

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our spring edition newsletter. We are excited to share the latest updates, achievements and events within Cedars.

Nursery

We have been very busy this half term learning all about growing and where our food comes from! We enjoyed cutting up and trying fruits and vegetables and talking about how they look, taste and smell. We read 'Jack and the Beanstalk', so we decorated lots of boxes with all sorts of green material and built our very own beanstalk for our classroom, I wonder what is at the top?

We have been outside every day - rain or shine - and have been looking at the changes in the weather from Winter to Spring. We have loved having book club outside and using chalk to decorate the nursery garden.

It has been a busy and fun-filled half term, we hope you enjoy a restful Easter break.



Years 3 and 4

Years 3 and 4 have been working hard over the Spring Term to put together a production of 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse', which they performed brilliantly to the school, as well as their parents and carers over three different shows. The children spoke clearly and the singing was fantastic. The solo and group performers really stood out. Well done to all the children, they should be extremely proud of their achievement.



Reception

Yet another exciting and busy half term in Reception!

We have enjoyed and surprised ourselves when learning about different foods and where they come from - plants or animals! We also used fruits to create faces in the style of Arcimboldo.

We counted down the days until Spring and have been spotting the signs. We matched baby animals to their parents and learnt their names.

We have been fascinated watching some vegetable scraps grow long, luscious leaves which could be eaten in a salad! We ended the term making and creating lots of different Easter crafts and activities, including yummy chocolate nests of course!



Years 1 and 2

Key Stage 1 have packed lots into this Spring Term. We really enjoyed our fact hunting about nocturnal animals in English and taking a walk on the wild side with our Lion King inspired dance

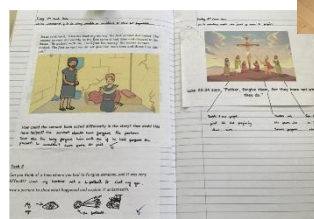
compositions. We have continued to learn poems as a whole class off by heart and some children were brave enough to recite them in front of all the other children - bravo! This week we had a great morning exploring how to shape and mould clay before creating our own sculptures inspired by textures in nature.



We hope you have a lovely Easter.
Key Stage 1 Team

Year 6 Easter Cracked

Across the school we have been learning about the Easter story. Year 6 attended Easter Cracked at Lovat Hall Church to develop their understanding of Easter and the main events in further detail.



Cross Country

Team Cedars were in action for the Milton Keynes Schools Sports Partnership Primary Cross Country Championships at Milton Keynes Rugby Club on Saturday 23rd March 2024.

Having been rained off twice since October, we thought the weather might have beaten us again. It was really windy but the sun did come out - phew! Our team had boys and girls from Years 3 to 6 and every single runner was a credit to the school. The team spirit was brilliant and they all cheered for each other - loudly. The course always feels never-ending and most of the children have never competed with as many other runners at one time.

The addition of one fluorescent green legwarmer for each runner meant we could easily spot anyone from Team Cedars and other schools were quite envious of this! Nobody left anything out on the course and we are incredibly proud of all of the runners.
Miss Hunt and Miss Pollendine.



Easter

At Easter, Christians remember Jesus' death and rising to life again. Easter is usually celebrated over two days: Good Friday, which is celebrated every year between March 22nd and April 25th and Easter Sunday, which is celebrated the following Sunday. These dates change each year.



Comic Relief Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March, we joined the fundraising for Comic Relief. The children enjoyed coming to school in their own clothes. Thank you for all of your generous donations, we raised an amazing £223.

POETRY BY HEART

This term the children have been working hard at home and in school to learn poems by heart. Children across the school joined in with the Poetry by Heart competition and the standard of performances was very high.

Reception winner: Raven
Years 1 and 2 winner: Cassidy
Years 3 and 4 winner: Charlie
Years 5 and 6 winner: Anabelle

Please use the QR codes below to listen to some of the poems:

Oliver



Ava



General reminders

- Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time every day.
- Encourage regular reading habits at home to enhance literacy skills.
- Kindly inform the school of any changes to contact information or emergency contacts.

As always, we welcome your feedback and involvement in our school community. If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to volunteer, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to provide the best possible educational experience for our children.

We hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15th April.

Best wishes

Mrs Goldsmith

