



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 2 Week 5

Dear parents and carers,

We have won a trophy! I'm incredibly proud of our pupils who attended London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling Tournament at Namco Romford. Not only did they play well, behave beautifully and were a credit to the school – they won beating 17 other schools! As I am writing this I can hear this being celebrated within our school 'star of the week' assembly and it is wonderful to see how proud these pupils are.



We also had our first Year Six visit to the Ben Kinsella workshop that is currently in Barking where children learnt about the dangers of carrying a knife and the repercussions of carrying a knife not only for the victim and perpetrator but also for the families involved. The pupils listened to real life testimony from family members of Ben, recognised how Ben was just a normal child, like them, who got caught up in a tragic situation as well as visiting a 'prison cell' and hearing from someone imprisoned not for carrying a knife, but being part of a group where he knew a knife was being carried – the idea of 'joint enterprise'. What was also heart-breaking was learning about one of William Ford's past pupils, Duran Kajama who was a victim of knife crime. Hearing his mother speak and seeing photos of his life, including seeing him wearing a William Ford school uniform is certainly something that will stay with me. Parents, please do follow up on the visit and talk to your children about the dangers of carrying a knife. Most knife carriers end up killed by their own knife. The other two Year Six classes will be visiting before Christmas.



Finally, we will now be moving onto the nativity story in our times of worship. As you will be aware, we are hosting an iSingPop concert as part of our education and celebration of Jesus' birth. Sadly, due to the measures recommended by the Department of Public Health, I cannot permit parents to attend this event. This is hugely disappointing to us but sadly, cannot be avoided. Many of our pupils are looking forward to this event hence, whilst our COVID levels remain low, I will allow this event to continue and will look into ways of broadcasting this event online. This event is incredibly expensive for the school to run hence we were charging for tickets in order that we could fund this experience. If any parent feels they are still able to donate the cost of tickets to the school this would be hugely appreciated and enable us to continue to run such experiences. I pray you have an enjoyable weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher

**Bible Verse
of the
Week**

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



1 KINGS



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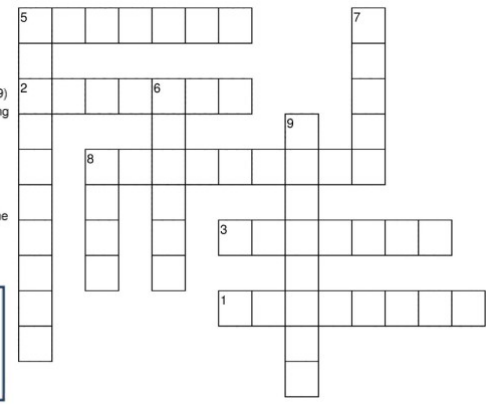
TIME PERIOD COVERED:
975 BC to 850 BC

Across

1. David's second son who tried to overthrow him (1:5)
2. David's son and choice to be the next king (1:30)
3. Obey all the laws of the Lord and you may _____ (2:3)
5. Elijah the prophet pronounced this punishment on the land to King Ahab (17:1)
8. This famous queen of this land came to visit Solomon, having heard of his wisdom (10:1)

Down

5. Solomon asked God for a _____ heart as king (3:9)
6. When Solomon first used his wisdom, he was trying to determine a baby's _____ (3:27)
7. Absalom, David's son, was killed after a freak accident involving this part of his body (18:9)
8. Name of the god the false prophets were serving when Elijah proved them wrong (18:26)
9. Name of Solomon's son who succeeded him on the throne (12:1)



OVERVIEW

The Book of 1 Kings continues the stories that began in 1 and 2 Samuel. First Kings covers the reign of David's son, King Solomon, until his death in chapter 11. Following, Solomon's son Rehoboam causes an uproar when he increases taxes against the request of the people and the advice of elders. The kingdom splits into two and remains separate kingdoms until the Babylonian invasion and exile, around 400 years later.

The book also covers the stories of the Prophet Elijah and briefly describes whether each king did good or evil in the eyes of the Lord. Most did evil!



Kerry's Korner

Please check your children's hair regularly for headlice as due to the cold weather and the use of winter hats headlice may spread more rapidly. Please remember every child is required to wear our school uniform. General items of clothing are easily available from the main chain stores. Sweatshirts, polo shirts, fleece jackets, waterproof coats and hats are available to order online from Premier Sportswear. Children should wear no jewellery other than watches and stud earrings.

Christmas Jumper & Christmas dinner day - Friday 10th December 2021
Pay £1 to wear a Christmas jumper, all proceeds are donated to save the children fund. This year we will have our Christmas dinner celebration on the same day. Only £2.10 for a lovely Christmas roast and desert. Pupil Premium: free

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.

Early closure for Christmas!
Please note that the Governors have now approved the school closing at 13:30 on the last day of term – 21st December 2021. This ensures we are in line with Village Infant School and the vast majority of other schools within the locality.
From now on, the school will finish at 13:30 at the end of each term (Christmas, Easter and Summer).

New eco club – Spaces still available!
William Ford's answer to Mr Bloom (remember him?) will be starting his own eco club each Wednesday afternoon. Mr Young, our site supervisor will help pupils develop an eco-garden, care for the premises and learning more about growing fruit and vegetables whilst helping to protect our environment. Please see separate letter for more details. Cost is £2 per session (£1.50 for pupil premium to help cover the cost of resources).



Moving Toys
This week Emily in 5N writes about the Year 5 DT project
We have designed and made our own moving toys in DT this week. We first learned how cams can be used for toys with moving parts. I found it very interesting especially how toys used to be in the past. We all made different designs and made them very colourful. My design has fish and the pear-shaped cam that I made makes the fish move up and down. I enjoyed making it especially as I am going to give it to someone special in my family as a present!



