

### William Ford CE **Junior School**

### **Weekly Newsletter** Autumn Term 2 Week 2

Dear parents and carers, They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

It was a privilege this week to escort the Eco and Community Council to the cenotaph in Dagenham to join with the local church, John Cruddas

MP and various servicemen from the local areas as we paused to remember the bravery and sacrifice of those who have fought in past and current conflicts for our freedom. Back in William Ford, Ms Nash led a remembrance assembly. Through the wonders of technology, we were able to live stream the service from the cenotaph back to the school hall so all of us could connect and join with the local community to mark this special occasion. Even though the sound let us down, the pupils were still able to watch the service and were incredibly respectful throughout, despite the technical difficulties the immense level of respect shown by the pupils, both at the cenotaph and in the school hall, provides every confidence that our brave service men and women will be remembered by future generations.

Although I mentioned this last week, I thought I would share with you some of the photos from our spirituality day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Not only did the pupils critically reflect around what God may be wanting to say to them, their town and their country - along with our older pupils considering their action plans if they were God – but they all enjoyed either observing, reflecting or praying at our various prayer spaces throughout the school. This event was supported by members of the congregation of Dagenham parish Church and we are now planning how we can continue to operate these areas to meet the needs of our pupils.

### **Applications for PARENT Governors at William Ford**

We currently have 2 availabilities on our Governing Board for Parent Governors. If you have ever considered volunteering at William Ford and are interested in supporting the pupils and the Christian Ethos within our school, please feel free to complete the application form and skills audit found on our school website under 'Governance'. These can be emailed to Mrs. School **Business** Gladden, our Manager at sgladden@williamfordschool.co.uk or handed into the front office, to be forwarded to our Chair of Governors. We look forward to welcoming you to our team!

We have had another two fantastic trips take place this week with 6T travelling to the Natural History Museum as part of their science work on evolution and inheritance whilst 3N had an exciting visit to Pizza Express in Upminster as part of our 11 engaging experiences that we have committed to offering all pupils - this time learning to cook a meal.



I pray you all have a wonderful weekend.

### Mr. David Huntingford Headteacher

#### 2 Corinthians 7:10

Bible Verse of the Week Being sorry in the way God wants makes a person change his heart and life. This leads to salvation, and we cannot be sorry for that. But the kind of sorrow the world has will bring death.







e Book of Ruth is only four chapters long and tells the story of Ruth. Ruth was from Moab, but after her husband d and her mother-in-law's husband died, she agreed to return with her widowed mother-in-law to Israel. This was remarkable leago f afth for a young girl, who would have had many chances to remarry in the familiarity of her n people. Her leap of faith puts her in the line of descendants to King David.

# SENDCO's Section

Our Social skills club at lunchtime has been very popular and it is great to see lots of children playing and engaging with their peers.

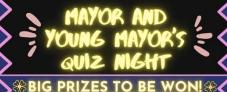
Remember, if you would like to join us, come to the Science Room at lunchtimes on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

If anyone is having a clear out of small toys before Christmas any donations of Duplo, Lego, Playmobile or other small toys will be very much apricated for our group sessions. Please drop any donations to the school office. Thank you very much in advance.

# **TTRockstar** Winners! <u>Year 3</u> Sumaiya Islam

Year 4 Mia Baldwin Year 5 Frankie Rowan Year 6 Ray O'Neill





Join Barking and Dagenham's Mayor and Young Mayor at our fundraising quiz night, raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Trust, The DABD and Ben Kinsella Trust with raffles, challenges and games for everyone to enjoy!



# • Our Eco and Community Council joined the remembrance service at the Cenotaph

We were lucky enough to join the service at Dagenham Parish Church. We walked there with Mr Huntingford and Mrs Ross. There were also pupils from other schools as well as some soldiers that have fought for the country. We remembered soldiers from the past and present with a service, prayers and silence. It was very moving to be there and we enjoyed this experience.



## ВВС Kerry's Korner CHILDREN IN NEED

You may have noticed the Children in Need merchandise on ParentPay. You can pre-order Pudsey ears, badges, and raffle tickets to win a huge Pudsey. There are two raffles one for years 3 and 4 and a second one for years 5 and 6.

The draw will take place Friday morning during assembly.

### Year Three

The children in Year 3 have continued to work diligently this week in all their lessons. We would like to thank parents for their continued support with their children's learning.

In English we have continued to read the story of James and the Giant Peach. The children used comparative adjectives to compare two of the characters in the book. Next week the children will be writing about James' everyday life and preparing questions to ask one of the characters. In Geography the children were comparing the seven continents of the world, finding out about their landmass, population, countries and languages. They then made comparisons between them. In maths we have continued to practice our addition and subtraction skills using a variety of appropriate methods with numbers up to one thousand. The highlight of the week for 3N was their visit to Pizza Express in Upminster. The children really enjoyed the experience and were fantastically behaved on the journey and in the restaurant. We wish you all a restful and peace-filled weekend and look forward to seeing your children on Monday morning, ready for a fresh week of learning.

#### Year Four

This week in Year 4, pupils have really got stuck into our theme in English and History, which focuses on the Stone Age and Bronze Age. We have been learning lots of new vocabulary, whilst reading our exciting book: The Boy with the Bronze Axe. Pupils have been learning about the features of a non-chronological report, as well as doing some specific research on an animal of their choice, as writing their well as own nonchronological report based on their

been learning about 'hunter-gatherers' and how people survived during the Stone Age. In maths, pupils have been putting their TT Rockstar practice into action, as they focus on multiplication. We encourage you to enable your children to access TT Rockstars every day at home. If you need any help with this, please do let us know. In Science, pupils have been looking at circuits and the correct names of circuit elements, as we continue our topic of electricity. Over the next few weeks, pupils will be studying the legendary 'Skara Brae', as they build up to writing their assessment piece: a non-chronological report on Skara Brae. We also have some exciting themed days coming up, with a trip to the Science India Museum and day. More information about this will be sent to you very soon! We hope you have a restful, fun-filled weekend!

