



Over the Rainbow....



It would be hard for parents in the Junior classes not to be aware that the Wizard of Oz "The Movie" has now moved into full swing. We are so grateful to Ben (Olive and Eliza) who has taken this on-board so whole-heartedly and has formed a small team of parents to help with the production.

Children throughout the school are rehearsing their songs and dances with Mark B and the teachers, ready for filming which starts on Tuesday 11th May. The shoot is planned to take two weeks. The first week will be outside 'location' filming and from the week of 17th May, the hall will be turned into a Sound Stage for the interior filming. Children in Elder class will also have the opportunity to work 'behinds the scenes', directing, as camera and boom operators, sound recordists, and lighting technicians. Elder and Willow classes will also be animating two of the scenes using digital software.

This is such a lovely opportunity for the children to experience a professional film production and we are grateful to Ben and the other parents in the team who are working hard to make this happen.



Munchkinland

This week the children in Willows started to create Munchkinland. They learnt how to work with withies to create giant flowers structures that they will finish off with colourful tissue paper.

They painted all the boxes that will become munchkin houses white so that when we use poster paint colours on them, they will be bold and bright. The children worked so well on these tasks demonstrating some excellent teamwork skills.



Oak Trees have been developing their writing skills acting as newspaper journalists. They planned interview questions for 'Dorothy' (Mary Holmes) and writing a newspaper report. They also used their photography skills to take photos of her and their model houses complete with a squished witch!



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May Day is here!

This week every class has had a chance to have a go at Maypole dancing. The skills this year are amazing, thanks to Helen and the teacher's expert instruction!

Watch out for the Green Man!!

Elder Class had a wonderful time at forest school – planning, creating and performing their own Beltane ceremony.

There was even a surprise appearance of the Green Man!



Shadows in the playground

Whilst out in the playground practising their throwing, catching and balancing skills, some of the Kindergarten made an 'awesome' discovery...shadows make excellent pictures! Next week they are going to continue exploring this.



Froebel Bookclub!

Following on from the Froebel Gathering last week we have invested in 8 copies of Tina Bruce's latest book 'Friedrich Froebel, a critical introduction to key themes and debates, on for each teacher. We will be dedicating time in our weekly staff meetings to discuss chapters from the book. If you are interested in reading it, you can get a copy from most booksellers or Amazon. You can also watch the webinar on the Froebel Trust's website.

<https://www.froebel.org.uk/traini>



Sycamore Masterchef!

Sycamore Class have begun creating their own class cook book, by collecting the children's favourite recipes from home. They then take it in turns to share and make their recipes at school, this week was Zakai's turn to be 'MasterChef', as he showed his classmates how to make his yummy banana pancakes!

Menu for next week:

Tuesday: Pasta and tomato sauce

Wednesday: Jacket potato, beans, cheese + veg

Thursday: Tomato soup and sourdough bread

Dates for your diary:

Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Last day of Summer Term: Thursday 8th July

First day of Autumn Term: Monday 6th September

Autumn Half Term: 25th to 29th October

Last Day of Autumn Term: Thursday 9th December