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

Well, wonder no more....



Year Three

We have had another wonderful week in Year 3, concluding with a non-uniform day today!

In English we have continued being detectives this week, helping to solve the mystery 'Was Tutankhamen Killed?' by reading and exploring further evidence about different characters from history and then then considering motives. We have so many super detectives in Year 3! Lots of our work in history lessons has linked with this and many children have been telling us how much they are enjoying the cross curricular work.



All the children are extending their computer skills and are becoming much more familiar with the computer keyboard. It has been great to see their confidence develop during computing sessions and Year 3 very much enjoy their time in our computer suite.

Our P.E. coaches have been providing exciting games lessons, including football, teaching great skills as well as helping to keep Year 3 active and fit!

The children in Year 3 are beginning to look forward to Christmas and we are anticipating some exciting activities and lessons over the next couple of weeks.

Year Four

The Year 4 children have continued to work very hard throughout the week. In English, we have begun our new unit based upon the novel 'Carrie's War' by Nina Bawden. The children are listening to a BBC audio version of the book and then completing written tasks

connected to each episode. So far, they have been introduced to the main characters and the setting of the story. In maths, the children have moved on from measuring length to measuring perimeter. They especially enjoyed their investigation about perimeters of rectilinear shapes on Wednesday and their investigation about perimeters of letters of the alphabet on Thursday. The children are continuing to add to their repertoire of songs on the clarinet.



We have started learning a new one which we will continue with next week and we have also learnt the note 'F. Thank you for your continued support in helping the children with their maths badges and mental arithmetic. We have an ever-growing number of pupils achieving their badges and it's great to see so many scores improving. Every week there is a fierce battle between the classes to win the Year 4 Spelling Cup. The pupils and teachers are enjoying this healthy competition every week. This week's spelling winners are class 4M.

Year Five

As part of our Design and Technology unit of work on 'Moving Toys', Year 5 worked very hard and creatively to design and create a moving toy with a cam mechanism. With the help of our teaching assistants and the children's peers, Year 5 safely used a variety of tools including a low-melt glue gun and a junior hacksaw. It was a pleasure to see how remarkably proud the pupils were of their finished products.. In English, Year 5 began their new unit on the magical novel, 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie. All of our children really engaged with the text by exploring three different book covers and the blurb to this story, to make

some excellent and sensible predictions based on the details stated and implied. Finally, in RE we learned about the fifth pillar of Islam, the Hajj. We discussed how the Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah impacts followers of Islam.



Year Six

This week the pupils in Year Six have been researching and completing a biography of the eminent Victorian scientist, Charles Darwin. They



have researched factual biographical information and have studied his impressive research and contributions to modern scientific understanding of evolution and inheritance. The children have found the work incredibly interesting and have enjoyed writing about this fascinating man. Maths has seen the children continuing their work on fractions, practising the skill of adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

RE has seen the continuation of their work on the topic of God. They have looked at the story of Daniel, particularly the time he spent as a senior official under the reign of the Persian king, Darius. They read the story of God using his power and love to protect Daniel when he was thrown into the den of lions. They have thought about different ways in which God's power is symbolised. On Thursday, 6M visited the Ben Kinsella trust to take part in a knife crime workshop. The children responded maturely to this difficult subject and we were impressed by their attitude and careful thought as a response. Both 6A and 6N will complete this workshop in the coming weeks.



Year Three		
3D	Name: Shekinah Ogunga For: Growing in confidence and trying hard in all her work	Name: Zechariah Jacobs For: Being kind and helpful to others
3H	Name: Zain Rouf For: making a big effort with his handwriting this week	Name: Fiona Kajtazi For: improved focus and attention in lessons
3P	Name: Lillie Ralston For: extra focus in all her work	Name: Ladyta Williams For: enthusiasm in all her learning
Year Four		
4A	Name: John-Mark Boadi For: great listening and focus in our English lesson, resulting in a good piece of work.	Name: Favor Iheaka For: great effort in class resulting in an excellent piece of English work.
4B	Name: Kyle Beilec For: showing enthusiasm and working diligently all lessons	Name: Believe Nzeocha For: always being kind and considerate towards others
4M	Name: Alfie Roberts For: growing in confidence every day and for greatly improved listening skills and thoughtful contributions to lessons.	Name: Sarah Hossain For: Trying hard to improve her organisational skills and for being well-mannered, respectful and helpful to others.
Year Five		
5I	Name: Jomiloju Ola For: Always having a positive mindset and always being generous with your time to help with things in class.	Name: Fernando Usman For: Being hardworking, focused in class and always willing to give a helping hand.
5N	Name: Ebum For: her consistent excellent efforts across all areas of school.	Name: Jimmy For: his thoughtfulness, kindness and consideration towards others.
5P	Name: Khadijah Ayoola For: settling down to her work and completing her moving toy after being out of class for Bikeability.	Name: Dhiyan Vekaria For: taking great care with his presentation and handwriting.
Year Six		
6A	Name: Alexandria Curtis For: her beautiful work produced in art.	Name: Riley Smith For: being a fantastic bowler - representing our school well.
6M	Name: Natalie Clement For: showing great determination to improve her writing.	Name: Marley Sinclair-Cooper For: working hard, and for being friendly and cheerful.
6N	Name: Rebecca For: diligent work in all lessons this week	Name: Ali For: a fantastic effort in writing his biography of Charles Darwin



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.