

Dear Parents and Carers,

As is the case up and down the country last Sunday members of our community paid tribute to all of those who gave their lives in the two world wars and more recent conflicts. I am grateful to Anna Isles, a member of our Governing Body and her three children who laid a wreath on behalf of our school at the Remembrance service in Yarnton. Our school community all remembered those who had lost their lives on Wednesday by holding a minutes silence. Thank you to all of you who were able to support the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal this year.



Children in Key Stage 1 are really enjoying their learning focussing on Africa. In literacy they have read one of the Anansi stories – Anansi goes for lunch, and in art they have made jungle animals. The Key

stage 1 classes look very colourful and the children are proud of their work.



Thank you to everyone who has been able to meet with their child's class teacher this week for parent -teacher discussions. I know that all of the staff have found these meetings invaluable. If you have not been able to meet with your child's class teacher, do call the school office to arrange an appointment time.

Applications to Reception can now be submitted

Parents of children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 can now apply for places in Reception for the 2021/22 academic year. Applications should be submitted online at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. If you know of anyone in our community with a child born between the above dates please do let them know that the application process is open. Unfortunately, we are not able to show parents around but we are able to phone and have conversations with prospective parents.

Social distancing

Can I please ask all parents to remember to socially distance from members of staff and from each other. Socially distancing is one of the key ways we can stop the COVID virus from spreading.

Warm clothing

Another aspect of living with COVID is the need for us to ensure rooms remain well ventilated. We have to keep windows open when the children are in their classrooms in order to maintain a good level of ventilation. Can you please ensure your child comes to school with an additional layer of clothes as the temperature outside drops.

Tomorrow we will be raising money for Children in Need. The children are invited to come to school in non-uniform, they might like to dress in yellow and/or spots or design their own t-shirt. During the course of this week the children have been thinking about mental wellbeing, which is the theme for Children in Need this year. They have been learning about the five things we can all do to help our own mental health, these are: connect with people, be active, take notice, keep learning and give. If you would like to donate to Children in Need please do so by visiting <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1287> or send your child in with a donation which they should give to their child's class teacher.

Kind regards

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of November is Respect



Writer of the week – Srishti in Year 6
Mathematician of the week – Jacob P in Year 1
Reader of the week – Daniel in Foundation Stage
School Value – Leah Gardner in Year 1



Celebration of achievements

This week, Saeesha, Susan, Iris, Charlie, Emily S in Year 5 and Srishti, Abby & Isobel in Year 6 have been awarded their Silver merit arrow. Lyla & Russell in Year 6 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. Srishti & Baran Peregrine Falcons. Isobel in Sky Larks.
Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Senay in Kingfishers. Nikodem, Enid, Nathaniel, Tom & Dexter in Nightingales. Gabriel, William, Hollie, Isla, Maxim & Amelia in Swallows. Jasper in Owls. Yasmin, Luka & Eva in Red Kites. Kara, Bella, Esme & Ava in Eagles. Lyla & Henry in Peregrine Falcons. Olivia & Maggie in Sky Larks.

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.

Class	Attendance for 02.11.20 – 06.11.20
Eagles	97.62%
Kestrel	98.56%
Kingfishers	98.09%
Nightingales	97.10%
Owls	98.23%
Peregrine Falcons	98.40%
Red Kites	98.60%
Robins	98.55%
Sky Larks	97.15%
Swallows	99.06%
Wrens	99.68%
Total	98.22%

[Right of the Week: Article 6 - every child has the right to life.](#)

This week and next week we are focusing on Article 6. We have spoken about what children need for their life, survival and development. We looked at how there are many important factors we need to think about including: health and nutrition; exercise; a good education; a clean and safe environment; feeling safe, secure and respected; having friends and family to talk to and more! Anyone age 18 or over is a "Duty-Bearer". This means that all adults have a duty to ensure that children can access their rights. We discussed how duty-bearers can help children access their right to Article 6.

Here are some ideas for activities you could do together with your child at home:

- Draw an adult (a duty-bearer) and write down all the different ways they help you to survive and develop.
- Your education helps you to develop in school. How do the things you do out of school also support your life and development? Make a poster or write a list of all the different things you do out of school and how they support your development and life.

Please do send any examples of activities you and your child have completed - we would love to see them. If you have any questions at all please come and speak to Mrs Lancaster (Peregrine Falcons Class teacher).

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.

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, the office is now taking bookings for Term 2.**

Play Equipment

Before and after school could we please ask that you do not allow your children to go on the school climbing frames.

Kidlington Youth Football Club

Kidlington Youth Football Club are looking for players to join a new Under 10's boys team. If you are interested or would like further information please contact Matt Williams on mwilliams0682@icloud.com or 07495127690.

Forthcoming Dates

November 2020

20.11.20

Unicef World Children's Day

24.11.20

INSET Day

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2020/2021

Term 1

Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 23rd October

Tuesday 1st September INSET Day

Term 2

Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December

Tuesday 24th November INSET Day

Term 3

Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February to Wednesday 31st March

Term 5

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June INSET

Tuesday 8th June to Tuesday 20th July

Wednesday 21st July INSET Day

Thursday 22nd July INSET Day