

William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children in years 5 and 6 had an exciting day last Friday performing at the opening of the Lieder festival in Oxford. Over the past few weeks the children have been working with a group of visiting musicians and their teachers composing their own song and putting it to music. The concert was held in the Ashmolean Museum, in front of a large audience made up of friends and families and members of the public visiting the museum. The children's performance was outstanding, the memory of the concert will stay with me for a long time, as it will the children. The children were all great ambassadors for our school and a testament to what can be achieved if we allow our children the time and space to be creative.



Children in years 1 and 2 visited Crocodile world near Burford this week. The children learnt lots of information about reptiles. They really enjoyed being able to touch a snake and an alligator and were fascinated watching the crocodiles being fed!



On Tuesday, the children in Years 3 and 4 went on a trip to Avebury Stone Circle in Wiltshire. They greatly enjoyed looking around the museum and learning about life in Stone Age Britain. Best of all was walking around the stone circle itself and seeing the stones, banks and ditches. The stones are huge and spectacular and the children's imaginations were fired by speculation on why the circle had been built.



Staffing News

We have appointed Mrs Crowe to teach Mrs Lind's class when she leaves to start her maternity leave in November. Mrs Crowe has experience of working with children in Key Stage 1 and I am sure will be a real asset to the staff team.

We have also appointed a temporary teaching assistant, Miss Jaimie Morris who will be working across the school supporting both individuals and groups of children. Miss Morris will be with us for a year before taking up a place at University.

Mrs McEneaney and Mrs Jeeves have also been appointed as lunch time assistants, very welcome additions to our lunchtime team.

Safeguarding and Online Safety

Our updated safeguarding policy can be found on our school website. We have also added new information for parents on our school website regarding Online safety. It is never too early to begin discussing this with your child and to keep on discussing online safety as they grow up. We teach all of the children about online safety but please do reinforce this at home.

Best Wishes

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of October is Courage



Writer of the week - Abi in Year 6

Mathematician of the week - Sam in Year 4

Reader of the week - Anya in Year 2

School Value person of the week - Nancy in Foundation

Building Learning Power - Tiffanie in Year 5

Celebration of achievements

This week Callum, Bori, Maisy and Callan in Year 5 have been awarded their bronze merit arrow. Well done to them for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded their arrow badge.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Alex and Georgia in Swallows. Kai, Kyron and Percy in Nightingales. Ellie, Hope and Olivia in Owls. Scarlett and Jessica in Red Kites.

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Red Kites class for 99.29% attendance.

Class	% attendance for 09.10.17 - 13.10.17
Eagles	98.71
Kestrel	97.14
Kingfishers	96.92
Nightingales	98.52
Owls	98.52
Red Kites	99.29
Robins	97.65
Sky Larks	98.67
Swallows	96.15
Wrens	98.75
Total	98.05

Energy Kidz Holiday Club

Energy Kidz are looking into the viability of running a holiday club at William Fletcher School during the school holidays. If you would be interested in using this service please complete the survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WilliamFletcher>

Secondary School Transport

Oxfordshire County Council in 2015 took the decision to stop funding transport to The Marlborough School for children who live in Yarnton and Begbroke. The Marlborough School Governors decided to fund the cost of this transport. However this has become increasingly more expensive and The Marlborough School are no longer able to provide transport.

Our Governors have written to the County Council (see attached letter) but there seems to be no capacity at this time for the County Council to change their funding plans. The Marlborough School remains our Partner Secondary School and we will continue to work with The Marlborough School and our other partnership primary schools. Children will be eligible for free transport to their nearest secondary school, which in the case of children living in Yarnton and Begbroke is Gosford Hill School. Our Governors are keen for parents to know the funding arrangements for transport as this is not completely clear when applying for a secondary school place.

PTA Update

We wrote last week requesting a parent or carer to step up and take on the roll of PTA Chair. Unfortunately nobody has come forward. Please have a think about this over the half term holiday. Without a Chair we have no PTA which means our children will miss out on both social events and the resources the PTA provide.

School Disco

The PTA are organising the school disco which will be held on Friday 3rd November. Foundation/Key Stage 1 disco will be from 6.00 - 7.00pm, and Key Stage 2 disco will be from 7.15 - 8:30pm. Year 3 children may choose which they would like to attend. Entrance is £2 per child. A disco has been booked to entertain the children and the PTA will be selling hotdogs, drinks, sweets, tattoos and glow sticks.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs every day from 07:30 - 08:45 in the Howard Hillsdon building (old playgroup). The children enjoy a range of breakfast cereals, fruit juices, yoghurts and toast, followed by the opportunity to play indoor games. The cost is £3.50 per child starting at 07:30 and £3.00 per child starting at 08:00. If you would like your children to take part in breakfast club please see the staff in the office.

Email Newsletter

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you every week, can you please

email Mrs Morris at office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk and your details will be added to the email list. Our newsletters can also be viewed online at <http://www.william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk> and on the William Fletcher Primary School App.

Forthcoming Dates

October 2017

20.10.17	Year 6 return from Glasbury
20.10.17	End of Autumn Term 1
30.10.17	INSET day
31.10.17	Autumn Term 2 begins

November 2017

02.11.17	Individual school photographs
03.11.17	Swimming begins for Owls
06.11.17	Year 6 IMPS visit
07.11.17	Year 5 & 6 Hockey
14.11.17	Parent-Teacher discussions
15.11.17	Parent-Teacher discussions
16.11.17	Flu Vaccination for FS and Years 1 - 4
20.11.17	INSET DAY

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2017/2018

Term 1

Tuesday 5th September to Friday 20th October
Monday 4th September INSET Day
Monday 30th October INSET Day

Term 2

Tuesday 31st October to Tuesday 19th December
Monday 20th November INSET Day

Term 3

Thursday 4th January to Friday 9th February

Term 4

Monday 19th February to Thursday 29th March

Term 5

Monday 16th April to Thursday 24th May
Friday 25th May INSET Day