



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Summer Term 2 Week 1

Dear parents/carers and pupils,
Welcome back to the final half term before the summer break. I trust you all had a wonderful half term holiday and were able to enjoy the sunshine. Please could I take this opportunity to remind you to ensure your child does have a water bottle in school each day. Currently we can only use our water fountains to refill bottles.

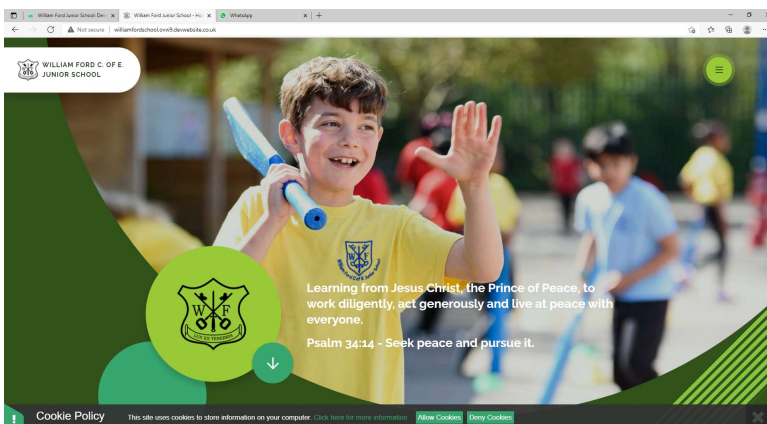
During the half term break, I have received some reports of pupils trying to add teachers to their social media profiles. Firstly, all William Ford pupils are too young to have Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat etc so please check your children are not using these.

Secondly, the members of staff have reported that their security settings are high hence no profile picture would have been displayed. This means the child cannot be sure it is a member of staff they have found; they could be adding a stranger.

All school staff are prohibited from adding pupils/parents (unless they are relatives or friends with the parent outside of school) hence all requests will be declined. Please speak to your children about this as adding a person based on just their surname is incredibly dangerous.

Thank you for your support in keeping your children and our pupils safe.

**** COMING SOON ****



We are in the final stages of uploading content to our brand new school website. We are working incredibly hard to ensure this goes live during the next two weeks – especially now that our contract for our previous website has ended. Our new site will be bright, colourful, linked to our social media profiles and much easier to navigate. It will include all letters and documents you may need along with clearly showing all upcoming school events.

I pray you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher



Psalm 91:4
"Under His wings,
shall you trust and
find refuge."



Meet our TEAM

This week:

Mrs. Groom has worked at William Ford for 14 years. Her interests are reading and walking her beloved greyhound rescue dog 'Reggie'.

Interesting fact: In 2015 Mrs. Groom ran in a half marathon to raise funds for McMillan.



Cook's Corner

This week we have served 905 meals.

The children staying for our picnic lunches this week have been cooling down with choc ices and rocket lollies!

Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle with full name and class whilst the weather is hot.

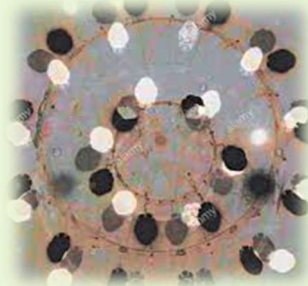
Togetherhness – The BIG summer art project

I think we can all agree that the past year has been a tough one. We still haven't seen some of our loved ones who are still shielding. We have decided that every year there will be a summer art competition. This year's theme will be based on togetherness; as a community we have worked hard to unite against Covid. Your art work can represent this in any way you want, either a family portrait, or a picture of someone you miss, hands in a pattern, parts of nature that represent togetherness like a tree or choose to show togetherness in an abstract way with lines and shapes. Feel free to be inspired by the pictures included or do your own research before deciding.

I am looking to see a range of art work: statues, a series of photographs, paintings, models, collages, clay models, etc.

Use a range of different materials:

- Watercolours
- Recycled products
- Coloured paper
- Paints
- Oil pastels
- Acrylic paints
- Tissue paper



Be as creative as you can, the bigger the better! This is a family project so you can all get involved.

All pieces of art work are due in on the Thursday 1st July.

We are hoping to hold an art exhibition at the end of the year, dates to be confirmed, following the easing of restrictions to show your wonderful creations.

First Prize – An acrylic paints art set

Second prize – Watercolours

Third prize – Charcoal pencils

Year 6 Transition Workshop



I really enjoyed our lesson with the youth leaders that came into our school on Thursday. It fascinated me and answered my questions about what harassment is and how to deal with it when I move up to secondary school. I can't wait for the next lesson as it was really fun and I learned lots. We will have having three more seeks of sessions every Thursday.



