



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Summer Term 2 Week 1

Dear parents and carers,
Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed your half term break and enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Whether this was attending a street party, travelling into Central London or just watching the celebrations at home with a cup of tea, I do hope everybody was in some way able to join in celebrating this momentous and historic occasion.

Sports Day!

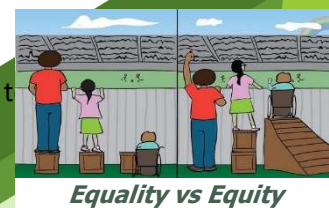
William Ford are looking forward to our sports days next week. Year 3 and 4 sports day will be held on Wednesday 15th June from 1:30pm-3pm. Year 5 and 6 sports day will be held on Thursday 16th June from 9:30am-11:00am. Parents are welcome to join us on these days. You will be able to follow your child round as they move from different activities. Children will partake in potato races, aiming, standing long jump, skipping, throwing and running. Please could you ensure that your child has the correct PE kit and that they have a bottle of water to keep them hydrated. The four houses will be battling it out to collect the most points. Let the competition commence and for the best house to win!

Just before the half term break, we were able to hold our own Jubilee celebration and what a fantastic event this was. Not only was the pupil and parental feedback fantastic but we raised over £800 for the school. This has led to some interesting discussion around what to do with this money. Many ideas have been considered. We could use this to support our charity, perhaps use this to subsidise some of our trips such as next year's residential or our ever-popular day trips to France. Seeing as we have done well in supporting charities, and sadly £800 would provide little subsidy for France or the residential, we have settled on an idea that will benefit every single child within the school. We have managed to reach a deal with the circus that is currently sited in Old Dagenham Park who will be providing us with our own private performance next Tuesday afternoon! We know that currently we are in a cost of living crisis, where everything from fuel to food is rising in price, and we recognise during such times that being able to provide such opportunities for children are challenging for some families as such visits are far from cheap! Whilst we are able to heavily subsidise this experience, we do need to ask for a voluntary donation of at least £1.50 per child in order to cover the difference. Whilst we will not exclude any child who is unable to pay, a lack of donations does affect our ability to subsidise other trips (residential, France etc) which are all increasing in cost. We hope by using the money raised in this way we will not only provide fun and delight for every single pupil but also take some pressure off of families to pay out for such experiences. In addition, circuses are a part of British heritage (and was also a key text on this year's Reading SAT test) and such a visit will provide a memorable experience for the pupils along with an opportunity for the whole community to enjoy something together. I dare say there may even be some follow-up work in class (*but we won't share that with the pupils just yet!*)



During worship this week, we have taken a break from the theme of temptation and have actually been looking at environmental issues. We have also celebrated 'Environment Day' today as we look to take further care for God's wonderful creation. A variety of activities have taken place which you can read about on the next page with pictures across the newsletter. We also explored the importance of fairness, recognising that simply treating everyone exactly the same does not always ensure fairness. We are all individual, lovingly made in the image of God, but all have our own needs and with different people needing different support and approaches as this image shows.

I pray you all have a wonderful weekend.
Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher



**Bible Verse
of the
Week**

Colossians 3:17

17 Everything you say and everything you do should all be done for Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.



OBADIAH



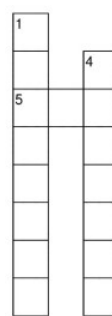
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WRITTEN BY:
The Prophet
Obadiah

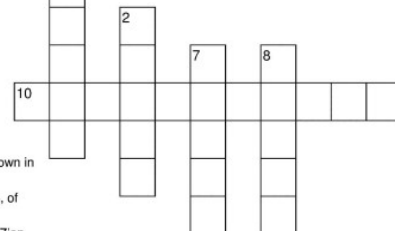


TIME PERIOD COVERED:
Uncertain, as there were
12 Obadiah's mentioned
in the Old Testament



Down

1. Edom will be made small and will be utterly _____ (1:2)
2. This sin of the heart has brought God's wrath on Edom (1:3)
3. God promises to bring Edom down despite comparing it to this bird (1:4)
4. God promises that this type of looting crime will be committed in Esau (1:6)
7. Warriors from this city will be terrified (1:9)
8. Another name for Israel, to whom Edom has brought violence (1:10)
9. Edom stood by aloofly while foreigners invaded this holy place (1:11)



