



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 1 Week 5

Dear parents and carers,

Elections have taken place across the school this week as the children experience democracy first hand by electing their representatives for the school, learning and worship councils. I am staggered by the number of children who have put themselves forward for election and many staff members have commented on the quality of the manifestos that the

candidates prepared in their own time. Not only have these children shown great courage in presenting speeches they have prepared at home but they are all willing to serve the school by ensuring their class' voices are heard across be it about our curriculum, collective worship, our eco work along with a range of other issues that are important to the students. I am delighted to present our new council representatives.

School Council	Learning Council	Worship Council
Priscilla 3H	Michelle 3H	Anita 3H
Belita 3D	Josette 3D	Michael F 3D
Mya 3P	Ewura 3P	Ladyta 3P
Amar 4B	Believe 4B	Deborah 4B
Ifekitan 4A	Anne 4A	Jahmene 4A
Aimee 4M	Alex 4M	Joy 4M
Ronnie 5I	Joshua 5I	Joanna 5I
Taseen 5P	Demi 4P	Bridget 5P
Ebun 5N	Toby 5N	Mercy 5N
Victoria 6A	Nathan 6A	Michael F 6A
Vanessa 6N	Eliora 6N	Jose 6N
Hallie 6M	Jane 6M	

This was the week I was hoping to restart meal times in the hall and 'in-person' collective acts of worship. Sadly, the base that was laid for our new school floor, following our flooding in the summer has just been found to be defective and sadly has to be removed and re-laid before the wooden panels can be laid (well that is my understanding!). This will take some time, especially as the concrete has to dry. Nobody is more disappointed by this than me and what is even more unfortunate is that our parents' coffee morning will be postponed until after half term. I would like to stress the term 'postponed' and not 'cancelled.' I am delighted to see how many parents signed up and do hope you will join us on **Tuesday 9th November** at 9am.

Our collective worship this week has centred on the British Value of 'Individual Liberty' as we consider what freedoms we have, including the freedom to choose whether we follow Jesus Christ. Mr Marbe also led us through an assembly where we considered a range of dilemmas regarding freedom such as 'should we be punished for doing wrong' or 'does forcing children to go to school on a Saturday mean a loss of freedom?' The quality of the debating was excellent and the pupils demonstrated excellent levels of respect.

Finally, Dagenham Parish Church led our virtual harvest assembly for us this week as we thanked God for all that we are blessed with. As part of our Christian service, we are currently collecting food donations for Riverside Church foodbank and would be grateful for any donations you feel you could make.

I pray you have a wonderful, peaceful weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher



Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.



NUMBERS



ORDER IN THE BIBLE
OT: #4



WRITTEN BY:
Moses



TIME PERIOD COVERED
1450 BC to 1400 B



A **CENSUS** way of numbering clans and families (1:2)

A man in the military usually had to be **TWENTY** years of age (1:24)

The **LEVITES** were not included in the census, they were appointed to care for the **TABERNACLE** (1:50)

Unclean people, even those in mourning, should celebrate **PASSOVER** (9:10)

Moses' sister **MIRIAM** spoke ill of his wife and ended up with **LEPROSY** (12:10)

The Israelites complained that it would have been better to die in the **WILDERNESS** or return to captivity in Egypt (14:13)

Moses sent word to **SIHON**, the king of the **AMORITES** to let the people pass through, though the king refused and was defeated (21:23)

A **DONKEY** spoke prophetically to his master **BALAAM** (22:28)



Circle the **BOLD** words in the puzzle.

N I S C E P T E R W A N
P A S S O V E R S S D M
L I L H G F N U S A K T
E D W F J O S E H D T A
P M P Q H N N E S O W B
R P I I E R H E M N E E
O A S C E P T A I K N R
S K T D O I I V T E T N
Y F L L R R Z T O Y Y A
V I E O I B A L A A M C
W Z M M L E V I T E S L
J A S O V D L I E L B E

God is not human and cannot **LIE** (23:19)

A prophecy about Christ says that **SCEPTER** will rise out of Israel (24:17)

The daughters of **ZELOPHEAD** became among the first women in history to own land (27:1)

OVERVIEW

The famous "40 years" of desert wandering is established in Numbers for the Hebrew people. Israel could have been a nation after two or three years, but Numbers shows them being terrible fighters with little to no faith, so God sends them to wander and build maturity and strength.



Kerry's Korner

It is lovely to see all of the parents collecting the children from the playground each evening however as always we must think of the safety elements for all so, please can we request that no adult or child bikes or scooters are used in the playground and that younger children do not access the school playground equipment.

We appreciate all of your support in this matter.

INSET DAY REMINDER

Polite reminder that the school will be **closed to all pupils on Friday 15th October**. This forms one of our five non-pupil days that all schools have for staff training and provides us with an opportunity to further refresh and develop the curriculum for the pupils.

Parents' breakfast and coffee morning

We would like to invite parents into the school hall for a brief presentation and to meet the leadership and SEND/incl team. Coffee, croissants and pastries provided.

Tuesday 12th

Information about our system to support your child's education.

We will also have a dance performance from our new dance clubs organised by Kick Sports.

As room in the hall is limited, please email family-support@williamfordschool.co.uk if you would like a place or inform the school office. All are welcome!

Postponed until 9th November due to delayed building works.