#### **Year Five**

Well done Year Five for all your brilliant work this week. In English, we continued to read 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'; a story about multiculturalism and one that tackles prejudice. The children researched information on Syria guided by questions such as: 'Where is Syria located?', 'What happened to Syria?' and 'What impact has this had on children of Syria?'. Using their research, the pupils planned a non-chronological report on the country with regards to the civil war and the humanitarian crisis. The children will use their plans to complete their own factual non-chronological reports next week. In RE, we have concluded our unit on the People of God with a focus on the Christian charity, 'Christian Aid'. The children learned about the work of this charity through videos and an exploration of the Christian Aid website. From these rich sources, the pupils collated important information which they used to create a poster promoting

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

### Well, wonder no more....

specified animal. In history, pupils have the charity. Year Five will be reflecting on their learning from this unit to answer the key question, 'How can following God bring freedom and justice?' This week in Maths, the pupils have continued to use their multiplication and division knowledge and skills to find equivalent fractions and to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers. Next week, we will be building on our knowledge of equivalent fractions to compare fractions.

#### **Year Six**

Year 6 have had another packed week. In maths, the children have started a new unit on fractions. They have been looking at equivalent fractions, simplifying, comparing and ordering fractions, as well as beginning to add and subtract fractions. Next week we will be taking a closer look at adding and subtracting fractions with the aim of solving multistep problems including fractions. In English, we have been learning about biographies. The children have identified the specific features of a biography and begun to research the life of Charles Darwin in order to write a biography about him next week. In science, the children have begun a new topic all about light. This week the children had to create an investigation that would prove that light travelled in straight lines, not around corners. We had to be in a very dark room in order for this to happen. We weren't scared at all! During our history lesson this week, the children worked on their chronology as well as looking at the inventions of the Victorian era so they got an understanding of the progress that took part in that time period. In our new R.E. unit all about God, the children chose their own words to describe God and learnt the meaning behind the words used by Christians to describe God. We hope the children are working just as hard at home on their Victorian inspired projects. We can't wait to see them by the 28<sup>th</sup> November!

Each week, staff select three children from each class who have shown effort and commitment to upholding an aspect of our school vision, shown at the bottom of the page. Congratulations to this week's 'stars of the week' for their tremendous endeavours!

stars of the week

	Working diligently	Acting generously	Promoting peace
Year Three			
3M	Name: Lilly- Jean Moore	Name: Urshita Sarkar	Name: Ryan Silvester
	For: working enthusiastically in maths this	For: being a kind and caring friend	For: settling in to our class quickly and for
	week 🤳	4	participating fully in lessons.
3N	Name: Parker Joy 🛛 🔀	Name: Adriana Braiko	Name: Jeremy Ifediora
	For: hard work across all areas of the	For: being generous with her time when a	For: being calm and ready to learn in the
	curriculum. 💢 🔔	friend was upset.	classroom and on our class trip.
3P	Name Morgan Fuller	Name: Maysan Daly	Name: Maria Aborisade
	For: working hard and writing some	For: being helpful to other children	For: helping to spread a sense of calm in
Veer	fantastic descriptions	~ <u>*</u> /	t <mark>he classr</mark> oom
	Four	Norma: Tousif Alamad	Name: Mateo Shellon
4B	Name: Annabel Ilaide	Name: Tausif Ahmed	Name: Mataa Shallon
	For: Working well across the curriculum but especially in maths lessons.	For: His generous and kind nature towards others	For: Having a calm and hardworking approach to all classroom activities.
4D	Name: Zafrin Rahman	Name: Uwa Egiarhuoyi 💡	Name: Khalid Adeleye
	For working diligently and doing her best	For being helpful and kind to others	For: always making the right choices by
	in all subjects.		following our school rules at all times
4W	Name: Chizaram	Name: Ahmad	Name: Jayden
	For: working diligently and always giving	For: trying his best to improve his reading	For: living at peace with all pupils and
	100% in every lesson.	and writing and acting generously with	acting kindly and ensuring that he includes
Year	Eivo	others.	all pupils in activities.
5A	Name: Sara	Name: Kebron	Name: Daniyal
	For: working hard across the curriculum	For: for supporting others in English.	For: always giving 100% in lessons and
	especially in maths.		being a calm influence on others.
5H	Name: Aaban	Name: Adoniya	Name: Natasha
	For: super effort with his writing.	For: always giving his time generously	For: always working peacefully and quietly
		every morning to help give out books and	in the classroom, especially when
	🥧 🖌	equipment	collaborating with others.
5N	Name: Awesome 🛛 🐣 🧏	Name: Kaiona	Name: Khadeeja
	For: working diligently in all lessons;	For: being kind to all members of the	For: interacting peacefully with others.
	producing good quality work.	school community.	
Year			
61	Name: Toni	Name: Chidera	Name: Khemani 🦯 📃 🔀
	For: Working to the best of his ability.	For: Always being generous with his time.	For: Being more focused and contributing
			more to class discussions.
6P	Name: Edwin	Name: Bridget 🖕 🧼	Name: Doyinsola
	For: working diligently to complete his	For: helping a friend in need, giving	For: living at peace in the class at all times.
<b>C</b> T	work in history.	support and care.	Newsy Tabu D. 4
6T	Name: Oluwajomiloju	Name: Jimmy	Name: Toby B
	For: working diligently in maths this week.	For: always being willing to help around	For: representing the school well on our
		the classroom.	class trip.



Learning from Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to work diligently, act renerously and live at peace with everyone.