



## William Ford CE Junior School

### Weekly Newsletter Summer Term 1 Week 6

Dear parents/carers and pupils,  
We have won an award! Despite all of the arrangements and adjustments that have had to take place due to lockdowns, not least the amount of online learning that the staff have worked diligently and professionally to provide, we have continued to focus on our science provision across the

school and this has now been officially recognised through a national kitemark.

The Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) celebrates the incredible achievements made in the teaching of science and highlights the wonderful provision that is made for pupils at William Ford School. Comments from the report include:

*"Displays are now more interactive - supporting learning and engagement of pupils. I love your working walks. You have purposely worked to update planning*

*- ensuring a wide and deep reach across school" and "Your school embeds vocabulary, modelling, child-led, hands on learning. It is great that staff choose to be observed whilst teaching science - this shows confidence and that children clearly really enjoy science. Observations have shown various strategies and questioning being constantly impactful."*



A huge well done to all of the staff who have ensured that science is well taught and that all pupils experience an exciting, practical science curriculum. A special well done and thank you to our science leader, Mr Marbe who has successfully led the school through this project and has been described in the report as *"a very proactive science lead who really cares about science development at your school."*

Also this week, our Learning Mentor, Mrs Finch has begun running some targeted breakfast clubs for different year groups. This is a bit of a pilot project at the moment and is something we hope to be able to increase in the next academic year. It has been great to see groups of pupils relishing breakfast together as well as playing games and enjoying each other's company.



Our Collective Act of Worship this week was again taken by our charity Stand By Me and this week focused on shelter. This is something we can take for granted and it was wonderful to see how Stand By Me ensure children have a safe place to live and sleep. We have also heard and reflected upon the parable of the wise and foolish builders: thinking about what we build our lives on as well as considering our own need for safety. We also thought about racism during our Tuesday worship and the importance that all people created by God are treated fair and equally.

I am sure like me you are pleased that it is half term next week and the weather forecast looks fantastic! Please remember that Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June is a non-pupil day. We look forward to seeing all pupils back in school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

I pray you all have a wonderful weekend and half term break,

Mr. David Huntingford  
Headteacher

#### Matthew 7: 24

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock





## Meet our TEAM

### This week: Mrs. Legg

Mrs. Legg is our Assistant Headteacher and teaches in Year 6. She has worked at William Ford for six years and loves nothing more than walking with her family and dog over the country park. Mrs Legg also loves horse riding and has recently started running to keep fit.

**Interesting fact:** Mrs. Legg was a journalist before becoming a teacher.



## Cook's Corner

This week we ended on 1,138 cooked meals.

Well done to all the children choosing salad and vegetables this term.

We have increased our orders and will be launching some new and exciting foods to try next term.

We are now working on our new September menu and focusing on fresh, homemade and healthy filling meals.

### New Playground Equipment

This week Kacie in 5P reports on our exciting new playground equipment.



We are so lucky to have all of our new equipment. We already have adventure playgrounds that have tyres and bars that you can play on and a treadmill to keep fit. It's even an adventure just getting out there and racing to do some flips and learn new tricks. Sometimes we have ups and downs but we always try to have fun. The joy and happiness that these things bring is great and my friends and I love the climbing frame. We are so grateful for this equipment.

## Royal Mail Heroes Stamp competition

Today was the deadline for the national Royal Mail Heroes Stamp competition. I was amazed with the 46 entries we had! We are very lucky to have many talented artists at William Ford. The children created a range of wonderfully designed stamps and it was pleasure to hand out certificates for their participation. I am crossing my fingers and toes that we have a winner amongst us.



## Missing Uniform

We have received a couple of requests asking that parents carefully check that their children are bringing home the correct school jumpers and fleeces. As the weather turns warmer, these do get removed by the pupils, placed on a back of a chair which inevitably means they fall on the floor. Children then do not always pick up the correct item! If you do find items in your house that have mistakenly been brought home, please do return these to the school office or your child's class teacher.



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

## Well, wonder no more....



### Year Three

Year 3 have thoroughly impressed us with their hard work this week. In English, they have learned more about myths and legends, including how these stories use powerful language and conjunctions. Our Maths lessons have been focused on multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. We also took advantage of the recent good weather with some PE lessons on the sport of cricket.



