

## William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in school we have been celebrating Science Week. All of the children have been taking part in science based activities, workshops, visits and investigations.

Children in Foundation Stage took part in science investigations including mixing colours with ice and watching what happened to the colours as the ice melted.



Children in FS & KS1 and years 3 & 4 took part in workshops held in the school hall. The children in FS and KS1 learnt about materials. They looked at materials that are suitable for different inventions e.g. an umbrella, an anchor, a cup for hot chocolate and a bouncy ball. Children in years 3 and 4 learnt about sound. They learnt that sound is created by vibrations and travel in waves.

Our Year 5 and 6 children visited the RAF base at Brize Norton. They spent time learning about the A400M Atlas - a military transport aircraft, they saw the flight deck with its multitude of instruments, had a chance to sit in the pilot's seat as well as speak over the inter com! They also learnt about the landing gear, the propellers and the general design of the aircraft with a focus on



which materials had been chosen for specific purposes. At the end of the trip, the cargo doors were opened and they all enjoyed the chance for fantastic class photos on the cargo hold doors. The trip was a big success and the children represented the school brilliantly, asking lots of questions and showing a real interest in STEM subjects.



The school has also taken part in The Big Science Event. All children have been working in small groups in their class and carried out their own science investigations. One group from each class will present their investigation to Miss Parsons and Mrs Nind and two of these will be chosen to be entered into Science Oxford's Big Science Event.

A very big thank you to our science co-ordinator Miss Parsons for organising our science week activities.

Children in our school chess team took part in chess matches with Phil and Jim School in Oxford. The children enjoyed the experience of visiting and playing against another school.

During World Book day we held a collection for the charity World Book Aid, we raised £65.00 which will be used by the charity to buy books for children to read in developing countries.

We are holding our annual decorate an egg competition. Children will all have an A4 egg shape on which to draw a design. There will be a prize for the winning entry from each class. Entry to the competition is £1 with all proceeds going to PTA funds.

**Best Wishes**

**Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team**

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



Writer of the week – Callan in Year 5

Mathematician of the week – Maisie in Foundation

Reader of the week – Anna in Year 1

Building Learning Power – Sophia in Year 5

### **Celebration of achievements**

This week Lucy in Year 5 has been awarded her silver merit arrow. Millie, Scarlett & Lacey in Year 5 have been awarded their gold 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 child who has reached his 25 nights of reading at home: Alfie in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Brendon, Isobel & Isabella T in Kestrels. Declan in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Scarlett & Hakan in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Nell in Nightingales. Abby in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Callum in Nightingales. Betsy, Zachary & Iris in Swallows. Austin in Kestrels. Imogen, Arabella & Lizzie in Eagles.

Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 200 nights of reading at home: Lucy in Owls.

### **Attendance**

Arriving at school on time is very important for the children, it is often first thing in the morning when the day ahead is discussed and the children begin their first learning activities. If on the odd occasion your child is late for school they should enter the school via the school office where they will be registered. School begins at 8.45am and we aim to lock the school gate as soon after this as possible.

### **On time and on target**

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Kestrel class for 98.15% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 05.03.18 - 09.03.18
Eagles	97.42%
<b>Kestrel</b>	<b>98.15%</b>
Kingfishers	98.08%
Nightingales	97.20%
Owls	97.31%
Red Kites	97.78%
Robins	92.94%
Sky Larks	95.67%
Swallows	97.31%
Wrens	91.18%
Total	96.63%

### **Spring Disco**

The school disco is tomorrow. 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. Please let the school office know if you are able to help at either disco.

### **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 2018**

14.03.18	Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby tournament
16.03.18	PTA Disco
21.03.18 – 23.03.18	Year 4 Hooke Court
23.03.18	Learning cards go home
28.03.18	Oxon School Games Year 3 – 6
29.03.18	Spring Term 2 ends

### **April 2018**

16.04.18	Fire service visiting Key Stage 1
20.04.18	Kestrels start swimming
30.04.18	Class Photographs

### **May 2018**

01.05.18	May Dancing
10.05.18	Year 3 & Tennis competition
14.05.18 – 18.05.18	Key Stage 3 STATS
23.05.18	Year 2 Ultra Olympics Marlborough School
24.05.18	School nurse visiting Year 5

## **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2017/2018**

### **Term 4**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

### **Term 5**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May INSET Day

### **Term 6**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July INSET Day

## **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2018/2019**

### **Term 1**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September INSET DAY

### **Term 2**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October INSET DAY  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November INSET DAY

### **Term 3**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February