

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children in years 5 and 6 have been thinking about imaginary planets and have produced some super pieces of writing. Their imaginative writing, together with illustrations make for a super classroom display.

Children in years 3 and 4 have been learning about Mount Vesuvius as part of their work on the Romans. They have created some colourful volcano designs.

This morning, the Year 3 and Year 4 children enjoyed a talk by Dr Nicholas Stefano Prozzillo. Dr Prozzillo runs the choir and music lessons at St Giles' Church in Oxford. He told the children about the choir and led them in a short singing lesson. The choir are keen to recruit new members and the children were given a flyer with details. Thank you to Mrs Winifrith for organising. This is a statement from Dr Prozzillo;

"St Giles' Choir Oxford provides a platform for budding musicians to realise and develop their potential. They sing in St Giles', visit cathedrals, and undertake an annual tour. The experience of teamwork, common purpose, and shared endeavour amongst friends, builds confidence and gives children valuable training in focus and concentration. No previous experience is necessary!"

Please watch our choir recruitment video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1AdICOIN7eY&t=19s>

For further details please contact Dr Nicholas Prozzillo

choirdirector@st-giles-church.org

Children are most welcome to try out the choir for a few weeks. There are also opportunities to learn the organ. If you think your child might be interested, do get in contact – we would be delighted to hear from you!"

Our local museum in Woodstock – The Oxfordshire Museum has sent some information to school about free events they are putting on over the half-term holidays. I know that lots of our children would enjoy taking part, the link for further information [is here](#), some sessions do require booking.

I am delighted to let you know that Mr Austin and his wife welcomed the arrival of baby Iris last week. We wish them every happiness at this special time.

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of February is Compassion



Writer of the week – Nancy in Year 4
 Mathematician of the week – Charlie in Year 6
 Reader of the week – Kara in Year 6
 Value of the Week – Ruari in Year 1
 BLP of the Week – Radu in Year 2



Celebration of achievements

This week Orla in Year 6 has been awarded her Bronze merit arrows. Archie in Year 5 & Cherry in Year 6 have been awarded their silver merit arrows. 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 150 nights of reading at home: Tilly in Nightingales. Alfie, Emran & Eva in Swallows. Martha in Kestrels. Nate in Owls. Aashir & Dora in Eagles. Emily, Jemima & Charlotte in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Simon & Osian in Nightingales. Laura in Swallows. Serenity in Owls. Corey & Luka in Red Kites. Claudia in Eagles. Maggie in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Nikodem in Nightingales. Sofia in Swallows. Georgia in Kestrels. Ellie-Mae & Kara in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Aiden & Gracie in Swallows. Alissa & Jude in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Lily-Rose in Eagles. Ben in Sky Larks. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Zac S 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 31.01.22 – 04.02.22
Eagles	83.06%
Kestrel	82.55%
Kingfishers	99.14%
Nightingales	89.62%
Owls	78.67%
Peregrine Falcons	59.17%
Red Kites	72.26%
Robins	86.32%
Sky Larks	60.32%
Swallows	95.51%
Wrens	84.71%
Total	80.78%

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 first PTA Uniform Exchange and Sale is happening at afternoon pick up tomorrow, Friday 11th February. All clothes have been washed, ironed and cleaned. It is a donation and/or exchange system. Recommended donation of 50p. Donations of clothing and shoes also accepted at the sale.

We had our second lottery draw and winner on Saturday. A cash prize of £20 for one lucky William Fletcher player. They very kindly donated their winnings to the PTA. Thank you so much! You can sign up at any point, for as long you'd like, £1 a ticket. To support the school please visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for William Fletcher.

This lottery is open to anyone wanting to support and fundraise for William Fletcher - carers, parents, grandparents, family friends.

Calling all budding violin and cello players!

County Music Service Teacher Mrs. Beaumont who comes into school has space to set up a new group for beginners on violin and / or cello. Lessons taught in small groups of 2-4 students for 20 minutes. Lesson will run at the end of school afternoon on a Wednesday afternoon finishing just after end of school day at 3.05. Students will be escorted by the teacher for pick up at Reception for pick up. Charges apply, instruments can be hired if necessary. Suitable for both those in years 3 or 4 who have had whole class learning or new beginners. All welcome! For further info email:

Victoria.beaumont@oxfordshire.gov.uk

To sign up / register interest go to: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest

Step 2 Dance Lessons

A local dance company Step 2 that comes into school has lots of lessons for all range of ages. Please see website below for further details:

[Step 2 Dance Oxford Homepage — STEP 2 DANCE](#)

Yarnton Youth Netball

Open to boys and girls in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 from William Fletcher School. Training is on Wednesdays at the school, after school until 4pm. Places are limited, and if you are interested in your child taking part please email yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com for more details. This year we will be asking all youngsters involved to become members of England Netball for a small one-off fee, so that we can run the session as part of Yarnton Netball Club.

Forthcoming Dates

February 2022

11.02.2022	Learning Cards go home
14.02.2022	Learning Cards returned
18.02.2022	Term 3 ends
28.02.2022	Term 4 starts
28.02.2022	West Oxfordshire Hockey tournament

March 2022

01.03.2022	Year 5 & 6 Visit to The Story Museum
07.03.2022	Parent Teacher Meeting
08.03.2022	Parent Teacher Meeting
15.03.2022	NCMP Height and Weight for Foundation and Year 6
24.03.2022	Key Stage 2 Parliament Trip

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2021/2022

Term 3

Wednesday 5th January to Friday 18th February

Tuesday 4th January INSET

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