

Dear Parents and Carers,

An amazing 60 children from years 1-6, their parents and members of staff braved the horrendous weather last Sunday to take part in the School's Challenge Run in Oxford. The children signed up last summer (no doubt in glorious sunshine!) to run 12 miles over the term and then a mile following part of the Oxford Half marathon course. I felt very proud of our children who showed tremendous courage and enthusiasm to run the distance with over 400 other children. They were helped on by the crowds who lined the run cheering them on. All of the children who took part are invited to wear their race t-shirts to school tomorrow and their medals, so we can all join in celebrating their achievements. Many thanks to all of the parent and carers who supported the children, Mr Lister for organising and training our runners and our amazing staff who gave their time over a weekend to supervise and encourage our children.

Last week was mental health week. We take children's mental health very seriously in our school and so we were keen to support this initiative. All of our children took part in sessions where they thought about things they can do to calm themselves when they feel anxious or worried. Mrs Haynes is our school mental health lead, if you would like further information about the activities the children took part in or would like to join the school well-being team then do arrange a time to meet with Mrs Haynes.

All of our children in years 1-6 have now visited Blenheim Palace to explore the contemporary art exhibition by Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan. The children learnt about the pieces of art and discussed their thoughts about each piece, after which they took part in workshops using clay to make their own small sculptures. We will be doing further work at school picking up on themes from the exhibition and making our own art which we are hoping to display in the gallery at Blenheim in February 2020. This is a really exciting project for our school, one which will provide additional breadth to our art curriculum. If you are keen to be involved in this project we would love to hear from you, either speak to me or your child's class teacher.



The school discos are nearly upon us, please do sign up to help if you are able to spare half an hour on Friday. We particularly need help with clearing up at the end, so if your child is in Key stage 2, we would be grateful if you could stay a little longer and help.

Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team

Our assembly theme for the month of October is Courage



Writer of the week – Ethan in Year 2
 Mathematician of the week – Dora-Jean in Year 3
 Reader of the week – Ellie-Mae in Year 3
 School Value – Anna in Year 3
 Building Learning Power – Archie & Brendon in Year 6

Celebration of achievements

This week Archie, Isobel, George, Ethan & Abby in Sky Larks 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: Ben, Ethan R, Emily, Scarlet, Toby, Ethan C, Anelie, Maisie, Joshua & Anoushka in Kingfishers. Aaron, Mathias, Zachary & Ruby in Nightingales. Hollie, Georgie, Hannah, Charlie, Annabel & Tymek in Swallows. Ellie B, Tilly, Thomas, Leah-Kate and Aiden 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.

The attendance teddy bear this week was awarded to Swallows for 97.91% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 07.10.19 – 14.10.19
Eagles	99.23%
Kestrel	94.80%
Kingfishers	99.26%
Nightingales	95.71%
Owls	94.29%
Peregrine Falcons	94.23%
Red Kites	97.08%
Sky Larks	93.60%
Swallows	99.29%
Wrens	93.67%
Total	96.10%

School Photograph

You would have received your child's photograph; you can either order the photographs online or give the order form and money into the office by Wednesday 23rd October 2019 at the very latest.

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 £4.00 per child starting at 07:30 and £3.50 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.

Yarnton Youth Netball Girls Club

There is a new Netball club starting in September for children aged 11 – 17 years old, on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:15, on the hardcourt in the playfield. Sessions are free in September and October. For more information please email: yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com

Key Stage 2 children Viola and Cello Lessons

Oxfordshire Music Service hold viola and cello lessons at our school, during the day on Thursdays and there are spaces available. If you would like your child to sign up please follow the link below:
<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>.

Café Create

Yarnton Village Hall – Sunday 20th October – 3pm – run by St Bartholomew’s Church. Café create returns exploring Harvest Festival. All are welcome to this all age gathering with creative activities and reflections. Tea, cake and coffee are served. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Future dates: 17/11; 8/12.

Parking

Please do not park your car on the residential nursing home drive whilst dropping and picking your child off/up from school. There has been an incident last week where it caused damage to another vehicle and it prevents the emergency service access to the drive at all times.

Forthcoming Dates

October 2019

18.10.19	Learning cards go home
21.10.19	Learning cards to be returned to school
24.10.19	Cross country event years 3-6
24.10.19	Glasbury Parents Meeting at 3.15pm
25.10.19	End of term 1

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2019/2020

Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 25th October

Monday 2nd September INSET DAY

Term 2

Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December

Term 3

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February

Term 4

Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April

Term 5

Monday 20th April to Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May INSET Day

Term 6

Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July

Friday 3rd July INSET Day

Monday 20th July INSET Day

Tuesday 21st July INSET Day