

### William Ford CE Junior School

### Weekly Newsletter Summer Term 1 Week 2

Dear parents/carers and pupils,

I hope, like me, you are looking forward to the bank holiday weekend; please do remember that the school will be closed on Monday. We look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Tuesday for our special 'Values Day.'

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, yesterday launched The Big Ask – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Please could you encourage your children to <u>complete this survey</u>.

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited <u>to complete the adult survey</u> to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.



The pupils continue to enjoy their new tables and chairs and this week we were able to open our new Computing Suite. It has been fantastic to see so many classes using this as part of their computing sessions as well as supporting work in other subjects. As part of our preparation works, we have had a good clear out where we identified lots of books and resources that are no longer relevant to our curriculum. It has been a pleasure to be able to support Diabour Heritage Academy in Techiman, Ghana through the giving of books, desks and chairs. Already, the books have arrived and are being enjoyed. An extract from a letter I received from their principal states:

We wish to express our profound gratitude to the leadership and governors of William Ford Church of England Junior School for donating books to the school library. We are pleased to accept and shall use the books for the intended purpose of improving pupils literacy. We thank you once again and may the Good Lord replenish all that you have given out in support of our teaching materials.

I pray you all have a wonderful, long bank holiday weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford Headteacher

### Proverbs 26:21

Charcoal and wood keep a fire going. In the same way, a quarrelsome person keeps an argument going.



## This week: Mrs. Gladden

Mrs. Gladden is the newest member of our team who has just joined us from St. Margaret's Primary in Barking. She will be another friendly face in the office and voice on the phone to help you with any queries you may have.

**Interesting fact:** Mrs. Gladden, when younger, used to be a ballroom dancer. She competed in various competitions and won a host of medals!

# Kerry's Korner

Please see below our Summer menu!

We have served 1,110 meal this week!!

We have decided to launch our new menu early.

We have kept the 3-week menu and brought back picnic Friday.

We have included a hot pack lunch take away day as the children love to get outside.

We have introduced Cook's Choice dessert so we can serve different desserts and ice lollies on this day.

We have listened to the children and increased the portion size and put old favourites back on the menu.

Please note unless your child has dietary or medical requirements we cannot change the menu or change food items.





### Sandwich making in Year 3

This week Soma and Anne from 3D report about their DT lesson.

This week in Year 3, we have been learning about fractions in maths and focusing on our feelings in RE. We really enjoyed this but the most amazing part of our week was making the sandwiches in our DT lesson on Tuesday! We made our own sandwiches and had a variety of different breads which were: white bread, brown bread, wraps and baguettes. Fillings to choose from were: cucumber, chicken, tomatoes, lettuce, ham and cheese. When we tasted the sandwiches, they were so GOOD!!!

# **Reading books**

It is wonderful how many of our pupils have been enjoying reading over the past few weeks and especially during lockdown. However, we do appear to be missing a number of books! Please could all parents check their homes carefully and return any schools books that they find so they can be enjoyed by others.

# New website!

Last Tuesday we welcomed Katie to our school who has taken over 400 hundred stunning photographs of our school and pupils. She was incredibly impressed with the manners of the children and how easy they were to work with. Well done! I do hope our new website will go 'live' in early June.

Website: www.williamfordschool.co.uk Telephone: 0208 270 6582 Email: office@williamfordschool.co.uk

#### Year Three

Well done Year 3 for all your amazing work this week. In English, we have started a new unit of work looking at legends and have explored the story of Saint George and the dragon. The children also loved writing to our sponsor child Shaira as part of our support for her and the Standby Me charity. For Maths, we have been studying fractions, including the tricky area of finding fractions of amounts. The big highlight of the week for many of our children was the DT lesson which allowed them to make their own delicious sandwich.



#### Year Four

This week has been rather busy in Year Four! In English, we have started a new text called Journey to Jo-burg. We spent time comparing what life is like in South Africa compared to the United Kingdom and then completed a comprehension task on the story. In maths, we have started our new topic about money. We discussed bank accounts and made different amounts using coins and notes. We then moved on to estimating and rounding amounts of money. Again, this maths topic is something that the children would really benefit from practising at home. Perhaps they can help you with

## Have you been wondering what your children were up to in school?

## Well, wonder no more....

a shopping task over the weekend. In history, we have learnt about the Roman invasions of Britain. We are continuing to study pattern in our art lessons. We have been lucky enough to enjoy our monthly birthday parties again today and the children have had a great time celebrating with their friends. It was lovely to see some of the children playing a game we all loved ourselves as kids, 'What's the time Mr Wolf?' Can't beat an old classic! We wish you all a happy and relaxing Bank Holiday Monday and we welcome the children back for a very exciting day on Tuesdav!



