.

We located the rainforests of the world and found they were all near the equator so they're very hot and humid places.

There are 4 layers of the rainforest:

- The emergent layer is the highest layer with trees poking out of the top.
- The Canopy is a layer that has the most life and is so thick it is like a roof.
- The Understory is where it gets dark and you can't see many animals.
- The forest floor is so dark you cannot see, animals like Jaguars and Porcupines are prowling around.



We read the story of 'The great Kapok tree' by Lynne Cherry. The story shows how animals of the rainforest are losing their homes, to deforestation. We discussed what it must feel like for the animals to lose their homes.

We also found out about tribes that live in the Rainforests, there are The Huli tribe, Yanomami tribe and the Pygmy tribe. As a class we put ourselves in the shoes of a child of the Huli tribe waking up to hear diggers and chainsaws outside his hut. We wrote some amazing newspaper reports based on the eye-witness account of the Huli tribe child.

When we looked at endangered animals we found a happy story about a small Mouse in America called the Pacific Pocket Mouse.



The Pacific Pocket Mouse are an endangered species. They are dying from habitat loss because the area they live in has been taken for farming and urban development. They were thought to be extinct. A few years ago San Diego University found a few that had survived, bred them in captivity and then released them into the wild. Their population is now in the thousands.

The pictures show some of the topic work that Cedar class has produced to show the different layers of the rainforest.

Sports Day confirmed as Tuesday 9th July

We are pleased to confirm that this years Sports Day is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 9th July**. If the weather is bad we will look to re-schedule it to the following day, Wednesday 10th July. Fingers crossed for some sunny weather! Look out for more information regarding Pre-School's very own Sports Day.

Mums, Dads and Carers start your training now for the highly anticipated and very competitive annual Mum's and Dad's race!



Friends Update

This Summer Fayre promises to be an exciting event this year - we hope you can join us in raising valuable funds for the school.

Please note the Fayre is taking place after school on **Friday 12th July**. If any parents are able to help or support the Friends with the Fayre please email friends@millfields.worcs.sch.uk or contact the school office.

'**Bag 2 school**' is returning this year on Tuesday 4 June. Bags will be sent out via children on Monday 13th May. Please only bring bags of clothes to school on the morning of **Tuesday 4th June** and drop them along the side of the community room (if it is raining please place them under the canopy in the Pre-School garden)-we do not have the storage to accept any bags prior to this date and they will have to be refused.

If any parents are able to help or support the Friends with the Fayre please email friends@millfields.worcs.sch.uk or contact the school office.

Thank you.



Free Parenting Clinic: June White

Due to the success of the recent Parenting Classes, we are pleased to say that June White will be offering 2 further sessions for Parents / carers to attend in school over the Summer Term.

June specialises in supporting parents with all aspects of children's behaviour and is available to parents for free information / guidance on a 1:1 basis.

Are you keen to talk to someone independent about any concerns you have regarding your child's behaviour, sleep patterns or toileting needs?

Have you noticed a change in your child's behaviour at home?

Would you benefit from support in managing certain behavioural traits / situations?

June White will be in school on the following dates to help you with any concerns you may have:

- Wed 5th June 9.00am-11.00am
- Wed 3rd July 9.00am-11.00am

To access this free service please call the school office to book on or alternatively contact June directly via any of the means detailed on her business card.

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Pre-School promptness

We would like to politely remind parents / carers of Pre-School children to arrive promptly to collect their children on time. Some children are being collected 10 minutes late from the morning sessions which can have an impact on the lunchtime session for the remaining children. Please be reminded that the morning session finishes at 11:40am and children will be ready to be released at this time.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Forest School Open Week: Monday 3rd June - Friday 7th June 2019

We are delighted to be able to invite Parents / Carers into school during the week commencing 3rd June for our 'Forest School Open Week'. Parents / carers are invited to join their child in their Forest School session and to experience our wonderful Forest School site.

