

William Fletcher School

Dear Parents and Carers,



Last week we had a visit from the Government Minister Harriet Baldwin, the One Billion App designer Andrew Ashe and Nottingham University researcher Professor Nicola Pitchford. The group came to observe our children using the One Billion App which we have been trialling with some of our children in Key Stage 1. We have been using the App as additional support for our children, the same technology

is being used in countries such as Malawi by children who live in very rural areas. The visit was filmed by the BBC and you may have seen the report on the local news. Needless to say we were very proud of all of our children who spoke with our visitors and displayed true WF enthusiasm in their discussion with the Minister.

Minister Baldwin also had the opportunity to meet with our Article 12 committee who had prepared a range of questions to ask – they were very kind to the Minister and did not ask any questions about Brexit! Our Article 12 committee did ask about the Governments plans to enable all children to have their rights fulfilled as well as asking the Minister about the aspects of her role that she most enjoyed.



Tomorrow is our first Christmas non-uniform day in exchange for a gift for the Christmas shopping. Please take gifts to your child's class teacher where they will be collected by members of the PTA. If you are able to help the PTA with the Christmas shopping, or making cakes and selling refreshments at the school Christmas plays, please let your child's class teacher know or speak to staff in the office. We do hope we will have lots of parents able to offer a small amount of time over the next couple of weeks.

Best Wishes
Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of December is Peace / Advent



Writer of the week – Charlie in Year 6
Mathematician of the week – Sam In Year 4
Reader of the week – Ellie-Mae in Year 2
School Value – Year 6
Building Learning Power – Frankie in Year 2

Celebration of achievements

This week Jack & David in Year 5 have been awarded their Silver merit arrow. Amelie & Thomas 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 75 nights of reading at home: Riley & Jovan in Kingfishers. Warren in Nightingales. Elise in Kestrels. Maisy, Rosh, Charlie, Bori, Lily & Lucy in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Maisie in Kingfishers. Aashir & Percy in Nightingales. Orla in Kestrels. Tiffanie & Anisha in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Isabelle in Kingfishers.

Attendance

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.

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Sky Larks for 100% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 26.11.18 – 30.11.18
Eagles	94.00%
Kestrel	97.78%
Kingfishers	95.45%
Nightingales	96.82%
Owls	98.85%
Peregrine Falcons	93.00%
Red Kites	97.14%
Robins	98.75%
Sky Larks	100%
Swallows	98.33%
Wrens	92.08%
Total	96.53%

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.

Ignite Football Club – Every Friday from 3pm – 4pm

If you would like your child to attend Ignite Football Club for term 3 which runs every Friday from 3pm to 4pm, please see Mrs Morris in the office by Friday 21st December 2018.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

On Tuesday 11th December Mrs Pink will be holding a second hand uniform sale along side the foodbank. Please can you check the lost property if you are missing items of school uniform before Monday 10th December. Thank you.

Advent Café

St Bartholomew's Church are running an Advent Café in the Village Hall on Monday 10th from 2.30pm-4.30pm. There will be tea, coffee and cake and simple craft activities for all ages, looking at the meaning of Christmas. Free entry, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Christmas Dinner

On Friday 14th December Fresh Start is offering a Christmas lunch for all children in school. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch please log into <https://freshstartcatering.uk> and use your log in details **by Tuesday 4th December**. The cost is £2.30 per child in Key Stage 2 and is free for Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils

Christmas Play Dates

11.12.18	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance - 2pm
12.12.18	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm
12.12.18	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - 5.00pm
12.12.18	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance - 6.30pm
13.12.18	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance - 2.00pm
13.12.18	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance - 5.00pm
13.12.18	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance - 6.30pm

Children's Christmas Shopping Day

The PTA organize this event each Christmas which is very popular with the children. For those of you who are new to William Fletcher School it runs like this: There are two non-uniform days and on each of these every child can wear his / her own clothes in exchange for bringing in a small gift suitable to be given to a parent. Then on the Christmas Shopping Day the children "go Christmas shopping" and are allowed to buy two gifts. The children then wrap these gifts themselves in the classroom and bring them home to put under the Christmas tree. The gifts are required to be new and unopened and in date (and nothing alcoholic please!). To give you some ideas of what to donate, the children enjoy buying for their parents: Small boxes of chocolates or biscuits, sweets, shower gel, soaps, bubble bath.

Key dates:

Friday 7th December – non-uniform day in exchange for female gift

Friday 14th December – non-uniform day in exchange for a male gift

Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Shopping Day. If anyone is free to help with the Christmas Shopping, could you please let Mrs Morris in the office know.

Forthcoming Dates

December 2018

07.12.18	Non-uniform day in exchange for female gift
11.12.18	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance - 2pm
12.12.18	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – 2.00pm
12.12.18	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance – 5.00pm
12.12.18	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance – 6.30pm
13.12.18	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – 2.00pm
13.12.18	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance – 5.00pm
13.12.18	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance – 6.30pm
14.12.18	Non-uniform day in exchange for male gift
14.12.18	Christmas dinner
17.12.18	Year 6 Imps visit
18.12.18	Class Christmas parties
19.12.18	Christmas Shopping
21.12.18	Carol service
21.12.18	End of term 2

January 2019

07.01.19	Term 3 begins
08.01.19	Founders day
22.01.19	Foundation Stage Eye Test
24.01.19	Year 1 Dance at The Marlborough
31.01.19	Year 5 & 6 Boccia

February 2019

08.02.19	Learning cards go home
11.02.19	Learning cards returned
14.02.19	Year 5 & 6 Sports hall athletics at The Marlborough
15.02.19	End of term 3
25.02.19	Term 4 begins
26.02.19	Year 6 Junior Citizen
26.02.19	Year 5 Maths Challenge
26.02.19	Parent-teacher meetings
27.02.19	Parent-teacher meetings