

## William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. Our year 6 children have been working hard in preparation for their end of key Stage 2 tests with many of them attending Easter school in the first week of the break. Although this may sound like hard work, the children enjoyed meeting up with their friends for three mornings and taking part in quiz and games based activities and of course there was the added luxury of having the new play equipment all to themselves! Many thanks to Mrs Phillips and Mrs Lancaster for organising these sessions.



On Tuesday of this week all of the children took part in health and fitness workshops. The children learnt about the importance of eating a balanced diet and being active to maintain their health.



Children in Key Stage 2 also took part in Dance workshops led by an organisation called Ignite. Ignite will be offering dance workshops after school, if your child is interested in taking part in this please look out for the leaflets that were given out to the children yesterday.

Congratulations to Hugo in year 6 who has been selected to represent England as part of the national junior Chess team. Hugo regularly attends our school chess club and the Oxfordshire chess club, he has worked incredibly hard to gain his place on the national team.

### Staffing news

Two new members of staff have joined our team this term. Mrs Brownsill who will be working as teaching assistant in classes across the school and Mrs Claire Pink who will be working two days a week as our new Family Support worker.

Mrs Umney has decided that she would like to retire at the end of this academic year. Mrs Umney has worked at William Fletcher School for 20 years, she has not only been an outstanding class teacher for our younger children but she has also been a member of the School Leadership team supporting and enabling the development of our school. Over the years Mrs Umney has also been a huge support to parents and carers and I know that many of you have much to thank her for in the support and guidance she has offered. It goes without saying that the whole school community will miss Mrs Umney next year but we are also pleased that she will leave us knowing she has done a great job and now has the opportunity and time to enjoy her retirement.

At the end of last term we held interviews to find a replacement for Mrs Umney. We have appointed Miss Parsons to the Senior Leadership team, Miss Parsons has worked at our school for five years and in this time has led many curriculum initiatives. She will take on the role of leading the Key Stage 1 team and continue to be the school Science co-ordinator. We have appointed Miss Staniland to teach Kingfisher class next year. Miss Staniland is currently completing her teacher training at Reading University having studied English and History for her first degree. Parents and teachers will have the opportunity to meet Miss Staniland before the end of the summer term.

### **May Day Celebrations**

We will be holding our May Day celebrations on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 9:00am. Parents and carers are warmly welcomed to join us and watch the crowning of the May King and Queen, country dancing and dancing around the Maypole. The children should come to school dressed in their dancing clothes, for the boys this is dark trousers (no jeans please) and a shirt (shirts with no logos please) and for the girls a summer dress. All children should also have a flower pinned to their outfit. Children should wear their trainers when dancing.

### **After School Club**

Our school governors have been exploring the possibility of having our own After School Care provision on the school site. I am pleased to be able to tell you that our Governors have agreed to ask EnergyKidz to run after school care at our school from September 2017. Governors were particularly impressed by Energykidz when they visited one of their clubs in Oxfordshire.

If you would like your child to use the after school club please email Energykidz at [info@energy-kidz.co.uk](mailto:info@energy-kidz.co.uk) or call 0333 577 1533 and sign up your child.

Well done to Wren Class who won the attendance teddy for 97% attendance in the week before the holidays.

Kind regards

### **Best Wishes**

**Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team**

<p><b>Our assembly theme for the month of April is Forgiveness</b></p>
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### **Celebration of achievements**

This week Arabella in Year 5 has been awarded her Gold merit arrow and Alice in Year 5 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 200 nights of reading at home: Luke, Flossie and Karena in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Hazel in Sky Larks. Liam and Baran in Nightingales. Bella and Hakan in Kingfishers. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Niamh in Red Kites. Lucy in Owls. Nell in Nightingales. Oscar, Georgia and Grace in Swallows. Jack and Esme in Kingfishers. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Maisy in Red Kites. Olivia in Owls. Declan and Sonny in Nightingales. Freddy and Isobel in Swallows. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 100 nights of reading at home: Daniel in Swallows. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Leah-Kate in Swallows. Zara in Kingfishers.

### The Big Question

This week's Big Question is "What is more precious - water or gold?"

### Lost Property

Luke in Sky Larks has lost his black Casio watch. Please check that your child has not taken it home by mistake.

### Attendance



Help give your child the best start in life. Every day counts at school.

### Lunch Time & After School Clubs

Please see below for a timetable of our after school clubs. If your child is interested in joining any clubs, please speak to their class teacher.

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	Activators (term 6)	KS1 Mathletics	Choir	KS2 Mathletics & Cricket (term 6)	KS 2Book Club
<b>After School</b>	Change 4 Life	Yr 2 – 6 Circuits & KS1 Football	Year 1 – 6 Karate & Year 2 – 6 Netball	Year 2 -6 Infusion Dance & Year 5 -6 Homework Club	Year 1 – 6 Football & Chess & Year 2 – 6 Street Hockey

## Wild Cats Girls Football

Mr Wynn runs a girls' football team on Thursdays in Kidlington called 'Wild Cats' and is happy for more of our girls to join. It is run every Thursday from 4pm – 5pm at Evans Lane, Kidlington. If your child is interested in joining please email [sswildcats.kyfc@gmail.com](mailto:sswildcats.kyfc@gmail.com) for more information. Tiffany in Year 4 has been selected for the under 9 squad, congratulations to her.

## Forthcoming Dates

### May

02.05.17	Class Photographs
03.05.17	May Day Celebrations 9:00am
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
23.05.17 12.30pm	Year 6 Induction The Marlborough School 9am -
24.05.17	Year 2 Ultra Olympics

### June

05.06.17	Inset
07.06.17	Quad Kids Year 3 – 6 Tilsley Park
09.06.17	Year 5 & 6 Girls Cricket
16.06.17	Year 5 & 6 Boys Cricket
20.06.17 2.30pm	Year 6 Induction The Marlborough School 9am -
21.06.17	Foundation Stage Cotswold Farm Park
27.06.17	Key Stage 1 Sports Day <b>Starting at 9.30am</b>
30.06.17	Key Stage 1 Sports Day if wet on 27.06.17

### July

04.07.17	Key Stage 2 Sports Day <b>Starting at 9.30am</b>
06.07.17	Key Stage 1 Sports Day if wet on 04.07.17
07.07.17	Summer Fete
11.07.17	Foundation Stage Sports Day <b>Starting at 9.30am</b>
11.07.17	Year 6 Induction The Marlborough School – all day
19.07.17	Year 6 Leavers Evening
21.07.17	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00am