

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, some of our children in Key Stage two had the opportunity to meet (virtually!) with Luke Douglas-Home, founder of the environmental charity Clear Public Space and Chris Preston, the Deputy Director of Waste and Resources at Defra (the government department for environment, food and rural affairs). The purpose of the meeting was to begin to think about waste and how we can begin to reduce waste at school and in our community. This is a project that we are hoping to run school wide as the year progresses and involve all of the children in the school.

Our children in Foundation Stage have continued to enjoy the pumpkins in the garden. In their maths sessions they have spent time ordering the pumpkins by size and in their art sessions have worked on observational drawings. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate a pumpkin!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Charity "Send A Cow" as part of our Harvest Celebrations, we collected a total of £133.06

At the end of this week the children will be bringing home their Learning Cards, a letter will accompany the cards to explain their purpose. Please ensure they are returned to school on Monday for teachers and children to continue to use through the year.

We are planning to run our parent-teacher discussion evenings as listed on the School Calendar in November. Due to the COVID pandemic, these meetings will take place either virtually or by phone call. We will let you have further details about the arrangements for parents evening nearer the time.

Kind regards

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of October is Justice



Writer of the week – Corey in Year 2
 Mathematician of the week – Isla in Year 2
 Reader of the week – Oliver in Year 5
 School Value – Luka in Year 1



Celebration of achievements

This week Olivia in Year 5, Holly, Chanelle and Tristan 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 25 nights of reading at home. Scarlet, Anelie, Maya, Emily, Freya, Phoebe, Senay & Harry in Kingfishers. Dexter, Enid, Teddy, Kieran, Immy, Poppy, Evie, Nikodem & Tegan in Nightingales. Felicity, Esme, Eva, Joshua, Amelia D, Corey, Maxim & Amelia S in Swallows. Emilia, Isla & Aashir in Kestrels. Emmie, Warren, & Georgia in Owls. Sebastian, Alfie, Jack B, Ava, Olly, Ibrahim, Bella, Stanley, Millie, Jack D, Orla, Kara, Max & Cherry in Eagles. Becka & Maisie in Peregrine Falcons. Grace H, Olivia and Archie S in Skylarks.

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 05.10.20 - 09.10.20
Eagles	98.50%
Kestrel	100%
Kingfishers	100%
Nightingales	95.00%
Owls	100%
Peregrine Falcons	97.12%
Red Kites	100%
Robins	100%
Sky Larks	94.81%
Swallows	100%
Wrens	100%
Total	98.56%

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.**

Tempest Photographs

You should have now received an email from Tempest with your child's photograph on, **if you have not received one**, please let the school office know.

[Right of the Week: Article 24 - every child has the right to the best possible health and healthcare.](#)

This week and next week we are focusing on Article 24. This is an article we have looked at before, but this week we were thinking about it from the perspective of mental health and wellbeing. We spoke about different ways we can look after our mental health and why it is so important. The children's ideas included: eating a healthy and well-balanced diet; getting regular exercise; speaking to people you trust; drawing; reading; listening to music; getting enough sleep; spending time with friends and family; not spending too much time online and many other great tips!

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

Think about a place that makes you happy and then draw it or write about that place.

- What makes this place special?
- Who is with you at your happy place?
- What do you have with you at your happy place?
- Keep this drawing somewhere safe and look at it next time that you want to be reminded of your happy place.
- Design a poster or create a PowerPoint presentation to promote how we can all look after our mental health and wellbeing. Don't forget to link it to Article 24.

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 Falcon Class teacher). Thank you to those children who sent me their research about Gandhi last week - it was very interesting to read! Well done. Mrs Lancaster.

Lost Property

Anelie from Kingfisher Class has lost her William Fletcher jumper, which is labelled, could you please check your child has not taken the wrong jumper home by mistake.

Play Equipment

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

Fresh Start Meal Manager

Next term Fresh Start are offering hot meals, you can order your child's food now. The order deadline for the first week of half term is Tuesday 27th October 2020.

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

October 2020

16.10.20 Learning cards go home
19.10.20 Learning cards to be returned to school
20.10.20 PTA AGM via Zoom (please email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com) everyone is welcome
23.10.20 **Autumn Term 1 ends**

November 2020

02.11.20 **Autumn Term 2 Starts**
09.11.20 Parent Teacher Discussions
10.11.20 Parent Teacher Discussions
13.11.20 Flu Vaccine for all years
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