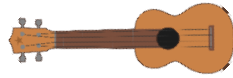




What's been happening?

Ukulele Concert



On Tuesday the children in Year 4 dazzled us with a *fantastic* ukulele performance. Children from every class along with a great number of parents and family members were treated to a variety of songs that the Year 4 have been learning within their 10 week block of lessons.



The very talented Mr Robin Davies from South Glos Music Hub has been coming into school on a Friday afternoon to teach the children and will continue after Christmas with another 10 weeks of lessons. His skill and passion have clearly rubbed off on the children!

It was great to see the children perform a brand new instrument with such confidence and enjoyment. The audience bopped along to songs such as '500 Miles', 'Banana Boat', 'Rockin' Robin' and 'Rocking around the Christmas Tree'

Building Bridges



Year 5 have been using their skills of teambuilding in Design and Technology this week to build a bridge strong enough to hold a weight of at least 5.5kg.



They were given a budget to buy their materials such as card, plastic/paper straws sellotape and masking tape.



They had to design their bridge and work together to join the materials together to ensure the best result. Mr Monks was very impressed as one group's bridge managed to hold almost 10kg in weight. *Well done!*

Word of the Week

Class	This week	Next week
Hazel Class	Christmas	Hanukkah (Jewish Festival of Lights)
Pine Class	traitor	
Willow Class	mummification	
Beech Class	sensational	
Maple Class	viaduct	
Oak Class	parallel	

Mummifying Tomatoes



Willow Class have been very busy this week. As part of their topic on the Egyptians the children have been learning about mummification. They were lead through the step by step process, previously carried out on Pharaohs in ancient Egypt, using a tomato.



The children scooped out the flesh from inside the tomato and put them in different pots (canopic jars) much like the Egyptians did with the human organs many years ago.

This hands on experience really helped the children to fully understand mummification.

The tomatoes are currently drying out with the help of bicarbonate of soda and salt. The children are really looking forward to observing the changes over time and comparing these to a normal tomato that has had nothing done to it.

Watch this space!



Christmas in Style!

On the 15th December (our last day in school) the children are allowed to dress in their Christmas finery. Christmas jumpers, Christmas accessories or maybe a bit of tinsel can be worn by the children for our Christmas mufti. This is just a bit of fun so there will be no donation required for dressing up.

Christmas Dinner

We would like to say a huge thank you to Rachel and Lorraine in the school kitchen for a **truly scrumptious** Christmas dinner on Thursday. **Delicious!!**



Congratulations!



Dates for your diary!

DATE	EVENT
Tues 12 th Dec	KS1 Nativity performance @9.30am
Weds 13 th Dec	Willow and Beech Christmas party
Thurs 14 th Dec	Maple and Oak Christmas party KS2 Carols by Candlelight 5.30pm
Fri 15 th Dec	KS1 Christmas party (Holly, Hazel + Pine) Last Day of Term 2
Tues 2 nd Jan	First day back at school
Wed 3 rd Jan	KS1 trip to Bristol Hippodrome <i>Aladdin</i>
Thurs 11 th Jan	Willow Class swimming