Please see the table below for the dates / sessions that relate to your child's class:

	Monday 3rd June	Tuesday 4th June	Wednesday 5th June	Thursday 6th June	Friday 7th June	Thursday 13 th June
AM	Hazel	Beech	Rowan	Acorns E	Holly	
PM	Cherry	Maple	Cedar	*	Acorns H	Oak

*Oak Class will not be having a Forest School session on the 6th June this is due to a Year 4 transition event for Year 4 pupils moving to St Johns. **Oak Class will have their Forest School open session the following week, Thursday 13th June.** We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Morning sessions: Please arrive in the school hall by 9:50am. This session will finish at 11:15am

Afternoon sessions: Please arrive in the school hall by 1:35pm. This session will finish at 3:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: Our Forest School has an active fire pit, a woodland area, a pond, a performance stage and a maze as well as a viewing platform. We also have materials such as bricks, large branches and clay as well as forestry equipment and tools that we use on a regular basis. Due to the nature of the site and for safety reasons we are unable to allow other children / siblings to join in with these sessions. **We must strictly limit these sessions to one adult only per child.** We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you.

A member of staff will escort you from the hall to our Forest School site. The site is accessed via a large slope at the back of school. Suitable footwear is essential - we recommend wellington / walking boots. You may also get a little muddy depending on the weather (and how much you decide to get stuck in!). Please wear suitable / old clothing that you don't mind getting dirty!

Finally, we operate a strict no phone policy in school, this includes up at the Forest. Please make sure you turn your mobile phones off before entering school.

We really hope that you have a wonderful time in our Forest learning and getting muddy together!

We do appreciate that not all parents / carers can attend due to work or other commitments. We are therefore opening this opportunity up to other adult family members / role models if you wish for them to attend in your absence.

Please complete and return the slip sent out via your child on Thursday 23rd May indicating who will be attending the forest school session with your child. We will only allow the person named on this slip access to the site with your child.

Please complete the slip sent out and return it before your child's session takes place.

Thank you for your co-operation.

We hope your child enjoys sharing their Forest School with you.





Gold Book Award

Millfields First School Gold Book

17th May 2019

Willow: Blake for always using his manners and encouraging other children in his play.

Acorns E: Leo P for a turnaround in learning attitude and behaviour. Well done Leo!

Acorns H: James R for always trying his best when work is challenging.

Holly: Autumn for always being kind, caring and a helpful member of Holly Class. You have a fabulous attitude to your learning, I am very proud of you!

Maple: Macey for her superb resilience towards her learning. She always has a positive attitude to all aspects of school life. Well done Macey!

Beech: Jacob E for such a wonderful attitude to learning and for taking pride in everything he does. I'm very proud of you Jacob!

Rowan: Rachel for always being a kind, helpful and caring friend. Well done Rachel!

Cedar: Magali for her constant hard work and focus. She is always ready to listen, interact and learn. What a superstar!

Cherry: Joshua H for his fantastic effort and independence when writing his newspaper report about the Amazon rainforest.

Hazel: Jessica W for her amazing effort and understanding in French.

Oak: Daisy for her superb attitude to learning and always showing a mature, kind and considerate attitude to others. Well done Daisy!

Forest School: Hazel - George, Harry and Gracie for creating the most amazing miniature fairground. You all worked together so well negotiating, sharing ideas and supporting each other. Well done!

Millfields First School Gold Book

24th May 2019

Willow: Eleanor for being one of the most thoughtful and caring members of the class!

Acorns E: Albie for applying his knowledge of number bonds to 10 to different problem solving activities. Keep up the hard work!

Acorns H: Lauren M for her amazing home learning to show how things grow and change in her house. Super work Lauren!

Holly: Morgan for trying her best, working well with others and really trying hard with her learning. Keep it up!

Maple: Miles for always showing resilience and determination in his work. Really impressed with your hard working attitude! Well done Miles!

Beech: Miley for making sensible friendship decisions. Well done Miley!

Rowan: Ruben for having a fantastic week and for trying his absolute best! Well done Ruben I'm really proud of you!

Cedar: Kyra for being so brave and completely amazing when facing her fears. We're all proud of you Kyra!

Cherry: Kajona for choosing to continue her learning at home. Practising using a variety of homeophones and creating bar charts from data that she has collected!

