



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Summer Term 1 Week 3

Dear parents/carers and pupils,
It may have only been a four-day week, but it has certainly been a busy one! When pupils returned on Tuesday, we held our first whole school theme day based on our new school values. What this means is that we suspended our usual daily timetable and enjoyed activities focused on

our new school values of humility, hope, repentance, forgiveness and service. Each year group had a different value (two in year five) and undertook several different, discussions debates and activities with the aim of truly understanding these attributes and how we can apply them not only within our school but also our everyday lives.

Across the various year groups, there has been a wonderful mix of drama, research, dance, art and writing as children focused on their year group's allocated value. A display is being prepared and I look forward to the day we can invite parents back into our school building to view and celebrate the wonderful work of our pupils.

A reminder from last week, the new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has 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. Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) 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.

Finally, we are currently in the process of increasing the amount of playground equipment and games we have available at lunchtime. This in addition to the dodgeball we run regularly each lunchtime. Some of our new equipment has already arrived and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves and playing so nicely in the sunshine. We have more on order and I look forward to being able to share some photos of these being enjoyed.

I pray you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher



1 Peter 5:6-7
So be humble under God's powerful hand. Then he will lift you up when the right time comes. Give all your worries to him, because he cares for you.

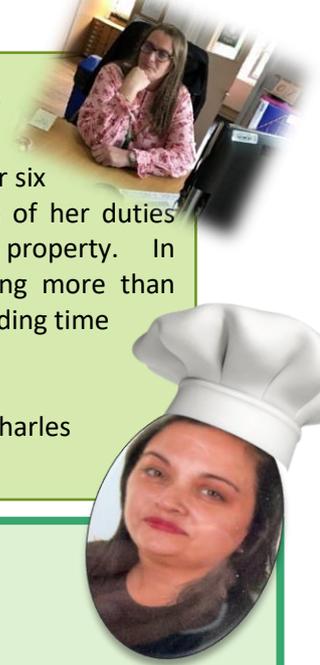


Meet our TEAM

This week: Ms. Watts

Ms. Watts has worked at William Ford for six years and is our welfare assistant. One of her duties include reuniting children with their lost property. In her spare time Ms. Watts loves nothing more than pottering around in her garden and spending time with her two grandchildren.

Interesting fact: Ms. Watts met Prince Charles and Princess Diana.



Cook's Corner

Wow the new menu has gone down a storm!

Picnic Friday is always a favourite but in second place is the sticky chicken 🍗

We have served 918 meals in 4 days which is fantastic.

Thanks to everyone for the great comments and those that stay for school dinners.

Next week is week 2 pizza 🍕

Values Day

This week Taseen in 4A reports on the school values day in year four.

On values day, Year 4 did the topic 'hope'. My most favourite thing was writing about a girl called Greta Thunberg because she hopes that she can inspire people on how bad climate change is. We also found out that Greta was awarded the Noble Peace Prize! I also enjoyed the art because we deigned hope ribbon. We had to explain what each colour represented and everyone worked as a team. Also, I really enjoyed the dancing because the music was about hope too. The lyrics meant that God is always by our side. We had to get into a circle and step backwards twice and forwards twice along with the music.



Siviter Way, Dagenham

It is no secret that parking around the school site is not easy. However, we all need to play our part in ensuring everyone is kept safe and that our neighbours are not inconvenienced. Unfortunately, I am still receiving complains of cars being parked across residents' driveways along with dangerous and illegal maneuvers being performed. The roads in and around Siviter Way are of particular concern.

This is an issue that I take extremely seriously, especially as I once had to manage a critical incident where a child was hit by the car of another parent and was dragged for several metres resulting in life changing injuries and the parent who was driving being arrested at the scene. As you can appreciate the affect this had on all involved and those who witnessed this was horrific so please, let us all try and walk to school where possible and be considerate when driving and parking. We have alerted the local authority to this and hope to see enforcement patrolling the area soon.



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

Well, wonder no more....



Year Three

Well done to Year 3 for another amazing week. The children excelled this week during Values Day and loved learning about our school value of service. This included learning about service in the Bible, thinking about people who serve others, and how we can show service to each other around the school. We explored these concepts with creative and drama tasks, including creating a watercolour painting of farmers at work in their fields. In English we have continued to learn about legends and in Maths we have studied equivalent



Year Four

It was lovely to welcome Year Four children back after the bank holiday weekend. On Tuesday, we went straight into our school values day which the children really enjoyed. The Year Four value is hope and all three classes



participated in an art, dance and English activity based on this. We hope the

children told you all about the different things they did. We were really impressed with the mature, thoughtful responses the children gave when describing their own hopes. In maths, we have continued to work on addition and subtraction of money and have practised giving change. Please continue to encourage the children to practise using money when going to the shops. In history we have been learning about Boudicca which the children always really enjoy. In R.E. we are beginning our new unit called 'The Fall' which looks closely at the story of Adam and Eve and their changing relationship with God.