CREEPY CRAWLY CREATURE COMFORTS



This week Yogi, Arth and Jayden O in Year 4 write about their bug hotel



Hi, I am Yogi the builder of the bug hotel. My brother Arth is the bug collector and he also has lots of great ideas to make the bug hotel better. Our friend Jayden O has also helped with ideas and building it. The first insect we found in there was an earwig and we noticed the pincers. Then we found a harvestman spider. We made the bug hotel to stop the bugs being eaten by other animals.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month and here at William Ford Junior School, staff and children will be involved in a variety of activities to mark the occasion. The children will be taking part in a range of activities, not only in history but across the curriculum. We will also be asking children to complete a project over half term. This can be anything relating to black history, and we are challenging the children to research people that they do not already know about. There are lots of posters up around school to give the children ideas.

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

Well, wonder no more....



Year Three

This has been another very busy week for Year 3.

Our new topic for English is titled 'Was Tutankhamun Killed?' so for the next few weeks Year 3 will become detectives exploring non-fiction text to look for evidence in order to reach their own conclusions. This work will also form an exciting link to our history topic about Ancient Egypt.

We continue to think about God's wonderful world in our R.E. lessons and this week we have been considering how people are treating our planet and whether we are taking enough care of it. As part of this work, we will be writing letters to our MP about the local environment in order to express our feelings on this subject.

In art we have begun to work using 3d modelling skills to create and form shapes using soft modelling wire. We will be bending,

shaping and joining wire to create our fish sculptures.

It has been fantastic to see so many of our Year 3 children reading so much at home – well done to all those children and thank you to everyone at home for supporting them.

Year Four

This week has been election week around the school and on Tuesday, it was Year Four's turn to cast their votes. Each class had many enthusiastic children wishing to be voted either school councillor, learning councillor or worship councillor. Each prospective candidate wrote a manifesto and read it

aloud to their class before all children had their vote. We are all looking forward to finding out the results! This week in English, the children have moved onto learning about the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing. Once again, the children have really enjoyed watching old television footage about this amazing event. They have made



notes about what they watched and will use these notes to complete a written recount of the events. In maths, we have explored a range of topics including rounding to 1000, counting in 25's and negative numbers. In PSHE lessons this week, the children have examined the wide range of roles that adults around the school do in order to keep everything running smoothly. We then thought about the different ways in which we can show these different people that we value them and their contributions to our school life.

Year Five

In English this week year 5 have enjoyed planning and writing their alternative endings to the book 'Friend or Foe'. Our unit came to an exciting end with the children reading their stories to the lovely year 3s. They could not believe the exciting plot twists that year 5 had come up with. The children found it both nerve wrecking and exciting reading out their amazing manifestos to their peers this week. The buzz around the year group has been electric as we wait and see who will be elected our class school, worship or learning councillor. In maths, we have been subtracting six-digit numbers and

thinking about different strategies to get our answers, rounding to estimate and approximate and using inverse operations to check our additions and subtractions.



The children loved discussing their individual

liberties this week and discussing a range of topics including whether or not school on Saturday would be a good idea. In RE the children were introduced to the five pillars of Islam and thought hard about what their personal rules would be.

Year Six

It has been another busy week here in Year 6. We have enjoyed listening to the children's manifestos over the course of the week and have been impressed with their dedication to rally up votes. I believe we may have a future prime minister in our school! In English, we have begun to look at a description of Fagin and have discussed the reasons he was portrayed in a devilish way. In maths, we have continued looking at multiplication where the children have been practising multiplying two, three and four digits by two digits. Although this is not easy, the children have worked extremely hard and have shown us how resilient they are. The children have reflected on the Creation story in RE and they have been introduced to 'Big Bang Theory'. This has sparked some brilliant discussions and debate in class. Did you know that some scientists believe we are made from star dust? You may have noticed that the children have recently brought home SATS workbooks - thank you for your support with helping your child with these.



Year Three		
3D	Name: Onirban Rahman For: being kind and helpful and always working hard.	Name: Stephanie Oshiobugie For: thoughtful responses in our history lesson
3H	Name: Dylan Kerkhof For: great effort and working diligently in maths this week	Name: Milda Ripinskyte For: Super effort in the Royal Ballet lesson this week
3P	Name: Claude Oppong-Yeboah For: very thoughtful work on personification	Name: Maria Tampu For: excellent writing involving personification
Year Four		
4A	Name: Abeeha Mirza For: Trying hard in class and small group activities	Name: Jackson Holdich For: Extra effort with his written work this week
4B	Name: Evie Gbagbo For: always being an exemplary role model to her peers in everything she does	Name: Cristina Lazar For: always being polite, kind and helpful towards her peers and teachers
4M	Name: Lexi Brent For: always being polite, caring and generous and for working enthusiastically in all lessons.	Name: Hope Mivule For: great listening skills and always offering thoughtful responses in class.
Year Five		
5I	Name: Khemani Mangaroo For: Being focused and hard working in class, you have been an absolute pleasure to teach!	Name: Isabella Casbolt For: Her excellent work in maths, your mathematical skills have been amazing!
5N	Name: Nezar Hamidi For: his enthusiasm for learning and his effort in class.	Name: Yixuan Li For: her consistent excellent effort across all areas and exemplary behaviour
5P	Name: Doyinsola Lamidi For: giving thoughtful responses in R.E. when discussing the Five Pillars of Islam.	Name: Mario Tampu For: writing an amazing alternative ending to the story 'Friend or Foe'.
Year Six		
6A	Name: Riley Smith Name: Riley Smith For: his perseverance throughout the curriculum.	Name: Alexandria Curtis Name: Alexandria Curtis For: showing more confidence in class.
6M	Name: Riley Hubble Name: Riley Hubble For: working hard and producing excellent work.	Name: Nathania Ezra Name: Nathania Ezra For: being kind, helpful and for working hard.
6N	Name: Annisha Wanendeya For: working hard and a much more diligent approach to work.	Name: Lexi Thompson For: a positive attitude and hard work.



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.