

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, our children in Key Stage 1 took part in a science performance named 'Inventing Isobel' led by specialist teachers from Science Oxford. The performance was on the theme of materials. The children helped 'Isobel' by taking part in lots of different experiments including what material is the best for an umbrella.



Yesterday, Mrs Phillips took 8 children to run in a Relay race at St Edward's school in Oxford. There were 35 teams competing and the rain was torrential! However, all our children did us proud by running as fast as they could in the muddiest of conditions. The children cheered each other on, worked really well as a team and showed excellent sportsmanship. They were thrilled with their medals, box of jellybeans and the most enormous chocolate muffin! The results showed that our boys' team came 4th and the girls' team came 2nd! Thank you so much to the parents and grandparents who came to support us.



Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to the Ukraine refugee appeal. The response from our school community was over whelming, I am grateful to all the volunteers who helped transport the donations to the collection point in Carterton.

My latest communication from RAF Brize Norton staff, who organised the appeal, is that they are now halfway through their collections. So far they have sorted and packed 738 boxes of aid supplies for the people of Ukraine (an estimated 14.8 tonnes of aid), and over £7000 has been donated to the Just Giving Page set up for the appeal, (JustGiving Link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dayforukraine>) It is good to know that our WF community have played their part in supporting the appeal.



It can be challenging when talking to young children about the war in Ukraine, there needs to be a balance between answering questions children have but not causing undue fear and anxiety. The organisation Creative Education will be hosting a webinar for parents on this issue, you can sign up using the link below:

Title: Talking about War and Conflict with Your Child

Date: Monday 28th of March at 4 pm UK time. How to book: Register here to attend <https://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/courses/talking-about-war-and-conflict-with-your-child/>

About: This webinar hopes to help parents/carers and those in education to consider different ways to talk to their children about conflict, war and disasters. We will consider:
 How to ask questions and noticing
 How to support with fact-checking
 Providing consistency in a world of uncertainty
 Supporting emotional well-being

Tomorrow is Comic Relief Day so the children are invited to come to school dressed in Red or any Comic Relief clothing, bringing in their red noses if they have one. All the children will be taking part in a 'Nose and Spoon' obstacle race and classes may have activities connected to the Charity during the day. If you would like to donate to Comic Relief, a fund has been set up in Parent Pay and all donations will be sent to the charity. Many thanks for your support.

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of March is Hope



Writer of the week – Oscar in Year 6
 Mathematician of the week – Zachary in Foundation Stage
 Reader of the week – Ruby in Year 1
 BLP of the Week – Ruby in Year 1

Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have reached her 200 nights of reading at home: Joshua in Swallows. Nate in Owls. Georgia in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached her 175 nights of reading at home: Luka & Isla in Red Kites. Serenity & Zeko in Owls. Orhan & Aashir in Eagles. Grace & Theo in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Luca & William in Swallows. Olivia in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Poppy in Red Kites. Kara & Ellie-Mae in Eagles. Archie & Oliver in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 75 nights of reading at home: Archie in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Zak & Izzy in Sky Larks.

Attendance

School starts at 8:45am, can you please make sure your child is in class by 8:45am.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

There are only 190 statutory school days in one year and 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays. Parents should avoid taking their children out of school during term time in order to go on holiday.

| Class | Attendance for 07.03.22 – 11.03.22 |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Eagles | 98.80% |
| Kestrel | 93.67% |
| Kingfishers | 99.17% |
| Nightingales | 88.40% |
| Owls | 99.00% |
| Peregrine Falcons | 97.08% |
| Red Kites | 93.21% |
| Robins | 94.74% |
| Sky Larks | 92.97% |
| Swallows | 96.99% |
| Wrens | 85.47% |
| Total | 94.77% |

Parking

Can we ask you to not park on the white lines or zig zag lines when dropping off or picking your child up from school.

Oxford Basketball Camp - April 20th, 21st & 22nd

Basketball skill and development training. Lead by University of Oxford head women's basketball coach Alex Haley. Location: Iffley Road Sports Centre. 6-11yrs 9am-10:30am 12-16 yrs 11am-12:30pm. Email alex.haley@oxfordwbb.com. Link to register: <https://forms.gle/Du5dbZ5oLNcMZixW7>

Lost Coat

A child has taken the incorrect coat home after Jitsu yesterday, can you please check your child has the correct coat.

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 £5.00 per child. If you would like your children to take part in breakfast club, **please see the staff in the office to book prior to attendance.**

News from the PTA

The next Uniform Exchange and Sale is provisionally booked in for 3pm on **Tuesday 29th March**. Covid and weather permitting. Recommended donation of 50p per item.

If you have any items of uniform (including coats and shoes) you'd like to donate please leave them in the Uniform Exchange bin in reception or bring them along to the sale to exchange.

Support William Fletcher School by signing up to Your School Lottery and you could also WIN a £500 Bike voucher.

With just 50 tickets purchased this could raise an amazing £1,000 a year for the school.

For more info or to sign up please visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for William Fletcher.

Yarnton Preschool - Job Opportunity

We'd love to hear from you if you love all things Early Years! Are you passionate about nurturing a love of learning in young children? Do you have Pinterest boards full of ideas? Do you have an in-depth working knowledge of child development and the EYFS? Are you kind, loving and experienced in supporting children as they learn through their play?

Yarnton Pre-School is looking for a passionate Early Years Worker to join our dedicated team. The appointment is part time and initially for a year but will be reviewed and could potentially be longer term.

Please contact Gemma at Yarnton preschool for more information.

Gemma Foster

Yarnton Pre-school

Tel: 01865 841327

Email: yarntonpg@outlook.com

Address: Rutten Lane, Yarnton, Kidlington, Oxfordshire, OX5 1LW

Spring Craft and Shopping Fair

Yarnton Village Hall, Sunday 3rd April, 1-4pm

Lots of local small business selling a range of goodies, including Wreaths, Bodyshop,

Personalised Easter Gifts, Handmade Gifts & Products, Candles & Wax melts, Jewellery, Chocolate products and lots more!

We will also have a Face painter, Raffle, and Tombola

Refreshments will be available.

A donation will be made to the charity – CHILDREN ON THE EDGE

Forthcoming Dates

March 2022

18.03.2022 Comic Relief
22.03.2022 Foundation Stage Hill End Camp
24.03.2022 Key Stage 2 Parliament Trip

April 2022

04.04.22 – 06.04.22 Year 4 Hooke Court
08.04.22 Term 4 ends
25.04.22 Term 5 starts

May 2022

02.05.2022 Bank Holiday
04.05.2022 May Day Celebrations
09.05.2022 –
13.05.2022 Year 6 Sats week
19.05.2022 Foundation Stage Vision Screening

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022

Term 4

Monday 28th February to Friday 8th April

Term 5

Monday 25th April to Friday 27th May

Term 6

Tuesday 7th June to Tuesday 19th July

Monday 6th June INSET

Wednesday 20th July INSET

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2022/2023

Term 1

Tuesday 6th September to Friday 21st October

Friday 2nd September INSET Day

Monday 5th September INSET Day

Term 2

Monday 31st October to Tuesday 20th December

Friday 18th November INSET Day

Term 3

Wednesday 4th January to Friday 10th February

Tuesday 3rd January INSET

Term 4

Monday 20th February to Friday 31st March

Term 5

Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May

Term 6

Tuesday 6th June to Wednesday 21st July

Monday 5th June INSET