

What a marvellous week we have had with 'm'. We have drawn a picture of Mummy (displayed on the cupboard in the big room), made a mermaid, made some noisy maracas, painted with marbles, made a material monster, painted and decorated a medal, constructed a motorbike, played with magnets, coloured a monkey, made some sugary mice and ate many delicious snacks beginning with 'm' and made extraordinary animals with our new 'morphs'.



In circle time on Monday Serena invites the children to show any items beginning with the letter of the week they have brought in. This week we had monkeys, Mohican wigs, masks, mobile phones, mice to name but a few. Here is Georgie who spent ages decorating her maracas beautifully.



Sofia and Alexei concentrating hard on stirring their fondant mixture and the finished mice!

We enjoyed some sumptuous snacks for break, healthy melon and not so healthy, but delicious mini rolls and madeleines (a great opportunity to discuss healthy v unhealthy - but nice for a treat!).



Morley bravely trying some melon. Molly, always keen to help, handing round the mini rolls and everyone in Virge's class giving the madeleines the thumbs up.

This week the topic chosen by the children was ballet. On Wednesday we invited everyone to come in dressed in clothes appropriate for dancing as we had a special visitor, Megan, from ..... She showed us her special dancing shoes which had hard blocks in to enable her to go on pointe, then we all practised some ballet positions. We have learnt a brand new song about ballet which we sang to Lucy Gibbs who came to talk to us about ballet dancers on Thursday. She brought a beautiful book with some pictures of famous ballet dancers and we watched some clips on the laptop of male dancers jumping high in the air.



The Willow's very own ballerinas in their pink dance outfits. Megan showing her dancing skills. Lucy Gibbs and Virge playing some clips of ballet dancers.

During gym this week we played rugby. We learnt to throw the ball, kick the ball and score a try.



### Fridays at The Willow

This week was Morley's turn for Show and Tell. Morley brought in two dinosaurs; one called "Clawey" and the other called "Mr. ...". He brought in dinosaurs "because I like dinosaurs...he's passed his baby years and he's now 2.5...when he eats so many plants he's still hungry.....I think I've got a tank full of dinosaurs at home". We talked about other things dinosaurs eat, and the words *herbivores* and *omnivores*.

We also made delicious mice in cooking, heard a story about the Gruffalo, made shapes with matchsticks, painted dragon scales and really enjoyed getting down on the floor and doing free-painting.

Morley, Jack, Beatrice,  
Sofia & Olga free-  
painting.



Morley showing Serena his dinosaurs

### Reminders

- The letter of the week next week is 'n' and our topic is Chinese New Year.
- We are going to the library on Thursday so please pick up your children at 12.15 from **Clapham Library**. In the event of rain we will text everyone if we are unable to go.
- There is the first coffee morning of the term on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at Café Nero at 11.30 am. Everybody welcome - it is a great way to chat to the other parents.
- Just to let you know that Serena is a qualified acupuncturist and practises in the afternoon in Clapham, if you are interested in a rejuvenating treatment please help yourself to a leaflet in the hall.