



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 2 Week 2

Dear parents and carers,
Where to begin! It has been an incredibly busy week at William Ford, full of fun, laughter and learning. Let's begin with last Friday where I was privileged enough to cheer on our Year Six football team as they played St. Peter's RC Primary



School at Monteagle Primary. Not only did we win 3-0, but the level of skill, teamwork and sportsmanship was a pleasure to observe. Our team's next match is tonight against Monteagle Primary and I have every confidence those same attributes will be displayed once more. A big thank you to Mr. Harrington for his coaching and organising.



Monday saw a variety of wonderful sights, colours, smells and activities emerge from our sports hall as Year Four immersed themselves into the culture of India. As you can see from the photos, India Day meant a wide variety of activities, spanning the curriculum, was provided as the pupils developed their knowledge of the languages, cultures, religions and foods of India. This was a credit to the Year Four staff team who organised this and to the parents who volunteered their time to help. The Indian sweets

were particularly delicious!



This week saw the start of our Easter series within Collective Worship. We learnt about the temptations Jesus faced followed by hearing how some Christians choose to give up something they find tempting during the next 40 days as they reflect Upon Jesus' sacrifice – see our Bible verse of the week below. We also

made some pancakes in worship and had a Competition to see who could flip the most – well done Alex in 6A!



Finally, as you can see in the picture to the right, Thursday was World Book Day where pupils (and staff) came to school dressed as their favourite book character. From Snow White to Cat in the Hat; Willy Wonka to Billionaire Boy the range and quality of costumes was phenomenal and clearly a lot of effort had been made by families – thank you! I would also like to share that I have worked in five different schools and this had been the best effort I have ever seen from staff as you can see below!



I pray you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher

Bible Verse of the Week

Matthew 6:16
“When you give up eating, don't put on a sad face like the hypocrites. They make their faces look strange to show people that they are giving up eating. I tell you the truth, those hypocrites already have their full



ECCLESIASTES

ORDER IN THE BIBLE
OT: #21

WRITTEN BY:
Solomon

TIME PERIOD COVERED:
940-931 BC

OVERVIEW

The book is 12 chapters long and reads like essays, or even journals, where Solomon was simply thinking aloud. Those suffering from depression can relate to Solomon. Those with great intellect enjoy his wisdom, even if this book isn't greatly hopeful in its tone. People looking to fill a void that pleasure hasn't filled will find it very reliable.

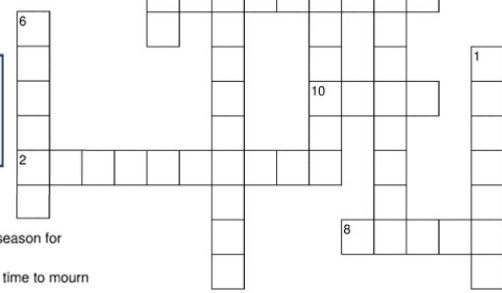
Across

2. Even those who are yet to come will not be ____ (1:11)
3. Two are better than one because they have a good return for their ____ (4:9)
8. What has been will be ____ (1:9)
10. Better a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish ____ (4:13)
11. I saw the tears of the oppressed—and they have no ____ (4:1)



Down

1. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the ____ (3:1)
4. A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to ____ (3:4)
5. Fear God and keep his ____ (12:13)
6. What does anyone gain from all their ____ (1:3)
7. The end of a matter is better than its ____ (7:8)
9. Consider what God has done: Who can straighten what he has made ____ (7:13)



Kerry's Korner

Congratulations to our year 6 pupils who have found out which Secondary schools they will be joining in September.

We will be doing some transition work over the upcoming months to prepare the children for the move to year 7.

If you have any concerns or worries, please contact me at family.support@williamfordschool.co.uk

Still need to get your vaccine or booster? It's quick and easy!

Pop down to the next vaccine pop-up clinic in your area.

Visit the walk-in clinic:
Thursday 10 March,
2.30pm to 6.30pm.
Goals, Dagenham Leisure Park,
Ripple Road, Dagenham,
RM9 6XW.

Anyone aged 12+ is welcome to have their vaccination (first, second or booster depending on what you are due).

Have any questions or want to talk to someone about having the jab? Pop along and talk to a member of the medical team for advice and answers to your questions.

For more information about local vaccine clinics go to: lbbd.gov.uk/covid-vaccine

French trip

France have further eased their Covid entry requirements hence what we will need to ask from you will be minimal. That said, we would ask all families who have children attending France to apply for a free GHIC card in the extremely unlikely event that medical care is required. This can be applied for via this link [Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) or by Googling 'GHIC.' If your child is travelling on a non-EU/UK passport, please do speak to us about visa requirements. Merci Beaucoup!

Community Month Update

As part of Communities Month, 6M have been tidying up the park by gathering up the litter that had accumulated in the bushes. The children were delighted to be able to contribute to our local area in this way.



WORLD BOOK DAY

This week Alexander from 4M writes about World Book Day



Everyone was dressed up as their favourite characters including me. I was speechless when I found out that I was a winner! I proudly claimed my prize and chose a brand spanking new book: 'Danny the champion of the world' by Roald Dahl. I was also able to buy lots of books for 20p each in the book sale at lunchtime! Our class also won best effort and we will get an extra playtime next week!

William Ford Winners



TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

BATTLE OF THE BANDS
BEST CLASS THIS WEEK

- YEAR 3 – 3h
- YEAR 4 – 4h
- YEAR 5 – 5h
- YEAR 6 – 6h



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

Well, wonder no more....



