



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 2 Week 6

Dear parents/carers and pupils,

We have reached the end of the spring term. The sun is shining and it has been great to witness so many lessons taking place outside – from PE to DT!

It has also been wonderful to see the joy and excitement in Year Six as they have supported Mr. Young in painting the outside of the school building! A few weeks ago I shared with you my ambition for our curriculum – **Purposeful learning, engaging activities** – and a significant part of this is providing our pupils with skills that they can fully utilise in the future. Decoration is one of these and I have included some photos of Year 6's efforts throughout this newsletter!

As we slowly move out of lockdown, we are considering what exciting activities we can provide our pupils with that reinforce their learning. Some ideas we are considering are trips to the West End Theatre, more experiences in woodlands, countryside and coasts and even a day trip to France to experience French culture and a chance to speak the language. All of these are experiences I have been involved with in the past hence I know the benefits they bring to children's education.

We still would be interested to know what other ideas our parent community has as we consider 11 things we would like our pupils to experience before they leave us at the end of Year Six.

It can be tricky to keep children entertained during the holidays, but please follow the rules & avoid indoor gatherings like playdates, parties & sleepovers.

👤 2 households or up to 6 people can meet outdoors, but remember:

✋ hands

😊 face

↔ space

💚 We need to work together to return to a more normal way of life.



**Barking &
Dagenham**



Finally, our collective worships this week have continued to follow the life of Jesus Christ with a particular focus on the events of Holy Week. We have learnt about the death and resurrection of Jesus and I have been incredibly impressed with the quality and depth of the responses from our pupils along with some of the questions I have been asked, including at the school gate!

I pray you have a wonderful Easter break.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**Bible Verse
of the
Week**



Meet our TEAM

This week: Miss Miller

Miss Miller has worked at William Ford as an LSA for nine years. In her spare time she enjoys drawing and painting. Miss Miller designed the food characters for the new school menu.

Interesting fact: As a child she met the actor Dudley Moore!



Cook's Corner

We have served a total of 900 meals over 4 days this week and a grand total of 5,285 this term. Let's try and beat that next term.

We had lots of fantastic entries for our Easter card competition and they were all amazing. Thank you to everyone who took part enjoy your Mini Eggs!

The overall winner was:

Mario 4A

The runners up are:

Amar 3M

Aaban 3A

Lola 6L

Well done winners!!



Pupils, school staff & anyone they live with are encouraged to get tested twice a week.



To test at home, you can either get test kits sent to your home or collect them from a local site:

gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests



Or get tested in person at a local test site:

lbld.gov.uk/getatest

Barking & Dagenham

Desks and chairs for sale!

One of the exciting developments taking place over Easter is that we are replacing the desks and chairs that the pupils use. We are currently selling our old desks for £5 each and chairs for £2.50. That means you can get a double desk and two chairs for the bargain price of £10!

If interested please contact the school office. Collection will need to be made on the last Thursday of term or during the Easter holiday by prior arrangement on either the 6th or 7th April 2021



Year Six DIY

This week Eniayo Olabiye in 6L reports on how they have helped with painting the school walls.



For the past three days, Mr Huntingford kindly let us help Mr Young paint the outside walls of the school. It was really fun because it taught us about DIY and how to paint which we can use in our real lives at home. It was a great opportunity for us all and we have learnt a new skill even if we did get a little bit messy!

Dagenham Parish Church Easter Trail

Dagenham Parish Church have produced a wonderful Easter Trail that can be used as part of your daily exercise. Please download the required sheets here.

<https://tinyurl.com/dz5y96sp>

Returning from Easter

Please remember that, following the Easter holidays, children return on Monday 19th April 2021. This day is no longer an inset day.

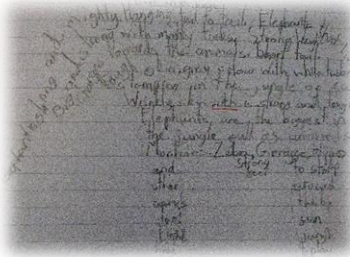
Have you been wondering what your children were up to in school?

Well, wonder no more....



Year Three

This week in our English lessons, Year Three have been learning about shape poems. We have written our own poems, either in the shape of an elephant or the shape of a butterfly. In Maths, we have consolidated our arithmetic ability and have focused on our column subtraction skills. In our RE lessons, we have started a new unit about Salvation within Christianity and have learned about Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.



