



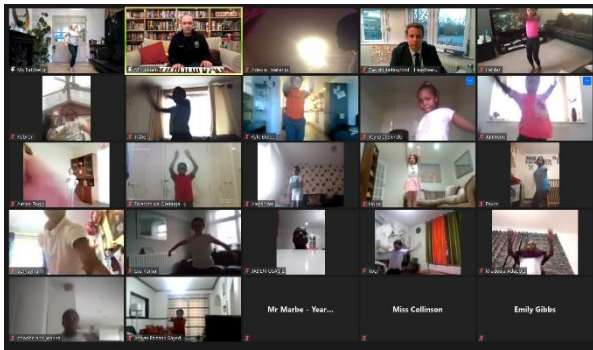
William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 2 Week 5

Dear parents/carers and pupils,

Today is the day that we get to celebrate birthdays that have taken place over the past three months. Back in October 2020, I shared with you the wonderful idea of allowing children to celebrate their special day in school with their friends as current restrictions restrict such gatherings to take place.

The closure of the school prevented us from running these parties in the months of January and February hence we are delighted to be able to 'catch up' today and celebrate those birthdays that occurred during this time as well as in the month of March. What this means is that for the last hour of the last Friday of each month, we will suspend our normal teaching and allow children to party. Each class has different ideas on what they like to do and it is great to see the range of activities that take place. I hope the photos included within this week's newsletter give you a flavour of what has occurred!



I had a new experience this week: I visited the ballet! Now you would be right to wonder how I managed this during a national lockdown but I was privileged enough to attend Year Three's virtual ballet lessons with the Royal School of Ballet. When Mr. Marbe first mentioned this idea to me my response was that Year Three children would never attend this at 6pm in the evening.... how wrong I was! I was so impressed to see how many

joined in this wonderful experience and how impressive their dance moves were. I even had a little go myself but I was not much good!

Finally, we have had to send a lot of children home ill. We are not taking any chances with COVID hence if your child does wake up with any of the following: a headache, cough, runny nose, sore throat, temperature, loss of taste/smell, stomach complaint please DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL but instead arrange for a PCR test to be administered. If you are contacted to collect your child, please arrange for this to happen immediately. We have been fortunate so far not to have a confirmed case since reopening but other schools within the borough have. It would only take a couple of positive children to attend school for the virus to spread potentially resulting in another school closure so please do assist us with this. The same principal applies to all adults in the building who continue to test themselves twice a week. Thank you for your anticipated support with this matter.

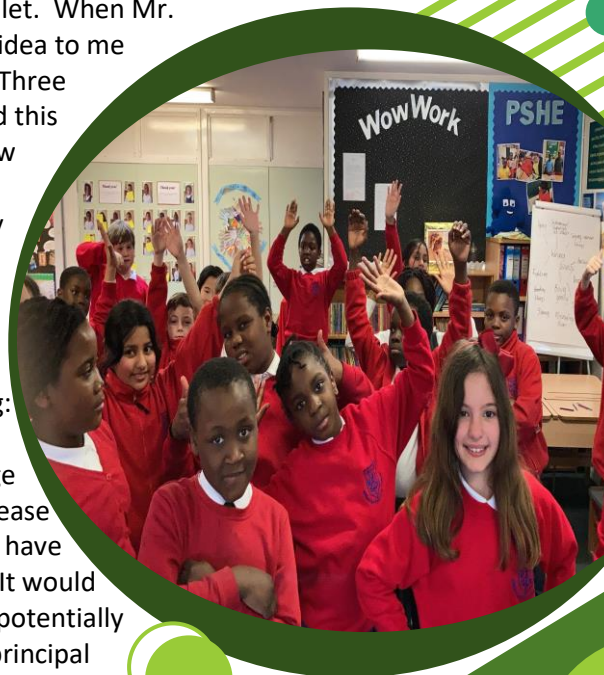
I pray you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher



Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ.



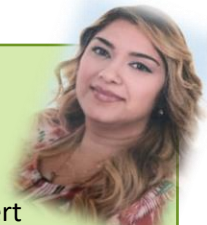


Meet our TEAM

This week: Mrs Ishaq

Mrs Ishaq is one of our Learning Support Assistants and works in Year Three. She is an expert at designing and making clothes and a wonder with a sewing machine. Mrs. Ishaq loves to travel and going to the gym.

Interesting fact: Mrs Ishaq has met the Queen



Cook's Corner

Well, that week went fast!

We have served 1,080 meals this week and as ever hot dog day was the most popular.

We are having to chase up Parent Pay accounts and had to start sending letters home with your child. Please check your child's bag.

If your child's account does go into debt, you will be required to provide a home packed lunch until the account is in credit.



We have had only one entry for our Easter card competition. All entries must be in by Monday 29th March.

We are in the middle of creating a delicious Easter afternoon Tea and it will be announced on Monday 29th March. This will be on the last day of term Thursday 1st April.



Desks and chairs for sale!

One of the exciting developments taking place over Easter is that we are replacing the desks and chairs that the pupils use. We are currently selling our old desks for £5 each and chairs for £2.50. That means you can get a double desk and two chairs for the bargain price of £10! If interested please contact the school office. Collection will need to be made on the last Thursday of term or during the Easter holiday by prior arrangement on either the 6th or 7th April 2021



Lunchtime Activities

This week Daryl Ononakpor in 4A reports on lunchtime activities.



