



WILLOW GO  
STEAM PUNK  
P4

## WELCOME

Welcome to the first issue of Infocus in 2020.  
Happy New Year to you all.

It has been lovely to welcome all our children back to school with many stories about the fun and exciting times they have had with their families and friends this Christmas.

Thank you to all our families who have ensured their child has return to school looking smart in their uniform, with PE kit and book bag, ensuring they have all they need to be ready to learn.

A reminder that PE kits should be sent into school on Monday and taken home to wash on a Friday. This is to enable pupils to take part in Mr Noronha's many sporting activities during the week, as we would hate any child to miss out due to not having their kit.

I hope you have all had a good start to 2020, and hope this year is a happy and healthy one for us all.

Kelly Jackson  
Head of School



# SPORTING EVENTS

## GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

Pupils from Catmose Primary attended the Gymnastic Development Festival this term at the Rutland Active Hub. Well done to all who took part, for some this meant trying a new skill.



## BADMINTON FESTIVAL

Children from Year 3 and 4 were invited to take part in a Badminton Festival AT Uppingham School Sports Centre.

All involved had a super time and mastered their serves.

Well done Team Catmose!



## BOCCIA KURLING

Pupils from KS2 recently took part in a Boccia Kurling festival at Uppingham School Sports centre.

Our team did excellently and have subsequently taken part in a Boccia Tournament competing against other schools.

Well done to all! Super sportsmanship.



# MEET THE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN

**Name:** Nieves Counsell

**Class:** Science Lab, all classes.

**Favourite Food:** Steak

**Favourite Drink:** Something 'bubbly'

**Favourite place in the world:** Algeciras, my parents' home town in Spain

**Best Teaching Memory:** I had been teaching WW2 to a year 6 class. As part of the topic we decided to develop the school garden to 'Dig for Britain'. We had also been learning some songs from the era. While we were working in the school garden, the children spontaneously burst into a rendition of Vera Lynn's 'We'll meet again'!

**Best Joke:** How many monsters are good at maths?  
None, unless you Count Dracula!

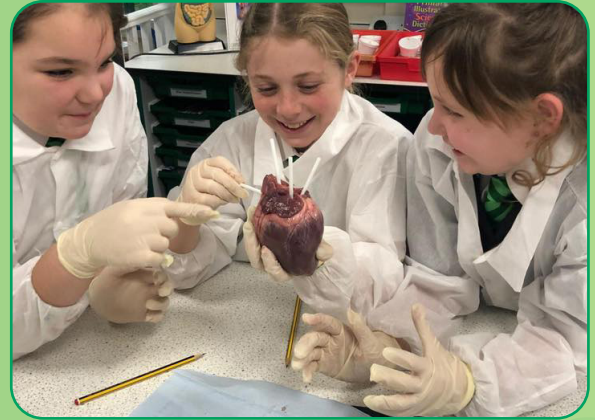


## SCIENCE!

Each class has a weekly slot for Science learning in our new Science lab. The pupils are enjoying these sessions, using the many new resources we now have.

### Amazing Science with Year Six, Willow Class

This term the topic is The Heart, leading to a very exciting dissection session in our science lab. All pupils took part and found the session very interesting.



### All About Rocks with Year Three, Oak Class

Testing different samples of rock in our science lab. We completed a hardness test, water test and acid (vinegar) test to see if rocks were sedimentary, igneous or metamorphic. Excellent and exciting work!



# WILLOW CLASS GO STEAM PUNK

Year Six, Willow Class, wowed with their Steam Punk artwork created with their Catmose College art teacher. Fantastic!



# DIARY DATES 2019/20

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:

Ash Class: 7 February / 26 June  
Beech Class: 24 January / 1 May  
Cedar Class: 31 January / 15 May  
Oak Class: 12 June  
Redwood Class: 19 June  
Silver Birch Class: 6 March  
Willow Class: 13 March

CLASS LUNCHES:

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

Redwood Class: 30 January 12.30pm  
Oak Class: 19 March 12.30pm  
Cedar Class: 7 May 12.10pm  
Beech Class: 11 June 12.10pm  
Ash Class 2 July 12.00pm

PARENTS EVENING

3 March 4 - 6pm / 5 March 5 - 7pm

OAK & REDWOOD CLASS PRODUCTION - **24 MARCH 2PM & 5.30PM \*NEW DATE\***

CATMOSE DANCE SHOW - 11 MARCH 5.30PM - CATMOSE COLLEGE THEATRE

MAY DANCE EVENT - 22 MAY 10.30AM - FOLLOWED BY A PICNIC LUNCH ON THE FIELD WITH FAMILIES

SUMMER FAIR - TBC

SPORTS DAY - 24 JUNE - KS2 MORNING SESSION / KS1 AFTERNOON SESSION

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

PRIZE GIVING ASSEMBLY - 9 JULY 9.15AM

SUMMER BBQ LEAVERS MEAL - 9 JULY - Children only

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY - 9 JULY 2PM

## SUPER LEARNING DAY

A new term, a new Super Learning Day!

The focus the time was Maths, along with a number-themed 'escape room' with each class working together to solve problems before Catmose Primary was hit by a UFO!

Thank you to Mrs Coyne for organising another fun learning day.



# FOCUS ON: CEDAR CLASS

Cedar class have had a brilliant start to the New Year and have been working very hard on their new topic 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. They have been reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' in English and have thoroughly enjoyed re-writing their own version of part of the story. They are looking forward to writing instructions and creating their own marvellous medicines! In art they have been getting messy, by creating their own mix media pictures inspired by the artist Kandinsky - the pictures that they have started to create look fabulous!

The whole class have been introduced to playing a new instrument - the ocarina! They have started to learn how to read basic notes and are trying hard to play a song as a whole class. They have also loved going into the new Science lab for Science lessons. This term they have been sorting materials by name and properties and participating in experiments such as testing which materials are the most absorbent.

Cedar have also enjoyed learning about different religions. Last term they learnt all about Hinduism and how Hindus pray to their Gods. They visited a Hindu temple in Leicester and loved looking at all the different shrines they had for their Gods. Currently, they are learning about Judaism with Tanya and have been exploring what happens during 'Shabbat'. They made their own bread and had their own mini Shabbat celebration!

