

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children in Foundation Stage who joined us at the beginning of this academic year have made a super start to school life.

This week they have used the story book Leaf Man by Lois Elhart to explore patterns in the natural world. Their work has included looking at different types of leaves and then using them to make some beautiful leaf pictures. They have also explored matching patterns and had great fun playing a game matching Mrs Weeks' pile of colourful socks!... The children have also been enjoying using the new school running track, with many of them being able to run a complete lap.



We heard this week that the PTA has been successful in a bid for £2000 from the Coop Midcounties Community Fund. The application form was completed before the national lockdown for money towards the installation of the school running track. Many thanks to Steph Delargy, our PTA chairperson for all her work in putting the bid together on behalf of the school and the PTA.

Over the past two weeks our teachers have taken part in two training sessions after school learning about supporting children's mental health and wellbeing. I know this is an area we are all concerned about at the moment. During our training we talked about sleep, and the important part that sleep plays in the good health of our children. We are often asked about how many hours of sleep a child needs each night. The advice for this is:

4-9 years old	10-11 hours sleep
10-16 years old	9-10 hours sleep
16+	8 hours sleep

Next week we will be celebrating Harvest, part of this will be supporting the charity called Send a cow. We will be asking children and families who would like to support this charity to bring in any change they have and use the coins in each class to outline pictures of cows. We will then collect in all of the coins and send the money to the charity who support families in 6 different countries in Africa.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Tempest, the school photographer, will be with us to take photos of the children. If Wednesday is PE day for your child and you would prefer their photo to be taken in their smart school uniform then please send your child in their school uniform and their PE kit in a bag for them to change into after the photos have been taken.

Kind regards

**Deborah Nind & the William Fletcher team**

## Our assembly theme for the month of October is Justice



Writer of the week – Maggie in Year 5  
 Reader of the week – Finley in Year 4  
 School Value – Claire in Year 4



### Celebration of achievements

This week Honey in Year 6 and Susan, Zach, Oliver, Saesha and Rebekah 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 25 nights of reading at home. Lucy M, Lucy B, Lyla, Austin, Phineas, Cherry, Daniel, Esme & Orhan in Eagles. Ethan, Isobel, Abby, Scarlet, Chanelle, Holly, Aanya, Emily, Ben, Georgia, Grace, Charlotte and Jemima in Sky Larks. Baran, Susan, Lyla, Daisy, Saesha, Iris, Charlie, Nell in Peregrine Falcons. Selina, Peter, Corey, Dora-Jean, Seb and Percy in Kestrels. Alissa and Evan in Red Kites. Finley Milly, Nancy, Charlotte, Riley, Claire, Nate and Nathan in Owls.

### 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, Wrens & Kestrels for 100% attendance.

Class	Attendance for 21.09.20 – 25.09.20
Eagles	97.04%
Kestrel	100%
Kingfishers	99.24%
Nightingales	96.15%
Owls	98.32%
Peregrine Falcons	98.92%
Red Kites	97.62%
Robins	99.00%
Sky Larks	94.81%
Swallows	100%
Wrens	100%
Total	98.15%

### Individual Photographs

The children's individual photographs will be taken on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October during school time. Due to COVID-19 our school photography company Tempest, WILL NOT be able to give each child a paper order form. Instead you will be able to order your child's photographs by receiving an email from Tempest. The email will include a photo of your child for you to view and

instructions on how to order photos. If you have not already done so can you please complete the form by clicking the link below, providing permission for school to pass on your email address to Tempest.

<https://forms.gle/Y1BxmUgNB7VEcNBKA>

**Right of the week:** *Article 38 - You have the right to protection in times of war. Children should not be forced to take part in war.*

This week, we have been focusing on Article 38. We have spoken about how conflicts can affect children and the impact it might have on them. We have also discussed why children should not be forced to take part in wars. Another important part of our discussion was how conflicts and disagreements can be settled in positive and respectful ways.

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

- See if you can design a poster to promote peace. You could include why war is so dangerous for children and emphasise that children have the right to be protected from war.
- October 2nd is the International Day of Non-violence. It is also the birthday of a famous man named Mohandas K Gandhi. He wanted a fairer world but said that instead of using fighting and war to make this happen, you had to find peaceful ways. You could do some research and find out about Gandhi and his 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 Falcon Class teacher).

### **Library Books**

Can you please check for school library books at home? There are more than 200 books still out and we can't start lending again until these have been returned.

### **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](mailto: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 Swimming Club Academy Trial

Kidlington Swimming Club are recruiting young swimmers. On Saturday 3rd October 2020 at 11am - Kidlington and Gosford Leisure Centre, OX5 2NU

If you enjoy swimming, love being in the water, and are aged from 7-10, then competitive swimming could be the sport, and KGSC the club, for you. Possibly the happiest, and best value, swimming club in Oxfordshire, Kidlington and Gosford Swimming Club is holding a trial for entry into the Club's Academy. To sign up for the trial simply complete the registration form at: [www.kgsc.co.uk/trial](http://www.kgsc.co.uk/trial) and Joe, the Club's Head Coach, will be in touch. We look forward to meeting you. KGSC [www.kgsc.co.uk](http://www.kgsc.co.uk)

## Forthcoming Dates

### October 2020

07.10.20	Individual Pupil Photos
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 <a href="mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com">williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com</a> ) everyone is welcome

**23.10.20 Autumn Term 1 ends**

## William Fletcher School Term Dates 2020/2021

### Term 1

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September INSET Day

### Term 2

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day

### Term 3

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

### Term 4

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### Term 5

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June INSET  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July INSET Day  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July INSET Day