Twice a week at lunchtime, Year 4 pupils get the opportunity to play exciting games like dodgeball in the sports hall with Miss Finch and Mrs Finch. We are put into four teams and get to play the other teams. I really like this because it gives us the chance to play specially organised games somewhere different to the playground. Other year groups also get to go on other days.

Returning from Easter

Please remember that, following the Easter holidays, children return on Monday 19th April 2021. This day is no longer an inset day.

Dagenham Parish Church Easter Trail

Dagenham Parish Church have produced a wonderful Easter Trail that can be used as part of your daily exercise. Please download the required sheets here. <https://tinyurl.com/dz5y96sp>



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

Well, wonder no more....

Year Three

Well done to Year 3 for having another tremendous week. We have begun a new unit in English focusing on shape poems, and our pupils have begun to explore and create their own. In Maths we have continued our focus on fractions and have looked at equivalence between a half and two quarters. We have been learning about food and nutrition in Design and Technology, and our children loved tasting and comparing a wide variety of breads.



Year Four

The Year Four children have continued to work hard this week. In English, we have developed our descriptive writing by using adjectives, adverbs and verbs as sentence starters. Gymnastics has been the focus of our P.E. lessons and the children have been very enthusiastic to develop their balance/travel routines so that the gymnastic equipment can be included. Science has been especially enjoyed by the children this week as they devised and carried out an investigation to test which materials are electrical conductors. Also, this week we have begun our 'eggciting' preparation for a longstanding Year Four Easter tradition The Egg Box Challenge! The children have been designing their own egg boxes in which to keep a raw egg safe

for the day and also thinking about the best way to carry it. The children will be carrying their egg around next week. We will keep you updated on how many eggs survive. We also had our party afternoon and it was lovely to celebrate with those children who have had lockdown birthdays.



Year Five

In English the children have continued to work on their raps in the Ultimate Rap topic. They have first thought about subjects for their rap, then started to write it thinking about the beat, rhythm, rhyme and stanzas. They then edited and improved it and started to practise performing paying attention to pronunciation and projection of voice. Finally, they recorded their raps.

In Maths, apart from testing, we have been looking at percentages, learning about percentages as fractions and decimals and equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages.

In Science, the children have this week been writing up their investigations into thermal insulators from last week using the formal scientific method and recording their measurements in tables and graphs.

In RE, the children have been examining the text from Isaiah. They have considered what the suffering



servant does and does not do. They then read the passage from John and searched for similarities and differences between the texts. They then examined the evidence that Jesus was the suffering servant.

In the Art Design for Purpose unit, the children have completed their designs for a prayer/reflection area, using various different materials. They are now waiting excitedly to find out whose design will be chosen to be reproduced as an actual prayer area in the school.

Year Six

English this week has seen the pupils revising the key features of a newspaper report and planning and writing their own based on the demise of the Highwayman. They have thought carefully about how this would have been reported. They have been imaginative in creating headlines for their reports whilst retaining the correct historical context.

Maths lessons have involved revising fractions and has deepened their understanding of how to simplify fractions and how they know when a fraction is in its lowest terms. They have also continued consolidating their arithmetic strategies.

The children had an enjoyable session in science, investigating how the size of a shadow changes when an object is moved closer to a light source. Perhaps they could explain their findings to you.

History this week found the children thinking about what other family



members did during World War One when the soldiers went off to war. Interestingly, the children discovered that groups of Girl Guides were used to carry messages for MI5!



Year Three

3A	Name: Frankie For: his attentiveness during lessons and doing his best to improve.	Name: Alexandra For: her excellent participation during class and for producing work that shows thought and care.
3D	Name: Jasmine For: Always polite, well mannered and hard working	Name: Adoniya For: Always trying his best; producing excellent work
3M	Name: Awesome For: Working hard, and being kind and helpful.	Name: Layla For: Trying her best and setting a good example to our class.

Year Four

4A	Name: Ishan Nusayr For: Excellent work ethic and behaviour at all times.	Name: Isra Ali For: Trying hard in all of her lessons
4I	Name: Keneolisa Oneyebuashi For: Working diligently and always trying his best in every task.	Name: Yididya Daniel For: Always being kind to others.
4R	Name: Kieran Callender For: Having a positive attitude towards his learning.	Name: Cristina Berry Rodrigues For: Trying hard in all areas of the curriculum.

Year Five

5B	Name: Elena Balan For: showing great kindness to her friends.	Name: Olly Proctor-Overill For: his diligence throughout the curriculum.
5H	Name: Teddy Pender For: showing great focus in his learning and having a very positive attitude.	Name: Mirabel Ilaide For: having a positive attitude towards her learning and always trying her best.
5P	Name: Demar Mangaroo For: Maintaining a cheerful and positive attitude in all his work	Name: Serena Egharevba For: working diligently and purposefully at all times

Year Six

6H	Name: Alesha Naqi For: wonderful writing in all aspects of the curriculum.	Name: Abdul Joaque For: his great attitude and enthusiasm in all lessons.
6L	Name: Adama Touray For: Writing a fantastic newspaper report based on The Highwayman that really captures the emotion of the eye witnesses.	Name: Emilis Poskus For: trying hard to understand new concepts in mathematics.
6N	Name: Lilly-May Harris-Roberts For: hard work across the curriculum.	Name: Olivia Spoor For: hard work and good listening across the curriculum.



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.