Year Four

Year Four have had another busy but fun packed week. In maths we have been learning to tell the time on an analogue clock face and to convert this to digital time. Some of the children have found this quite tricky so it would be beneficial for them to practise o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to over the Easter break. In English, we have completed our study of the Polish story Basia's Birthday Present by writing some descriptive writing based on it. We have also finished our Electricity unit in science and completed a short assessment about it. We have eventually started our 'Romans in Britain' unit in history. The children have been eager to start finding out more about the Romans and this week we started with the Roman Empire. We have learnt about Easter symbols in R.E.

and we hope the children can look to see how many they can spot over the Easter break. Today was the day of the Egg Box Challenge.

The pupils had great fun trying to keep their precious cargo safe all day, even during playtime! There were of course some casualties (it's all part of the fun) but many eggs survived their adventure.

The Year Four Team would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter and we look forward to seeing you all in the Summer Term.



Year Five

This week, we have been undertaking our Design and Technology week, devoting much of our teaching time to our topic of Moving Toys. The children began the week by looking at videos of a variety of different types of cam toys. They then chose one of the examples and sketched and labelled it using basic technical drawing techniques. Next, they looked at videos of cam toys being designed and built. They then used what they had learned in creating an initial annotated design for the toy that they would make later in the week, planning in detail the materials and tools that they would need to use and detailing a step by step design brief for how they would make it including a description of how the cam mechanism would work. Subsequently, they were ready to begin making their toys, developing their skills in measuring, cutting, sawing and fixing using hot glue guns. Finally, they evaluated their completed toys to assess how well they had worked and what improvements they could make in future.

Other than our D & T topic this week, we have spent time on the important work of reviewing the assessments which we have

been doing over the last fortnight, going through the maths, reading and grammar tests that the children have been doing, identifying the areas that the children have found most challenging and addressing misconceptions.

Additionally, in English the children have been reviewing the raps that they made last week and editing and improving them before recording their final performances

Year Six

In English this week, the children have finished their work on the Highwayman. They have looked at each other's newspaper reports and have peer assessed them. In maths, the children have continued their work on fractions, converting mixed numbers into improper fractions and have thought about comparing and ordering fractions with a different denominator.

History has seen children finding out about a fascinating soldier from World War 1 called Walter Tull. During his amazing life, he triumphed against adversity, becoming the first black soldier to attend Officer Training School and was nominated for a Military Cross. Before the war, this amazing man also played professional football for Tottenham Hotspur and Clapton Football Clubs.

In RE the children have found out about the Sikh Gurdwara and many of items that they would expect to see there. PE this week has seen the children honing their cricketing skills in this week's pleasant weather. Many of the children have also taken the opportunity this week to help Mr Young decorate the outside of the school.





Year Three

3A	Name: Joanna For: being dependable and showing a positive attitude towards school.	Name: Sufian For: his consideration towards others and is consistently sensible.
3D	Name: Tishe For: Being an excellent listener.	Name: Nasreen For: Being kind and helping others.
3M	Name: Zak Naqi For: Working hard in all lessons and always sets an example for best behaviour.	Name: Ewean For: Working hard at all times and always produce work of a high quality.

Year Four

4A	Name: Khadijah Jenrola Ayoola For: Being a helpful classmate and friend.	Name: Chris Nkansah-Kesse For: Working hard in all lessons.
4I	Name: Toby Ndrika For: Giving 4I great creative lines for our song about being healthy, in PSHE.	Name: Saily Cohen For: Preserving with hard tasks this week.
4R	Name: Joanna Jaison For: Always working hard and living at peace with those around her.	Name: Jullian Owusu For: Making good progress in maths and working diligently.

Year Five

5B	Name: Alexandria Curtis For: For settling in extremely well into our class and showing great diligence in her work.	Name: Nathaniel Rotiba For: Excellent progress made due to his diligence and perseverance throughout the curriculum.
5H	Name: Caitlin Braisher For: always persevering with her learning, showing resilience when things are difficult.	Name: Ali Mubiru For: working diligently on his letter to the Mayor of London.
5P	Name: Alex Payne For: Making great behaviour choices this week.	Name: Scarlett Siggers For: Maintaining a positive attitude to all her work

Year Six

6H	Name: Yousef Lahmami For: Excellent work in science including thoughtful conclusions and observations.	Name: Zoe Sangster For: Her hard work in Maths and English lessons, demonstrating increased confidence and resilience.
6L	Name: Andreja Ripinskyte For: Always working extremely hard across all lessons.	Name: Yaw Nkansah-Aduamah For: Applying his mathematical skills effectively to solve reasoning problems.
6N	Name: Ella Robertson For: Working hard across all areas of the curriculum.	Name: Timmy Henry For: Enthusiastic contributions in all lessons across the curriculum.



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.