



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 1 Week 6

Dear parents/carers and pupils,

As we reach the end of this half term, once again I would like to thank you for your support during yet another challenging period for all schools across the country. The sudden announcement back in December that schools would remain closed came as a surprise to all of us but, yet again

the children have demonstrated how resilient and adaptable they are and we are so impressed with how well so many of them have engaged with home learning. Parents, you too have been incredibly resourceful and determined to ensure you continue to support your child's education. We understand and appreciate the challenges of having multiple children at home and having to balance your day-to-day duties and work with supporting your child's education – thank you and well done. Finally, the staff team at William Ford continue to be as fantastic as ever and not only have risen to the challenge of providing an increased home learning offer but have also been involved in many other projects ready for when the children return to school. In addition, their positive 'can-do' attitude and going above and beyond for all of the pupils in our care highlights why William Ford is such a wonderful place.

Next week is half term hence the school will be closed to ALL children including vulnerable and key worker families. Please note that after half term, in line with Government directives the school will remain closed to the vast majority of pupils until *at least* Monday 8th March 2021. During the first week back after half term, we should receive an update on school reopening and I will be in touch as soon as I have an update for you. Thank you for your continued patience.

Finally, in the midst of all of your home learning, I hope you were able to enjoy our no screen Friday and enjoy some more relaxing and creative activities at home or even during your periods of daily exercise. It is strange how schools have had to move from advising families to reduce screen time to almost having to enforce children sitting in front of the computer for many hours a day! Hopefully our no screen day helps to redress the balance. I also hope you have all had an opportunity to enjoy the recent snow. Certainly one of the highlights of my week was to enjoy a very well managed and safe snowball fight and snowman competition with some of our pupils who are on site although I did not imagine I would become such a target!

I hope and pray you have a wonderful half term and I will be in touch again following the Government's announcement around school reopening, expected on the 22nd February 2021.



Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher

Bible Verse of the Week

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you received a spiritual gift. God has shown you his grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other.



Meet our TEAM

This week: Mr. Young

Mr. Young was a taxi driver before coming to William Ford and has worked with us for six years. He is our site supervisor who ensures our school is kept in tip top condition. Mr. Young is also a qualified Essex County rugby coach.

Interesting fact: When he was driving his taxi, Mr. Young took a group of under-privileged children to a garden party at Buckingham Palace where he met the Queen and Prince Philip. The event was also featured in Hello magazine. What a star!



Kerry's Korner

We are so sorry we have missed some of our pupil's birthdays.

We will still celebrate birthdays from the months of January to March with our usual monthly parties once we all return to school. Hopefully the photos below bring back some happy memories of earlier celebrations!



COVID-19 vaccination public question and answer session Thursday 18 February at 7pm



With lots of myths circulating about the different COVID-19 vaccinations on offer and their effectiveness, Barking and Dagenham Council is organising an **online public Q&A session at 7pm on Thursday 18 February**.

Local GPs and medical experts will be on hand to provide the latest information about the roll out of the vaccination programme in Barking and Dagenham, and to answer questions about the different vaccines on offer. The event, which is being organised in partnership with Together First, the federation representing GP practices in Barking and Dagenham, and the Barking and Dagenham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), will be hosted on zoom and no pre-registration is required.

All participants need to do is tune in on the night by visiting this [webinar link](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81157739105#success) (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81157739105#success>). More information, including who will be on the panel, can be found at www.lbdd.gov.uk/covid-vaccine.

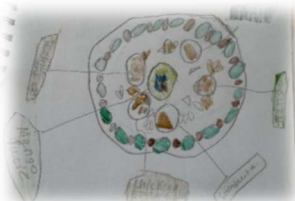
Have you been wondering what your children were up to in school?

Well, wonder no more....



Year Three

Well done to Year 3 for completing a challenging half-term. We are extremely proud of the way our children have responded to the difficulties we have faced due to the school lockdown, and the impressive quality of work they have completed nonetheless. This week we completed our poetry unit by writing and performing our own poems. We have also come to the end of our series of lessons in Maths on charts and graphs. We learned about Passover in RE and thought about foods that are special to us and drew a plate of food that would remind us of home if we had to travel somewhere far away.