Year Three

It's the end of a very busy and exciting week in Year Three.

In maths we have continued on our topic on money. We converted money from pence to pounds. They were excited to do shopping by buying items by adding money and finding change.

In RE this week we learnt about the Jewish festival of Chanukah. We learnt about how courage, bravery and trust in God carries us through. We learned that we have to be brave when facing obstacles.

In English we started using headings and sub-headings to help us organise our sentences into paragraphs which linked with our Geography lesson when we researched our favourite volcano. We could then use sub-headings to put the information into paragraphs.

In Science we started a new topic Rocks and Soils. We learned about the three different types of rock. I am sure the children would be happy to explain them to you and how these rocks are formed.

The highlight of the week was that we celebrated World Book day on Thursday. We all dressed up as our favourite book characters. We wrote

our own books related to our costumes and had fun creating our own stories.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy a restful weekend.

Year Four

This week has yet again been another busy and fun-filled week for the Year Four children. We started off with India Day on Monday. It was lovely to see so

many children dress up for the occasion. All the children had lots of fun participating in a range of activities including making naan bread and Barfi sweets as well as trying out a range of craft activities such as flower garland making, Mendhi patterns, Rangoli patterns, Hindi calligraphy, making clay diva lamps and even spice grinding and identification.



In the afternoon, the children were treated to watching the original version of the film 'Jungle Book' whilst being served a range of Indian food by the

Year Four staff. We have continued with fractions this week in maths and have been learning about equivalents. We will continue with this topic next week. In Science we have studied about the Water Cycle and learnt a catchy song to help us remember the process. We all had great fun during World Book Day yesterday and the Year Four staff really appreciate the fantastic effort that went in to all the children's costumes. The children had the opportunity to take part in different book related activities such as creating their own object to solve a problem. Today saw the second half of the year group attend their first swimming lesson, which the children really enjoyed.

Year Five

Well done Year Five for all your amazing work this week. In English, we used our plans to complete a written newspaper report based on our focus text 'Snow White in New York,' The children used their success criteria to ensure their newspaper reports included important features and devices such as formal language, formal conjunctions, journalistic phrases and the correct structure. In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions. The pupils used their knowledge of common

denominators to help them compare and order fractions greater than 1. During our lessons, children compared both improper fractions and mixed numbers. This week in Science, we carried out some investigations to learn more about levers, gears and pulleys. Pupils investigated in groups, key enquiries including, 'how does a pulley reduce the force needed to lift a load?' We also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this week by creating book recommendations through story synopsis writing and using musical instruments and sound objects to create a soundtrack for a superhero story scene!



Year Six

It has been a busy week here in Year 6. In English, we have continued to look at 'The Listeners' and have begun to think about a backstory to the Traveller. The Year 6 team are looking forward to reading their work and witnessing the mass progress they have made in their writing. We have moved from algebra in maths and have begun to work on area and perimeter. Some children have found this tricky so further consolidation is needed. In RE, we have thought about peacemakers and have focused on the respectful Desmond Tutu and Owen Thomas; the children have been fascinated by these individuals. We have moved onto our Dreams and Goals unit in PSHE and we are hoping that the children will plan and organise a fundraising event for our friends in Columbia. SATS revision has started in Year 6. Could you please ensure that if your child received a booster letter, it is returned even if your child is unable to attend. We would like to applaud the children at their dedication for dressing up on World Book Day - they looked fantastic!



Year Three

3D	Name: Mia Baldwin For: trying hard in all her subjects and making good progress this week.	Name: Michael Frimpong-Boateng For: being sensible and kind at all times and always working hard in all subjects.
3H	Name: Dylan Kerkhof For: excellent effort to improve his handwriting	Name: Mata Shallon For: always trying hard in lessons and being a pleasant member of the class
3P	Name: Ladyta Williams For: excellent contributions to class discussions	Name: Ranell Mwedi -di -Malila For: improving the presentation of his work.

Year Four

4A	Name: Robert Sucitu For: Always trying hard in lessons and his calm behaviour in the classroom.	Name: Anne Adekoya For: An excellent work ethic across the whole curriculum and being a calm and kind member of the class.
4B	Name: Sophie Warman For: always trying hard in lessons and demonstrating our school values	Name: Rares Bodnariuc For: demonstrating exemplary behaviour every week at swimming lessons
4M	Name: Zaiya Agbongiasede For: an excellent effort when writing a descriptive story setting.	Name: Khadeeja Adepoju For: Listening brilliantly during R.E. and using her learning to write a written account independently.

Year Five

5I	Name: Patricija Gaponenko For: always working well in groups and giving all tasks 100%	Name: Kevin Uzoma-Ufomba For: always working to the best of his ability in all tasks he does.
5N	Name: Lily For: producing quality work that shows thought and care.	Name: Jimmy For: his excellent participation in lessons.
5P	Name: Temi Fatai For: beginning to show an improved attitude to learning, especially in maths.	Name: Nadar Okunade For: showing a great improvement in writing. You have a lovely way with words!

Year Six

6A	Name: Chibumnuche Eneremadu For: always going that extra mile and never just doing the minimum!	Name: Kaila Gale For: being very helpful to her friends and myself. Such a lovely quality to possess!
6M	Name: Natalie Clement For: improved listening and effort in Maths	Name: Jaylen Mason For: being an enthusiastic learner and a good friend in the playground
6N	Name: Rebecca Hassan For: fantastic work in gymnastics lessons	Name: Elena Balan For: hard work in groups and for politeness when working with adults



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.