Hazel: William I for his excellent attitude to learning and the huge effort he is putting into his work lately!

Oak: Ollie J for his effective vocabulary choices on poetry writing.

Forest School: Acorns E Jacob for building an amazing joined tripod structure. It wasn't easy but you persevered until you were successful. Well done!

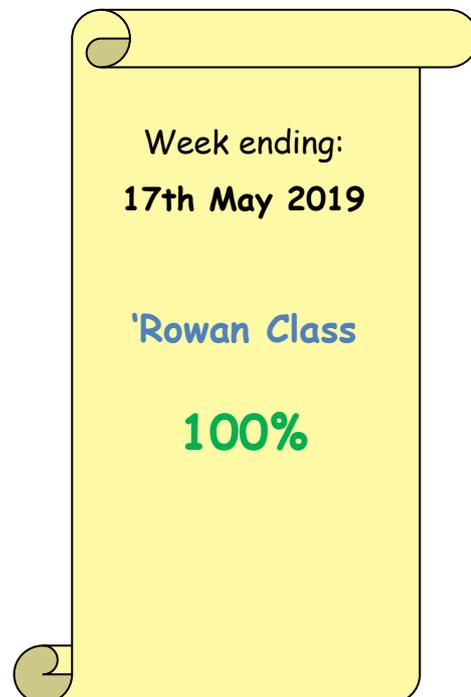
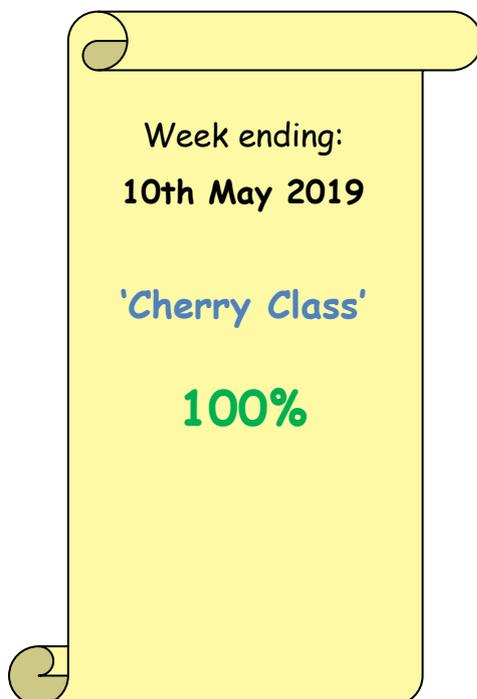


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Class Attendance Award

Each week we celebrate the class with the highest attendance rate.

Well done to the following classes who have had the highest attendance over the last couple of weeks:



Well done to both Cherry and Rowan Class children for their 100% attendance achievement.



Dates for the Diary 2019



Friday 24th May	Cake Sale (Friends event)
Friday 24th May	School closes for Half Term
Monday 3rd June	School re-opens after Half Term
Week commencing 3rd June	Forest School Open Week
Tuesday 4th June	Bag 2 School day
Wednesday 5th June	Year 4 - St Johns Sports Afternoon (Transition event)
Tuesday 11th June	Holly Class assembly 9:00am
Friday 14th June	Fathers Day Breakfast Morning (further details nearer the date)
Tuesday 18th June	Cedar Class assembly 9:00am
Tuesday 18th June	Friends AGM meeting 6.15pm in school staffroom
Wednesday 19th June	Sharing Day
Wednesday 19th June	Year 4 - St Johns Sports Afternoon (reserve date)
Tuesday 25th June	Hazel Class assembly 9:00am
Friday 28th June	School Bandstand Event
Tuesday 2nd July	Cherry Class assembly 9:00am
Tuesday 9th July	Sports Day (weather dependant)
Wednesday 10th July	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 11th July	Rowan Class assembly 9:00am
Friday 12th July	Summer Fayre (please note date has changed to previously advertised)
Tuesday 16th July	Acorns H Class assembly 9:00am
Friday 19th July	Ice Lolly Day (Friends Event)
Friday 19th July	School Closes at 3.15pm for the Summer Holidays.

(Monday 22nd July is a Teachers Training Day)