### Year Four

This week, Year Four have continued listening to an audio recording of Carrie's War in English. They have been writing bullet points of the main events in each episode and have then completed a range of writing, debate and hot seating activities. In maths, the children have begun their new topic of data by interrogating bar graphs, line graphs and pictograms. Rounders based games have continued to form the children's P.E. lessons whilst in I.C.T. they have enjoyed exploring logo on Purple Mash. The children are really enjoying their weekly group reading sessions. They have the opportunity to delve deeper into the text and discuss it with their teacher and their peers. We are continuing to study repeated pattern in art and have practised our tracing skills and using a compass to

create circular patterns. We have been lucky enough to celebrate our birthday party afternoon today and as usual the children have had a great time enjoying their cakes and playing games. We will be sending the children's P.E. kits home this week so they can be washed ready for next term. Please could these be returned to school by Wednesday so the children can be ready to enjoy P.E. outside in the lovely weather (hopefully). The Year Four Team wish you all a happy and peaceful half term.



### Year Five

This week in Year 5, we have been continuing to study the Greek Myths in English using the resources developed for us by Cambridge University. The children have this week been studying the famous Greek myth Daedalus and Icarus, where he flies too close to the sun. They have been developing their skills in sequencing the story, then summarising it. Finally, they retold their story in their own way either through drama or narration with some dramatic illustration or through simple oral retelling using dramatic, figurative and descriptive vocabulary.

In Maths, the children have been estimating the size and then measuring angles in degrees using protractors. They have then moved on to drawing angles of a given size themselves.

In RE, we have continued to look at the Gospels and the children have been looking at worship, doing a carousel of activities including analysing worshipful art, devising prayer activities and making up their own prayers.



In Geography, the children have continued to learn about rivers and have been engaged in some purposeful learning, researching about pollution and writing letters to the water authorities to tell them about ways that they can prevent this.

### Year Six

In maths this week the children continued with work on angles. The pupils have thought about angles around a point and have learnt that when two straight lines cross, opposite angles are equal. English has seen them continue with their 'Nightmare Man' stories as they have edited and improved their writing.

In science, the pupils have made classification keys of common British birds. They have thought about their size,

colouring and whether the males and females are different.

They have also considered where the birds make their nests. Computing saw the children using spreadsheets to find out the total population of South America. They have continued to use formulae and were able to see that this can be very useful when totalling large numbers. RE saw the children researching a famous Christian to demonstrate how God could be seen in many people's lives.





Year Three		
3A	<b>Name: Sara</b> For: adjusting very well to her new school.	<b>Name: Zara</b> For: consistent excellent attitude
3D	<b>Name: Salwa</b> For: Working with greater independence and making good progress across the curriculum.	<b>Name: Tasfia</b> For: Always working diligently and being a good role model.
3M	<b>Name: Sophia</b> For: Always producing excellent work, and for helping others.	<b>Name: Maddie</b> For: Being hardworking, kind and friendly.
Year Four		
4A	<b>Name: Bridget Obeng</b> For: Being a helpful and kind member of the class	<b>Name: Rebec-Elena Scortanu</b> For: Sharing her prayer in Romanian with the school
4I	<b>Name: Brendan Smith</b> For: Working hard in Maths, keep it up!	<b>Name: Mercy Adedigba</b> For: Being proactive, going the extra mile with her reading and doing dictionary work.
4R	<b>Name: Ray O'Neill</b> For: Increasing his focus across the curriculum	<b>Name: Pola Wozniak</b> For: Being a role model to others and producing excellent work.
Year Five		
5B	<b>Name: Charlie Emerson</b> For: diligence throughout the curriculum.	<b>Name: Malua Ferreira-Amoo</b> For: her peaceful attitude.
5H	<b>Name: Gracie-Mae Hinton</b> For: persevering with maths when drawing angles.	<b>Name: Victoria Sokolova</b> For: always working diligently and taking pride in what she produces.
5P	<b>Name: Marley Sinclair</b> For: being an excellent example to others	<b>Name: Kyla Pietrzyk</b> For: helping to spread peace
Year Six		
6H	<b>Name: Gaius Ade Alade</b> For: super reading of his great story to the class in writing this week.	<b>Name: Zeliha Hamze</b> For: increased effort and concentration in all work this week, especially writing and maths.
6L	<b>Name: Eniayo Olabiyi</b> For: working really hard to improve his swimming.	<b>Name: Kelly-Anne Clarke</b> For: working really hard to improve her swimming.
6N	<b>Name: Sean Hill</b> For: positive attitude in all lessons.	<b>Name: Maya Oros</b> For: fantastic effort in writing her 'Nightmare Man' story.



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.*