#### **Year Five**

This week in Year 5, we have been continuing to study the Greek Myths in English using the impressive resources developed for us by Cambridge University. The children have continued to look at the story of King Midas and have been planning, editing and finalising their own versions of the story with their own personal twists.

In Maths, we have been continuing to improve skills working with decimals, working on adding and subtracting decimals with the same number of decimal places and then moving on to using these skills in problem solving contexts.

In RE, we have been finalising our reflections on the topic of Salvation finding out about famous people who have made significant sacrifices. The children then had the choice of how to present their findings either on paper,

poster or via powerpoint.

In Geography, we have begun the new topic of Rivers and we have begun this by learning all about the water cycle with the children writing a detailed explanation of how this works.

But, in the midst of all this hard academic study, we haven't forgotten to make the most of the fine, bright weather as the children have been developing their athletics skills in PE, this week focussing on improving their running styles and looking at how to build their speed

### **Year Six**

In English this week, the pupils have been introduced to their unit on short stories. They have read the story 'The Nightmare Man' by Pie Corbett. They have realised that some people are fearful of the dark and have considered how it makes objects appear to be something much more terrifying than they actually are.

In maths, the children have continued their work on statistics, this week



reading and interpreting pie charts. Geography lessons have continued on the theme of South America. The children have researched the range of climates found in the continent and have thought about some of the reasons that these different climates exist. The children have also been thrilled to have their first lesson in the computing suite. They used this opportunity to research Colombia. In RE the children have been thinking about some of the things that the Bible tells us about what God is, and importantly what God is not.

stars of the week

Year Three		
3A	Name: Diya	Name: Alexander
	For: being helpful and polite towards a new member of	For: working hard with limited supervision and using his
	his class. 👘 🔀 🖕	time wisely.
3D	Name: Soma 🦰	Name: Mikel 🛛 🚽 🚽
	For: Being resilient to overcome her barriers in maths	For: Always working hard and trying his best.
	this week. She is also very helpful in class. 🦰 🛛 🧡 🚩	
3M	Name: Bobby 🥂	Name: Rhianne 🚬 🕺 📉
	For: Working hard and trying his best. 🛛 🗧 📩	For: Her excellent contributions to our Maths lessons.
Year Four		
4A	Name: Daniel Ologundudu	Name: Isra Ali 🛛 📩 🖰
	For: Working hard on all tasks this week, well done!	For: Working diligently both in class and in group work.
41	Name: Evanna Gbenedio	Name: Brendan Smith
	For: Settling in well to her new class and being an	For: Working extremely hard this week on all tasks, keep
	absolute super star.	it up!
4R	Name: Khemani Mangaroo	Name: Ruby-Mae Seth
	For: His fantastic behaviour and effort in class.	For his: Being focused in class and trying hard in maths
Year Five		
5B	Name: Mehreen Nisha	Name: Samuel Ekhayeme
	For: her generosity in working with her peers.	For: demonstrating an improved attitude to his work
		this week.
5H	Name: Kaima Nzeocha	Name: Daniel Ehinola
	For: working diligently at all times and being a great	For: working diligently and having an improved attitude
	example to others.	in class.
5P	Name: Mack Harvey	Name: Esther Olatubosun
	For: being very helpful and for persevering	For: consistently showing humility
Year Six		
6H	Name: Emmanuel Ibitoye	Name: Kelsie-Marie Millen
	For: Generosity in helping and great contributions to our	For: Super effort and progress in arithmetic lessons this
	in-class assemblies.	week.
6L	Name: Ruth Abeje	Name: Kadance Race
	For: Working hard across all lessons in the curriculum.	For: working very hard to understand pie charts in
		maths.
6N	Name: Maressa Mostachi 🗵 🛁	Name: Sabia Akthar
	For: Making good choices and working hard.	For: Showing more confidence in class.



Learning from Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to work diligently, act generously and live at peace with everyone.

Psalm 34:14 - Seek peace and pursue it.