

## William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,



This week the children have been immersed in Science Week. We began on Monday with every child taking part in science workshops. The older children had to solve a crime using forensic science whilst the younger children explored fossils. Throughout the week we have carried out science investigations where younger and older



children have worked together. Their investigations ranged from exploring how physical activities change their pulse rate to exploring colour. We have had parents work with groups of children this has included learning about muscles and bones, sub atomic particles and the periodic table. Our final workshop will be tomorrow which will involve children learning how science can help diagnose illnesses. We have also worked this week with a scientist from Earth Watch, investigating and finding out about earthworms and their importance in our eco system. Many thanks to everybody who has supported our school Science Week and Miss Parsons for organising the week so well.



We have received complaints from residents of Stoutsfield Close regarding parked cars at the beginning and the end of the school day. Our local Community police office has contacted school to ask me to remind all parents and carers to park with consideration to residents. The police will be making spot checks over the next few weeks and will be issuing parking fines to drivers who have parked illegally.

We have had a few cases of Slapped Cheek in school. This is an infection caused by a virus and affects mainly children. Typically children may feel unwell with a sore throat and headache before developing a rash on their cheeks and upper body. When the rash appears children generally feel well. We have contacted our local GP who advises that children who have slapped cheek should continue to come to school unless they have a temperature and feel unwell. Further information can be found on the NHS Choices pages on the internet.

On Monday of this week a child in Key stage one had their scooter go missing from school at the end of the day. The scooter was found the following day by his parent at the netball courts on Rutten Lane. We have spoken to all of the children in school about this; it is very upsetting to think that someone in our school has taken somebody else's property on the way home from school. We have asked children to talk to their teacher if they saw anyone take the scooter or if they saw anyone on the scooter in the park on Monday after school.

On a more positive note red Kite Class were awarded the Attendance teddy bear for 99% attendance last week. Well done to everyone in Red Kite Class.

And finally the purple crocuses planted at the end of last year to support the End Polio charity have appeared!



### **Best Wishes**

**Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team**

**Our assembly theme for the month of March is Hope/Easter**



Writer of the week – Poppy Year 3  
Mathematician of the week – Alice Year5  
Reader of the week – Maggie Year 1  
School Value person of the week –  
Lucy Year 4  
Building Learning Power – Freddie Year 2

### **Celebration of achievements**

This week Erin, Flora and Amelia in Year 6 have been awarded their Gold merit arrow. Emma in Year 6 has been awarded her Silver merit arrow. Well done to them for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded their arrow badges.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Max F in Swallows. Lily in Red Kites. Luke in Sky Larks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Liam in Nightingales. Caeleb and Hakan in Kingfishers.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Sebastian, Esme, Scarlet. Blaine and Cherry in Kingfishers.

Ethan in Nightingales. Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 100 nights of reading at home. Emily in Swallows. Congratulations to the

following child who has reached his 50 nights of reading at home: Archie in Kestrels.

### **The Big Question**

This week's Big Question is "How do you learn to show respect?"

## Attendance



### Lego Club

Lego club is now in the old year 5 classroom, can you please come through the pedestrian gate and enter the building via the new entrance to pick up the children.

### Chess

Last Saturday, David in Year 3 played in the EPSCA Rapidplay Championship which is organised by The English Primary Schools Chess Association. The under 9 team qualified for Final and won the first Gold Prize. Congratulations to David and the under 9 team.

### Sainsbury's Vouchers

The Sainsbury's voucher scheme has started. We are collecting the vouchers which we use to purchase equipment for the school. When you have any of these vouchers please hand them into the office where they will be counted!

### Music Lessons with World Beats Music

Does your son or daughter want to learn to play drum kit or guitar? We are now enrolling new students to start lessons. Please visit [www.worldbeatmusic.co.uk](http://www.worldbeatmusic.co.uk) and follow the link to enrol your child for instrumental lessons.

### 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](mailto: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**

### **March**

22.03.17	Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby
23.03.17	Years 1-6 Gymnastics
29.03.17	School Games

### **April**

03.04.17	Year 4 Hooke Court
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### **May**

02.05.17	Class Photographs
03.05.17	May Day Celebrations
04.05.17	Year 2 Ultra Olympics
05.05.17	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala
08.05.17- 12.05.17	KS2 Sats
11.05.17	Year 3 & 4 Tennis
23.05.17	Year 5 & 6 Tennis
24.05.17	Year 2 Ultra Olympics

## **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2016/2017**

### **Term 4**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

### **Term 5**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

### **Term 6**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June INSET day