Across

5. Everyone in Esau's mountains will be cut down in the _____ (1:9)
6. The name of the sinful brother in Genesis 4, of which Edom is often referred (1:21)
10. This state of rescue is promised to Mount Zion (1:17)

The Book of Obadiah is so short that it contains only one chapter. Most of Obadiah's prophecy is judgment on the foreign nation of Edom. Therefore, Obadiah is one of only three prophets (the others are the prophets Nahum and Habakkuk) who pronounced judgment primarily on other nations.

OVERVIEW



Kerry's Korner

We are super proud of our own star in the making Jaylen Mason. Earlier this week he had the opportunity to film as part of an advert for Sky Arts channel launching 'Sky Arts Week.' Jaylen had the opportunity to film alongside stage, screen and Girls Aloud star Kimberly Walsh. Check out the advert on this link https://youtu.be/Hok1Gwc5_7A. Well done Jaylen we're really proud of you please don't forget us when you're famous.

Please note: school photos on Wednesday!



TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

BEST HOUSE - DAECCA

TOP DAECCA PUPILS:

TAUSIF 3h

ADONISA 4h

EBUN 5h



Congratulations to Mr Wakeford!

Mr Wakeford, who is a semi professional triathlete, travelled to Romania this half term to represent Team GB in the Cross Triathlon World Championships and achieved a bronze medal! Miss Ibukun presented Mr. Wakeford with his medal during today's assembly.



Environment Day

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Environment Day!

by Jaden O in 4A

Today has been an eco-friendly day. The first thing we did was a mini-beast hunt and we had to use pooters to not hurt any of the bugs. We used a magnifying glass to look closer at the mysterious and peculiar insects. Some people found snails and others earwigs! I found a big, scary spider and everyone came running to the place I found it. It had hairy legs and shiny eyes. It was so much fun!



Rock Star Day!



We're pleased to announce a new special day in our calendar: **William Ford Rocks**. On Tuesday 28th June, we will hold a day dedicated to multiplication, including celebrating the huge amounts of progress the children have made. There will be competitions, certificates and trophies. The children (and staff) will also be allowed to come to school on this day dressed as a rock star!

Thank you for supporting your child at home with learning their tables, and please encourage them to continue to practice using www.ttrockstars.com or the multiplication page of their homework diary.

Have you been wondering what your children were up to in school? Well, wonder no more....



Year Three

Although we all enjoyed an exciting half-term holiday packed with exciting events over the Jubilee weekend, everyone in Year 3 has settled back into work quickly this week. Our new R.E. topic about people of God has continued with the story of Noah being our main focus. Over the coming weeks we will be learning more about trust and obedience. For our 'Plants' topic in Science we have used our observation skills to see how the plants, which the children planted, have begun to grow. On Friday we went to the park to draw some of the wide variety of plants which can be found there. In English we have started a brand-new topic all about fashion trends over the centuries. It is intriguingly entitled 'How far would you go to look cool?' Perhaps you could ask your children about some of the unusual fashions we have already read about. In the coming weeks the children will learn more about how fashions have changed and will write a newspaper report. Can we gently remind you that next week there are some special events? On Wednesday, weather permitting, we will be taking part in the Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day. It is imperative that your child has their PE kit that day and a bottle of water. Thursday is our trip to the British Museum so please make sure you have completed the permission form and that your child has a packed lunch for that day. As part of our Design and Technology project on 'Moving Monsters' we need egg boxes or cereal boxes for the children to be able to make a great monster toy. As next week is going to be so wonderfully packed with interesting activities we hope that you have a lovely restful weekend in readiness.