Year Four

We have come to the end of our half term and would like to say thank you once again to the Year Four children who have worked so hard this week. Both in school and online, we have seen excellent work being produced across a range of subjects. In English, we have been developing our instructional writing. We discovered what appears to be a simple task, for example washing our hands thoroughly or making a sandwich, is in fact more complex than we first thought. It was fun following our partner's instructions to test if they were clear and accurate. In science, we

completed our experiment on the effects of sugary drinks on tooth enamel and were a little surprised by our results. We predicted cola would cause the most damage but it appeared orange juice was just as bad! In P.E. this week, the children were challenged to create their own workout that would get their hearts racing. Kelechi Ozoemelum uploaded a fantastic workout and we have shared it on the



Year Five

This week in Year 5 we have completed our Vikings project with the children finishing their Viking chapter book stories, focusing on reviewing and editing their writing checking for grammar, punctuation and spelling mistakes and then writing it up using their best presentation skills, including illuminated letters and illustrations. In Art, the children have had the opportunity to follow an excellent step by step guide video to draw a Viking style dragon.

In Maths we have finalised our work on fractions, comparing and ordering fractions greater than 1, adding and subtracting fractions and finding fractions within 1.

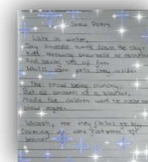
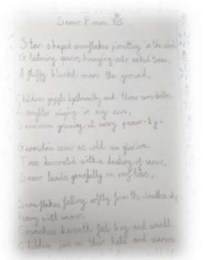
The children have had the opportunity to carry out another investigation in Science this week testing a variety of materials in water to find out whether they are soluble or insoluble. You can see the children in school hard at work on the investigation in the attached photo.

In PE this week, as well as the familiar Joe Wicks workouts and our continuing challenge activities for the London Youth Games to keep our bodies fit, we have also continued to think about mental well-being too with our mindfulness topic. This week, children were encouraged to go for a walk without looking at a phone and to take notice of the environment and nature around them, which fits in very nicely with the theme of our wellbeing day on Friday.



Year Six

Year 6 took the opportunity this week to use the snowy weather and their own experiences of it as inspiration to write snow poems. They focussed on including different types of figurative language to create an effect on the reader. They have continued with their photography project and looked at composition and using cropping in order to make an image better or to make it fit.



In mathematics, they have looked at converting and calculating with metric measures.

Tuesday was 'Safer Internet Day' and the pupils looked at what they should consider when watching videos on YouTube or other online sites. In science, they designed their own experiments to measure how heartrate is affected by exercise. They also looked at Mountain tourism in Geography and the impact this can have on the environment.



Year Three			
3A	Name: Joy For: Consistently producing excellent work.	Name: Favor For: Being a dedicated learner.	
3D	Name: Lucas For: Working diligently, always trying his best and producing work of a high standard.	Name: Samuel For: Writing an interesting poem including descriptive language and rhyming words.	
3M	Name: Amar For: Being phenomenally hard working and enthusiastic.	Name: Amelia For: Being a kind and dedicated learner.	
Year Four			
4A	Name: Arian Ismail For: Creating a lovely natural sculpture with snow.	Name: Mario Tampu For: Producing some great tips on 'How To Wash Your Hands' in our instructional writing unit.	
4I	Name: Chidera Okpala For: Writing a comical and straightforward instructional piece of 'How To Make A Great Cuppa'	Name: Emily Judi For: Preserving and staying motivated during this difficult time.	
4R	Name: Eva Kaithakulath For: Writing a well-informed fact file about the artist Andy Goldsworthy.	Name: Isabella Casbolt For: Trying her best with all of her home learning and being enthusiastic towards her learning.	
Year Five			
5B	Name: Michael Flora For: For his continued commitment to home learning.	Name: Rose Bestley For: For trying her best through all of her work.	
5H	Name: Corey Marquez-Fowler For: For excellent behaviour and a great attitude to all his work in class.	Name: Daniel Ajayi For: For resilience in continuing to engage with home learning activities.	
5P	Name: Daniel Flora For: His continued commitment to home learning.	Name: Mack Harvey For: His continued commitment to home learning.	
Year Six			
6H	Name: George Baker For: Amazing work on his 'Snow Poem' this week.	Name: Uchechi Okpala For: Consistent effort and hard work with all her tasks for home learning.	
6L	Name: Riley-Mae Butcher For: Working really hard on her 'Snow Poem' to include figurative language.	Name: Christopher Etikm For: Working very hard in his maths lessons.	
6N	Name: Louie McLaughlin For: Continued diligent work both at home and in school.	Name: Enzo Thaqi For: Consistent effort and hard work with all tasks in his home learning.	



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.