



# IN-FOCUS

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OAK CLASS  
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Welcome to another jam-packed edition of In Focus. The children have been super busy with yet another full term.

Can I please remind all parents and carers to ensure that we have the most up-to-date contact information in case of emergency. We also need current email addresses to ensure that all letters are received. Please take the time to download the Xpressions APP to which all school messages can be sent. If you are unsure how to set this up, we have a step by step instructions leaflet which can be collected from the school main office.

Kelly Jackson  
Head of School



# SPORTING UPDATE

## MULTISKILLS

Both Beech Class, (Year One) and Cedar Class, (Year Two), took part in an exciting Multiskills Event this term.

All practiced a variety of sporting skills and did brilliantly. The children were very well behaved and supported each other superbly.



## SPORTSABILITY

This term our Sportsability Team took first place at an interschool competition. They worked hard as a team, encouraging each other, and taking the top slot. Well done to all!



## CROSS COUNTRY

At the very end of last term, Catmose Primary held their cross country house competition. KS1 and KS2 did brilliantly running their routes around the school grounds and Ash Class were 'smashing' in their potato and spoon race.

Well done to everyone and an extra well done to Blue House for being overall winners.



# FOCUS ON: OAK CLASS

We have had lots of fun with our 31 creative curriculum topics so far this year.

The following reports have been written by Oak Class pupils.

## The Stone Age!

We have learnt about the three different stages in the Stone Age which are the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic. We made a Stone Age Village, grew Stone Age crops and made Stone Age tools.

## Pompeii

We did drama to show what happened on the day Mount Vesuvius erupted.

## Ancient Greece

We have been making our own Greek vases and have made a mini Athens in class. We have heard the story of Icarus and made our own wings.



## MEET THE PRINCIPAL

**Name:** Stuart Williams

**Role:** Executive Principal

**Favourite Food:** Nuts

**Favourite Drink:** Yorkshire Tea, strong with very little milk.

**Favourite Place in the World:** Canada.

**Favourite Book:** Lord of the Rings.

**Best Teaching Memory:** Taking the students on a Photography trip to Iceland.

**Best Joke:** How did the astronaut serve dinner in outerspace??... On flying saucers!



# WORLD BOOK DAY

Staff and pupils celebrated the wonderful world of books on Thursday 7 March by dressing as their favourite characters.

We were lucky enough to be joined by local author Pete Frederick who ran a selection of exciting writing activities with the children.



# DIARY DATES 2018/19

STARS ASSEMBLY - EVERY FRIDAY AT 9.15AM

All family and friends welcome.  
Why not buy a raffle ticket for 20p and have a chance of winning the PTA weekly cake?

CLASS ASSEMBLIES - SHOW AND TELL DURING STARS ASSEMBLY:

Willow Class: 3 May  
Silver Birch Class: 10 May  
Redwood Class: 17 May  
Oak Class: 7 June  
Cedar Class: 14 June  
Beech Class: 21 June  
Ash Class: 22 March / 28 June



CLASS LUNCHES:

Join your child for School lunch. Lunch must be booked in advance via ParentPay.

Cedar Class: 2 May 12.00pm  
Beech Class: 16 May 12.00pm  
Ash Class: 20 June 12.00pm

EASTER DISCO - 20 MARCH 4 - 5.15PM

REDWOOD & SILVER BIRCH RESIDENTIAL - 27 - 29 MARCH

OAK & REDWOOD CLASS PRODUCTION - 2 APRIL 2PM & 5.30PM

CATMOSE DANCE SHOW - 4 APRIL, 4PM & 6PM (CATMOSE COLLEGE THEATRE)

PTA QUIZ - 10 MAY 7PM

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS - 23 MAY

MAY DANCE EVENT - 24 MAY 10.30AM - FOLLOWED BY A PICNIC LUNCH ON THE FIELD WITH FAMILIES

WILLOW CLASS TRIP TO STRATFORD UPON AVON - 20 - 21 JUNE

SUMMER FAIR - 22 JUNE

SPORTS DAY - 26 JUNE - KS2 MORNING SESSION / KS1 AFTERNOON SESSION

SILVER BIRCH & WILLOW CLASS PRODUCTION - 1 JULY 2PM & 5.30PM

END OF YEAR DISCO - 10 JULY 4 - 5.15PM

PRIZE GIVING ASSEMBLY - 12 JULY 9.15AM

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY - 12 JULY 2PM

## USE OF PARENTS MOBILE PHONES'

A polite reminder for parents not to use their mobile phones when in school to take images and recordings please.

We will always capture special events and moments and share them with you. This allows the school to ensure that all images used of our pupils are appropriate.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

# OTTO THE READING DOG

We are delighted to have been able to offer a chance for our pupils to read with Otto, the dog this term, this scheme has been so popular that the majority of the pupils in the school have now signed up.

The scheme is helping to improve the childrens' reading skills and their enjoyment of literature.

Some of the children were extremely nervous around dogs and after only a few short sessions are now confident to stroke and sit next to Otto, this is an invaluable skill for the children to learn.

We also use the opportunity for the children to talk with Otto's owner and ask questions, this not only builds on their knowledge, but their confidence too.

Thank you again to John who gives up his time, through the Pets as Therapy scheme, to come every week and allow the children to partake in this wonderful experience.



# COMIC RELIEF

In support of this fantastic charity we invited the children to wear a red now/red hari/red hat/ red bows or red socks for a donation of £1.

Our Year 6 pupils were also on hand to paint lots of noses red. We will let you know how much we raised as soon as we can.

