

# IN-FOCUS

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## WELCOME

Welcome to another edition of In Focus with lots of exciting learning and events to share.

The children continue to make me very proud each day and work so hard as part of our Catmose Primary team. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and wish you all a happy Easter. Enjoy your chocolate eggs!

Kelly Jackson, Head of School



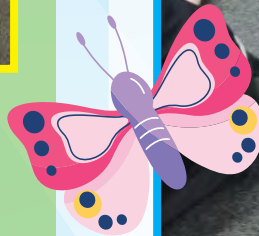
# LEICESTER MUSEUM TRIP

Silver Birch Class had a wonderful time at Leicester Museum, visiting the Egyptian exhibition. This was linked to their topic 'Ancient Egypt'. The children got to touch artefacts and see a real Egyptian Mummy.



# RECORDER JAMBOREE

As part of our music provision, classes learn an instrument as a whole class. Children in Oak Class have been learning to play the recorder and they joined other talented recorder players at the local recorder jamboree.

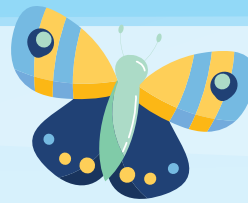


# LIFE SAVING SKILLS

Willow Class took part in a special workshop, learning vital first aid skills. The session was run by 'Steve the Paramedic' who shared key life saving techniques with the children.



# MEET THE KITCHEN TEAM



**Name:** Marina Haley

**Role:** Kitchen Assistant

**Favourite food:** Noodles

**Favourite drink:** a cup of tea!

**Favourite place in the world:** Scotland

**Best joke:** What do you call a blind dinosaur? A doyouthinkheysawus!

**Name:** Tracey Sharpe

**Role:** Kitchen Assistant

**Favourite food:** Jacket potatoes with all kinds of toppings.

**Favourite drink:** Hot chocolate with whipped cream and marshmallows.

**Favourite place in the world:** Home

**Best joke:** Why did the tomato turn red? Because it saw the salad dressing!



**Name:** Di Roythorne

**Role:** Cook

**Favourite food:** Chinese food

**Favourite drink:** Fizzy pop

**Favourite place in the world:** Italy

**Best joke:** Why did the custard cry? Because it saw the apple crumble!

## SCOOTABILITY

Children in Oak Class took part in Scooter training this term. They listened brilliantly to their instructions and conducted themselves beautifully around the paths and when crossing the roads.



# FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY



Each class at Catmose Primary 'filled a red nose' with small change donations to support Comic Relief 2023.

The children then told funny jokes at the Catmose Comedy Club.

Thank you so much for all your kind donations towards this worthy cause.



# SPORTING UPDATE

We have had another busy term with lots of sporting events attended by our school teams. Events for both boys and girls have included:

- Football
- tennis
- Sportsability
- Catmose Dance Show

Mr Noronha, our Sports Coach, is always impressed with how well the children play, support each other and show super sportsmanship. Well done Team Catmose!



# PLAYTIMES

Lots of fun at playtimes on the KS1 playground. From stilts to construction play to chalking, we have great fun!



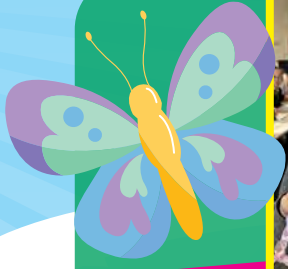
# KARL NOVA

We were thrilled to welcome author, poet and hip hop artist Karl Nova to school recently. He started the day with a whole school assembly where he talked about how his interest in poetry and rap started as a child. Karl performed one of his poems and the pupils loved hearing his stories. They were amazed to learn that rap stands for rhythm and poetry.

During the day, Key Stage 2 classes had a workshop with Karl where they learnt about different types of poetry and literacy devices to describe, such as similes, metaphors, oxymorons and hyperbole. Pupils wrote their own raps and then performed one as a class to music. Karl encouraged the pupils to think about tempo and performance.

The pupils (and staff) had a brilliant day and Karl has inspired so many of our pupils to write their own poetry in their own time. We would like to thank our PTA, Catmose Primary Friends, for contributing towards paying for the visit. It is a day we won't forget for a while!





# WILLOW CLASS SEWING

Our oldest pupils in Willow Class shared their beautiful sewing skills. They made lovely presents for Mothers Day after learning to sew and special stitches.



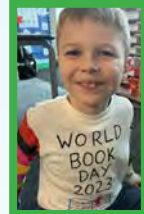
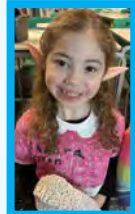
# WORLD BOOK DAY

Staff and pupils joined in fun World Book Day activities today whilst wearing their fabulous handmade 'favourite book' t-shirts!



Every design was unique and showcased the children's favourite book. Our wonderful PTA, Catmose Primary Friends, donated a t shirt for every child.

The day ended with a 'big book swap' meaning that every child took home a new book (or 2!) to enjoy.





## CATMOSE DANCE SHOW

Children who attended Dance Club this term wowed their families and friends in the Catmose Dance show held at Catmose College. They danced and performed so well in front of a large audience, we are so proud of them all.



# DIARY DATES 2022/23

STARS ASSEMBLY - EVERY FRIDAY AT 9.15AM

Parents and carers are welcome to join these assemblies each week.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES - SHOW AND TELL DURING STARS ASSEMBLY:

Please come along to your child's class Show and Tell assembly, these are at the beginning of a Stars Assembly.



Ash Class: 23 June  
Beech Class: 24 March  
Cedar Class: 10 March  
Oak Class: 19 May  
Redwood Class: 5 May  
Silver Birch Class: 3 February  
Willow Class: 10 February

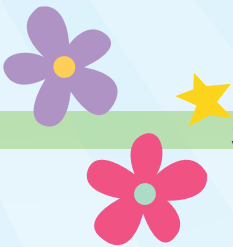


PARENTS' EVENING

Tuesday 7 March 4 - 6pm / Thursday 9 March 5 - 7pm

MAY DANCE EVENT - 26 MAY 10.30AM

Each class performs a dance with every child taking part.  
A May Queen and May King preside over the ceremony



SPORTS DAY - WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE (Reserve Date Thursday 29 June)

KS2 Morning Session 9.30am  
KS1 Afternoon Session 1.45pm

SILVER BIRCH & WILLOW CLASS PRODUCTION - TUESDAY 11 JULY 2PM & 5.30PM

SUMMER BBQ LEAVERS' MEAL - THURSDAY 6 JULY - Children only. All year groups.

PRIZE GIVING AND LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY **UPDATE**

The Leavers' Assembly in which Year 6 pupils will give their speeches, watch a slide show and enjoy refreshments afterwards with Year 6 parents will be held on **Wednesday 12th July at 2.30pm.**

This event will be for Year 6 parents only to attend as a special, smaller affair.

Prize-giving, with a special gift and mention for each Year 6 pupil with a surprise video will be held as planned on **Thursday 13th July at 2.30pm.** This will be open to the whole school to attend.