Year Five

We began the week on Tuesday with our special Values Day. Year 5 were looking at the value of forgiveness and repentance.

The children were able to explore these values through art, creating their own works in paint; through storytelling by imagining a world where there was no forgiveness or repentance; and through drama, exploring the parable of the prodigal son and various other scenarios that they may themselves face in their own everyday lives. In English, we have been looking at the story of the Fall of Phaethon, which teaches us about how pride comes before a fall. We begun by listening to the story dramatised by a classical actor and we looked at a classical painting of the story while examining the text to find good examples of the descriptive language used to create excitement and atmosphere in the climax to the story. We have then been planning a new version of the story with a twist on the



moral taught. In Maths, we have continued to work on adding and subtracting decimals with a different number of decimal places and then using these skills in the context of solving problems. In RE, we have completed our topic of salvation with the children completing an extended piece of writing to demonstrate their understanding of everything that we have covered in this unit.

In Science, we have continued our topic on Animals Including Humans and the children have been sorting animals according to their different lifecycles. We have also continued our new topic of Rivers in Geography and the children have this been consolidating their understanding of the water cycle.

Year 6

It was lovely to come back after a long weekend to a special theme day on the school values. The pupils in Year 6 took part in a number of activities based around humility such as drama, art and analysing Christian songs. They also learned about two school girls who previously did not know each other and became friends through the act of



humility that one of them showed to the other. They also wrote as one of these girls to show how the act of humility had effected their lives for the better. In maths, the pupils have been looking at how to work out the mean of a set of numbers as well as a range of reasoning questions using these skills. Half of the year group are also enjoying the swimming lessons each Friday and many have made great progress just in two weeks!



Year Three		
3A	<p>Name: Reggie For: Always being very helpful, polite and courteous.</p>	<p>Name: Joanna For: Always being cooperative and motivated to learn.</p>
3D	<p>Name: Jackson For: Carefully following instructions to create a beautiful piece of Art work for Values Day.</p>	<p>Name: Deborah For: Always being helpful and showing acts of kindness to others.</p>
3M	<p>Name: David For: Trying his best in all his work.</p>	<p>Name: Kebron For: Spreading joy and cheerfulness around the school.</p>
Year Four		
4A	<p>Name: Taseen Ahmed For: Excellent participation in all areas of school life and outstanding behaviour at all times.</p>	<p>Name: Layla Akinlana For: Excellent effort in guided reading, well done!</p>
4I	<p>Name: Robert Dunas For: Always working hard in class and giving great oral contributions.</p>	<p>Name: Emily Jupi For: Her energetic and positive attitude.</p>
4R	<p>Name: Eva Kaithakulath For: Her outstanding poem written in R.E.</p>	<p>Name: Kevin Uzoma-Ufomba For: His thoughtful contributions in PSHE.</p>
Year Five		
5B	<p>Name: Eliora Watson For: her creativity and hard work in English</p>	<p>Name: Jack Sallis For: diligent work in RE, English and phonics this week.</p>
5H	<p>Name: Benjamin Fasogbon For: persevering in P.E. and improving his javelin throwing skills.</p>	<p>Name: Stefania Stanca For: her service to others in the class, helping them with their work.</p>
5P	<p>Name: Nadiya Rahman For: Settling in really well in a new school</p>	<p>Name: Riley Smith For: excellent contributions to class discussions</p>
Year Six		
6H	<p>Name: Jaylen Alo For: excellent contributions to reading and comprehension lessons and great letter writing this week!</p>	<p>Name: Aimee Porter For: great work on Values Day and presenting a super game based on the value 'humility'.</p>
6L	<p>Name: Mary-Michelle Bamidele For: excellent progress in swimming through determination and hard work.</p>	<p>Name: Kay kay Dike For: excellent determination and progress in swimming.</p>
6N	<p>Name: Ruby Carey For: Enthusiasm across the curriculum including after school groups.</p>	<p>Name: Enzo Thaqi For: Hard work across the curriculum.</p>



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.