



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 2 Week 1

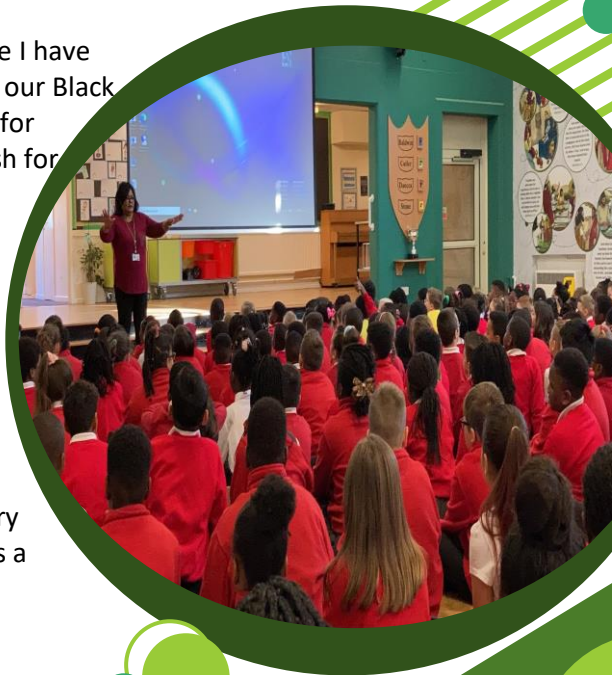
Dear parents and carers,
Our hall is now open! Not only do we have nice new flooring but also a brand new projector and screen providing an excellent image. Meal times have also returned to the hall where we encourage children to converse with each other over delicious food as well as enjoy the variety of music we play each day. Once a week we will also have cinema lunch times

where the children can relax and enjoy their food whilst watching an age appropriate programme on the screen.



On Wednesday Year Six also enjoyed a trip to the Natural History Museum where I have received excellent reports around learning and behaviour and yesterday we had our Black History Month showcase event where there was some excellent work displayed for pupils and parents to enjoy. We had an amazing turn out! My thanks to Ms Nash for organising.

Does the fact the school is opening up its hall, running trips and inviting parents on to the premises mean that Covid-19 has gone away? Certainly not. We are still as cautious as ever and that is one reason why we are continuing with phone calls for our parent consultations this term. We continue to closely monitor Covid levels within the school and as soon as the number reaches our threshold, we will not hesitate to return on virtual assemblies, lunches within classes and limiting access to the school building. But, for now, we continue to enjoy the freedoms we have as our known number of Covid cases remains very low, especially compared to the position the school was in this time last year. As a result, I look forward to welcoming as many parents as possible at our 'parent breakfast' next Tuesday.



Finally, we have begun a new topic for our collective worships based on the beatitudes of Christ. Each assembly we will look at different beatitude with Ms Damonse beginning with 'blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven' where we learnt about our full reliance on Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Today however we broke away from our collective worship and academic timetables for spirituality day where we considered questions such as: Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going? The responses from the pupils were fantastic.

Whether you are staying at home this weekend or enjoying a fireworks show, I pray you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher

Revelation 4:11

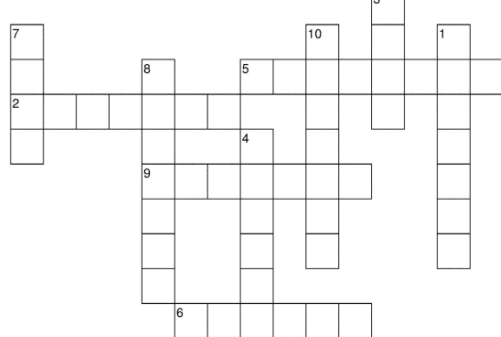
You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honour and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased





JUDGES

ORDER IN THE BIBLE: OT: #7
 WRITTEN BY: Prophet Samuel
 TIME PERIOD COVERED: 1350 BC to 1050 BC



OVERVIEW

The Book of Judges covers the time period when God asked the people of Israel to trust in Him instead of in a king. During those 300 years, Israel was served by a series of 15 judges. Some were very good, like Deborah and Samuel. Some were very evil. For example, one had 70 of his half-brothers killed in a conspiracy to become king.

