

# Headteacher's Newsletter

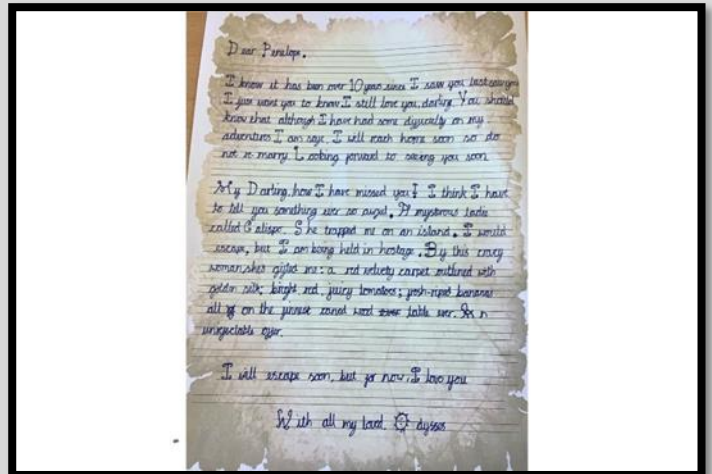
## Spring Term Issue 2

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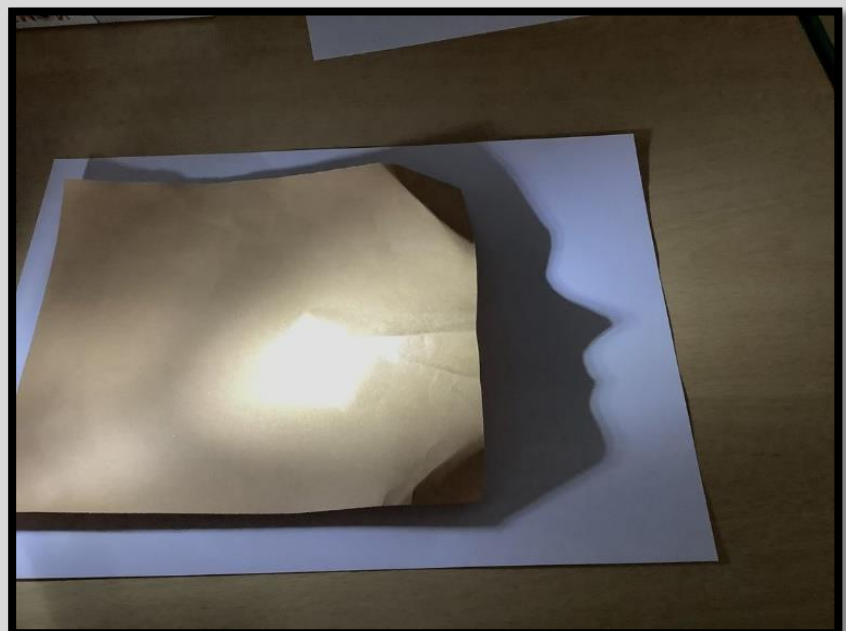
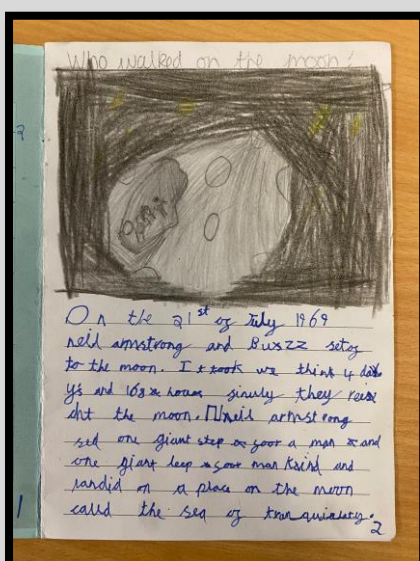
Dear Parents and Carers

This half term many of the children and some of the staff were hit by various winter bugs but we have rattled on through and the children have as always produced some super work.

In Willow class the children have been looking at colour and shape through the artist Kandinsky and produced some of their own artwork. Beech have enjoyed learning about famous astronauts and space. In Chestnut Class the children studied the artist Kumi Yamashita, who works with light and shadow and created some of their own work using paper sculpture, light and photography. Oak have been learning about Ancient Greece through reading The Odyssey.



Clockwise from top  
Written piece by James (Oak)  
Willow Class Kandinsky art  
Shadow Art by Jasper (Chestnut)  
Moon writing by Barney (Beech)





Cliddesden recently competed in the Basingstoke Schools indoor athletics and cross-country events. In the indoor athletics we won some events and came 8<sup>th</sup> overall. The cross country was a huge event with many children from other Basingstoke schools. Although we didn't win anything, the children tried hard and some improved on their personal best.

This week we also took part in the second round of The Norman League Tag Rugby. Again, our team were outstanding, winning all their games. With the league half-way through, we are top of the table and 12 points clear of second placed Kempshott Juniors.

#### **Norman League Tag Rugby League Table as it stands**

		Played	Points	Tries Scored
1	Cliddesden	8	38	31
2	Kempshott	8	26	25
3	North Waltham	8	26	24
4	St John's	8	16	20
5	Hatch Warren	8	14	10

Today we say goodbye to Mr Thorpe who has been working with Mrs Montgomerie in Oak Class. Mr Thorpe is a student teacher who did a six-week placement here this term. He now returns to Fairfields for the rest of the academic year to complete his trainee year. We thank Mr Thorpe for his time here and are confident he will soon become a very good qualified teacher.

#### **Diary Dates**

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February Spring term 2 begins
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 3:30 Oak Class Parent Meeting re: PGL Residential
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Parent Consultation Evenings (details to follow)
- Oak Class Residential 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Term

Have a lovely half term break everyone.

*Kenneth Davies*  
Headteacher

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