On the 15th June the whole school will be taking part in Young Voices' Guinness World Record attempt for

the most number of people to sing the same song simultaneously. We will be singing the Bill Withers classic: 'Lovely Day', accompanied by Ruti and Billy Ocean. [Learn to Sign Lovely Day for the YV Biggest Sing by clicking here.](#) YV will also be supporting the charity Place2Be, if you would like to support them, please purchase the Young Voices [cover of Lovely day](#) or [donate using this link.](#)



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 brilliant week. Our children have focused on their grammar and punctuation in English, with a big emphasis on writing speech. They will soon be putting this skill into practice when they write their own legend-style story. We have begun a new unit of work in Maths about shape and geometry,



including right angles and drawing lines using centimetres or metres. Our

Science lesson this week looked at parts of a plant, and our children loved looking for flowers around our school to draw and label in their book. Finally, as part of our RE unit looking at the Gospel, we learned about the key messages that can be learned from the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Year Four

It was lovely to welcome the Year Four children back after half term, they all appear to have had a good break and come back ready to work hard during our final half term within Year Four. In English, the children have continued to

listen to an audio recording of Carrie's War. This week, they examined how Carrie's emotions changed and used evidence from the recording to support their opinions. They also used their notes from each episode to

write a summary of the story so far. In maths, the children have begun their

new topic of angles and turns and in science they have learned about the water cycle and this included learning a song describing it. In art, the children enjoyed creating the flower of life pattern with compasses, they came up with a range of lovely designs. In R.E we have looked

at the parable of the Prodigal Son and compared it to our learning about Adam and Eve. The children have thought about the importance of saying sorry, taking responsibility for our actions and forgiveness. We have also been practising the song 'Lovely Day' for the YV Biggest Sing which is taking place next Tuesday. The children really enjoyed singing in different parts and using sign language to sign along with the lyrics.

Year Five

This week in Year 5, we have begun our new topic Ultimate Explorers. The children have had the chance to look at the book and have been thinking about what explorers are, what they do and what makes a good explorer. They have then looked at the features of a non-fiction e-book, learned about comparative and contrastive conjunctions and then used these to improve a paragraph of writing. In Maths, we have been calculating angles on a straight line, then around a point and then finally we have done some recapping on triangles, identifying them and looking at their properties. In RE, we have been looking at healing and thinking about whether it still exists today. The children had the opportunity to make up a playscript to show what they thought about this. In Geography, the children have been coming to the end of our unit on rivers, investigating the famous River Nile and researching to find out key facts about it.

Finally, In PE, we have been making the most of the fine weather and have begun our new unit of work on the traditional British summer sport of

Cricket. The children have been developing their skills in bowling both over and underarm.



Year Six

In English this week, the pupils have been introduced to a new short story called The Caravan. The children have thought carefully about the text, analysing the language and punctuation used and how these choices create an impact. They have started to plan their own version of the story. In maths the children have applied their accumulated knowledge on angles to complete a range of tasks.

The children have enjoyed the warmer weather in their PE lessons. The children have finished learning the skills required for rounders and are now moving on to athletics where they were working on sustaining pace over a long distance. A new group of children also attended



their first swimming lesson which they thoroughly enjoyed. Computing saw the children applying the skills that they have learned using spreadsheets to create tables and to see some of the useful ways they can be utilised. They used the spreadsheets to create averages and totals and were able to sort the information by class groups and into alphabetical order.



Year Three		
3A	Name: Rares For: always being polite, cooperative and helpful.	Name: Aliyah For: always being polite, cooperative and helpful.
3D	Name: Mwene For: Starting to work with greater independence by completing his Bookworm Challenge questions.	Name: Abeeha For: Starting to work with greater independence by completing her Bookworm Challenge questions.
3M	Name: Alfie For: Working hard and putting his hand up a lot.	Name: Victor For: Working hard and always doing our challenge tasks.
Year Four		
4A	Name: Layla Akinlana For: remaining focussed and working hard, especially in maths.	Name: Elliott Fenn For: excellent effort all week, well done!
4I	Name: Keneolisa Onyebuashi For: Being really helpful this week, thank you.	Name: Chidera Okpala For: Always being kind and considerate of others.
4R	Name: Ray O'Neill For: Increasing his focus across the curriculum	Name: Pola Wozniak For: Being a role model to others and producing excellent work.
Year Five		
5B	Name: Liliana Dogot For: generosity of time – she regularly helps other groups keep their desk tidies tidy.	Name: Jaylen Mason For: politeness to adults.
5H	Name: Teddy Pender For: working diligently this week with great focus	Name: Corey Marquez-Fowler For: Always being kind and helpful towards his peers.
5P	Name: Mack Harvey For: working diligently and asking sensible questions	Name: Marsha Danso For: always getting on with work and helping others
Year Six		
6H	Name: Xevon Sealey For: Improved effort with homework spellings and home reading this week.	Name: Lacey Brent For: Writing a great book review for her home reading book this week.
6L	Name: Harry Body For: Excellent participation in the Year 6 performance practice.	Name: Adama Touray For: Excellent participation in the Year 6 performance practice.
6N	Name: Mihai Scortanu For: A good attitude in lessons and trying hard to improve his behavior.	Name: Aidan Arnold-Williamson For: A good attitude, working hard and being helpful.



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.