Across

- This first Judge of Israel saved the people from their bad choices (3:10-11)
- This infamous judge killed 70 of his half-brothers to rise to power (9:4-5)
- Name of Samson's father who was foretold the birth of his son by an angel (13:11)
- This woman begged to know the secret of Samuel's strength (16:6)

Down

- Name of the prophetic also serving as Israel's fourth judge (4:4)
- Name of the woman who assassinated the evil army commander Sisera (4:22)
- This famous judge chose army troops by the way they lapped water (7:5-6)
- Samson defeated this frightening beast with his bare hands (14:6)
- Samson confounded the Philistines by telling them _____ (14:15)
- Samson pulled these down to cause the deaths of his enemies as well as himself (16:28-29)



Kerry's Korner

I would like to say a huge thanks to all the parents who came to view the black history month exhibition. It has been an honour to see the work that the children created come to life.

Please remember to email family-support@williamfordschool.co.uk to secure a space at the coffee morning.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

New arrangements for purchasing uniform

Please note that all of our uniform can now be bought directly from our suppliers' website www.premierschoolwear.co.uk. There is an option to select a FREE click and collect service from William Ford. Our delivery/collection days are Wednesdays and we will call you when your order arrives. Please note we do still have some surplus stock, so please check with our office as we may have what you require.

Black History Month Showcase

Well done to all of the children that contributed to our amazing Black History Month Exhibition. The project encouraged pupils to research the impact of a range of black people on both British and world history and has been enthusiastically completed by so many of our pupils. It was fantastic to see the support given by parents both in completing the project and by the number of families that visited the exhibition on Thursday and Friday this week. Thank you for your support.



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/inclusion team. Coffee, croissants and pastries will be provided.

NEXT TUESDAY AT 9AM

- Information about the school and our curriculum
- Our new behaviour system
- How you can support your child's education at home.

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!

Together at Last!

This week Demi and Rebecca in 5P write about enjoying their lunch with friends again in the hall



It has been wonderful to be sitting next to friends in the hall to have our lunch. We can have a chat and, on a Friday, it is cinema day where we get to also watch a film. It's nice to be 'normal' again at lunchtimes and not eat in the class anymore. It's great that we can see more of each other again and being with our friends makes us very happy.

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

Well, wonder no more....



Year Three

In PE we have been continuing to focus on dance and basketball. The children have really enjoyed all their sessions. We want to thank all those who contributed to the exhibition celebrating Black History Month and thanks to all those who came to see the display in school. All the parents, children and staff really admired the wonderful contributions.

In RE this week we learnt about the baptism of Jesus and we focused particularly on how the trinity is revealed in this act of dedication. We also analysed some artist's impressions of the event. In English we have continued to study the story of Little Red riding Hood and we learnt about the wolf and his own story.

In science we learnt about sources of light. Maybe you could go for a tour around your home and ask them to tell you which objects are sources of light.

In history we are continuing to learn about Ancient Egypt focusing on the importance of the Nile along with the wisdom of the Egyptians in building the pyramids.



Year Four

We hope you all enjoyed half term. This week, Year Four have launched straight into a week of hard work and have been introduced to our new English unit which focusses on World War I and World War II. We have learnt about the reasons for Remembrance Day, and we have learnt about life in the trenches which the children found both fascinating and shocking. We have planned a letter home from the trenches and will be writing it in full next

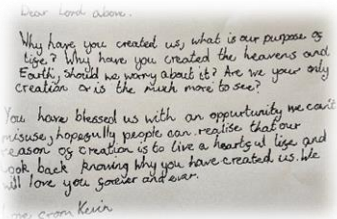
week. In maths, we have been practising addition and subtraction skills and problem solving. In history, we have found out how and why we think Stone Age people made cave paintings. We had an exciting clarinet lesson this week during which we were introduced to a style of music called Bhangra. This complements our India unit in geography and our Hinduism unit in R.E. We are beginning to learn the tune for a Bhangra song on our clarinets. Please could we remind children to bring in their clarinets each Wednesday so they can fully participate and get the most from every lesson. Today has been an exciting day in school as we have enjoyed a number of activities during our Spirituality Day. The pupils have had the opportunity to discuss Psalm 139, they have written a postcard to God asking any thoughtful questions that puzzle them and have also completed some beautiful artwork illustrating,