Year Four

It was lovely to welcome back the children after the half term break. In maths this week, the children have continued with their unit on money. In particular, we have focused on calculations involving buying items and calculating totals and change. The children really enjoyed solving money problems in pairs. Next week, we will be moving on to our new unit of time. This weekend would be an ideal opportunity for parents to go over telling the time as we have often found it a topic that many children find difficult. In English, the children have planned and written kennings about themselves and about an animal of their choosing. Next week, we will begin looking at a poem called 'Leisure' by W.H. Davies. In music we have practiced many of the tunes we have learnt so far. The children have quite a repertoire now and we will hopefully be able to show their progress to the rest of the school in a few weeks' time. The children have quite a repertoire now and we will hopefully be



able to show their progress to the rest of the school in a few weeks' time. In history we will be learning about Roman religious beliefs next week. The children have enjoyed coming to school in non-uniform today and participating in some Environment Day activities including a minibeast hunt in our school playground and field and working in groups to create an outdoor number poem.

Year Five

Well done Year Five for all your hard work this week. In English, we began our new unit on Shakespeare's comic play, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We explored the dynamics of power and status through dramatising and re-enacting experiences in which the children themselves have been through. The children also explored the play's key

setting of the woods by becoming 'fairy creatures' - walking in and around an imagined woods setting. The pupils wrote short descriptions and created 'freeze-frames' of elements from the play including 'the smooth petals and fresh scent of the crimson rose.' and 'an animal's legs entangled in the vines.'



Next week, we will explore characters from the play and will learn to act and perform

through movement and expressive voice. In Music, we have been learning about Blues music. The children listened to some well-known Blues songs and learned about the history of this genre of music. Over the next few lessons, we will be learning to play the 12-bar Blues, which is a series of chords that are played in a specific order for Blues music.

Year Six

This week Year 6 has been very busy with lots of new learning. As I am writing this, some of the Year 6 classes have returned from taking their traffic survey at Ballards Road; this is part of their activities to celebrate Environment Day.



We will be using our information and results in our new computing topic on working with spreadsheets. In English, the children have completed their nightmare story and have begun to edit and improve their work. The Year 6 team are looking forward to reading their improved work. Year 6 were investigators this week; they investigated nets of 3D shapes and made their own conclusions about prisms and pyramids. They delved into the history of Dagenham this week by researching significant buildings in the area. Did you know that Dagenham Parish Church is the oldest standing building in Barking and Dagenham?



Year Three

3D	Name: Michael Abazari For: Showing kindness and being helpful	Name: Jeremiah Velestegui For: Starting to work with greater independence
3H	Name: Tausif Ahmed For: working so hard to improve his writing.	Name: Amina Mohamed For: her outstanding good manners, kindness and consideration she always shows to other people.
3P	Name: Andrea Catano-Montes For: diligent work in every area of the curriculum	Name: Jemimah Lawrence For: being a positive influence towards good behaviour

Year Four

4A	Name: Okigbo Okoli For: Listening well and working hard in class resulting in a successful music lesson and good work in maths	Name: John-Mark Boadi For: Listening well and working hard in class resulting in good work in lessons.
4B	Name: Believe Nzeocha For: demonstrating great confidence in music when performing to the class.	Name: Amar Sura For: showing great team work skills in science when working as a group.
4M	Name: Joy Olakehinde For: making a good effort to participate in class discussions and for offering her own ideas	Name: Bobby Bones For: being an enthusiastic learner and for always trying his best.

Year Five

5I	Name: Patricija For: Her fantastic efforts in drama this week and improvements in her behaviour.	Name: Jomiloju For: Her great efforts in drama this week and for having more of a positive attitude.
5N	Name: Brendan Smith For: his quiet and calm nature and for working peacefully independently and with others.	Name: Yixuan Li For: her exemplary behaviour and for being self-motivated in all her lessons.
5P	Name: Mahim Rahman For: being very creative when presenting the information from his geographical enquiry.	Name: Zainab Touray For: working diligently in maths, becoming more confident to share her ideas.

Year Six

6A	Name: Nathan Albarasin For: his creative writing in English this week. I look forward to reading it!	Name: Gbenga Jawo For: being a role model to his classmates with his exemplary behaviour.
6M	Name: Michael Osude For: always being a dedicated learner	Name: Kyla Pietrzyk For: being an excellent learner an excellent friend to others.
6N	Name: Sacha Mwe-Di-Malila For: a diligent approach to all lessons this week	Name: Eliora Watson For: demonstrating a fantastic understanding of her learning by applying knowledge to new tasks



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.