Year Five

In English we have started a new unit based around campaigns for our persuasive writing unit. The children have enjoyed looking closely at Lucy Gavaghan's campaign which is based on ending the selling of caged chickens' eggs in the four giant supermarkets. All children feel passionately about this cause and enjoyed writing persuasive letters about it. The children really loved the heating tasks and know the perfect ingredients for an impactful campaign. In maths we have been reading and interpreting line graphs and creating lines graphs in our statistics unit. We were amazed and had many questions when it came to Spirituality day on

Friday. We started off by writing letters to God about our existence and asking those very important questions like: Why are we here? What is our purpose? We analysed some spiritual journey art and created our own pieces based on how our spiritual journey is beginning and where we wish to be. It was a mind-boggling concept!



Year Six

It has been great to welcome back Year 6 after the half term, they have come back eager to learn. We have been doing lots of exciting things this week including Spirituality Day and visiting the Natural History Museum. The Year Six team were really impressed with the behaviour of the children as they represented the school brilliantly. The visit gave the children an opportunity to look at many exhibitions which link with our science curriculum – there were many excited faces on the train. Some of our children even showed the public their manners, offering their seat to someone vulnerable. We are looking forward to taking the children on future visits. Today, we have been thinking about many questions relating to spirituality such as 'where have I come from? Where am I going? Why am I



here?'. The Year 6 children have been taking part in a dance session where they have thought about their journey, they have ordered what is important to them and then finished this with a piece of art work using water colours.



Year Three		
3D	Name: Harley Sweeney For: making new friends; joining in playground games	Name: Mia Baldwin For: Starting to work with independence in all subjects
3H	Name: Immanuel Amgbaduba For: much improved effort and diligence in settling to tasks and independent work	Name: Joanna Etim For: constantly working diligently and being generous in the way she helps others
3P	Name: Jemimah Lawrence For: Diligent work at all times	Name: Jeremiah Velastegui For: Trying hard and being polite
Year Four		
4A	Name: Anne Adebimpe Adekoya For: Her excellent work ethic in all lessons and sensible behaviour at all times.	Name: Reggie Wilson For: His kindness towards another pupil who was hurt in the playground and his sensible actions to help him.
4B	Name: Phoebe Odetoye For: Always being helpful and polite	Name: Diya Mubiru For: persevering in maths, especially when it is difficult
4M	Name: Kaiona Pamire For: always working diligently and trying her best in all lessons.	Name: Deborah Ozenabor For: for listening well and offering thoughtful contributions to class discussions
Year Five		
5I	Name: Jullian Owuzu For: never failing to put a smile on my face and trying his best at everything he does.	Name: Pola Wozniak For: Her fantastic effort on her Black History Month project.
5N	Name: Kevin For: being a motivated and happy learner who works well with his peers.	Name: Malvina For: always striving to do her best in all areas of learning.
5P	Name: Joey Draper For: showing improved focus during maths lessons, persevering when things were difficult.	Name: Chris Nkansah-Kesse For: always being willing to share ideas with the rest of the class, showing a great understanding of the learning.
Year Six		
6A	Name: Benjamin Etim For: being an excellent role model for others by always being helpful and polite.	Name: Nicole Usman For: for her exceptional behaviour and being polite to all members of staff.
6M	Name: Harry Solomon For: being an excellent role model for others by always being helpful and polite.	Name: Dovidas Sakenas For: generously volunteering to stay in breaktimes and lunchtimes to help a friend who had to stay inside.
6N	Name: Mack Harvey For: displaying fantastic manners on out visit to the Natural History Museum.	Name: Mehreen Nisha For: being enthusiastic and listening well on our visit to the Natural History Museum.



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.