

Dear Parents and Carers

Since half term we have been learning about poetry all across the school. This started as a celebration of World Book Day last week. All of the classes have been learning about poetry. We have read poems, written poems and performed poems.

In Years 3 and 4, the children were inspired by a poem by Kit Wright called The Magic Box. The children produced some great work. Here is a part of Arthur's poem.



"I will put in the box
The howl of a wolf.
The cry of a baby.
The bee buzzing.

My box is fashioned from
The golden ice.
The blackest night.
The brightest sun."

In Key Stage 1 this week, the children have been studying materials and have been helping the Three Little Pigs by finding out what would make the most waterproof roof; straw, sticks or bricks. After some terrific, and damp, practical experiments, lots of observing and lots of measuring, the children were able to come up with very thoughtful, and scientific, conclusions.



At the end of last week, the children in Years 3 and 4 visited Oxford Synagogue as part of the R.E. curriculum. The children were interested to see inside the building and to see, in real life, features and artefacts that they had learned about in school. They also listened to a very interesting talk by a member of the synagogue community.

COVID vaccinations for children at high risk

The Department for Education has asked that we circulate this link to parents whose child may be eligible for a COVID vaccination. Please look at the guidance and check with your GP if you think your child is eligible.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-aged-5-to-11-years/a-guide-for-parents-of-children-aged-5-to-11-years-of-age-at-high-risk?utm_source=8%20March%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Changes to COVID guidance

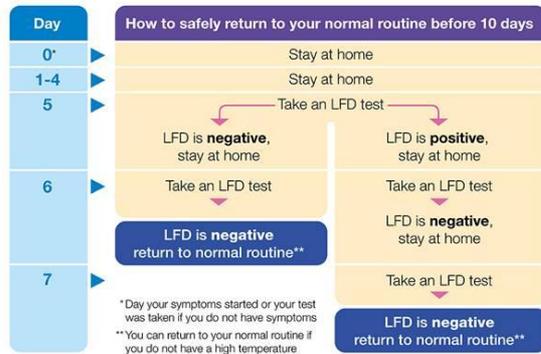
The Department for Education (DfE) has updated its guidance for schools regarding COVID-19, for schools there are two main changes:

From 21 February the DfE are no longer advising regular asymptomatic testing in most education settings, and COVID-19 will be increasingly managed in line with other infectious diseases through public health guidance.

From 24 February the legal requirement to self-isolate has been removed, as has the advice to take daily tests if you are a close contact, all contact tracing has also ended.

The guidance states that children with COVID-19 should not attend school while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results. The table below is helpful to illustrate this:

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



Ukraine

RAF Brize Norton are working with the Red Cross and If you would like to donate items for Ukraine, please bring them into your child's classroom tomorrow where they will be collated and taken for collection by volunteers from RAF Brize Norton.

Brize Norton have asked that these be of the following:

Dried food (Long-life items only)

- Water
- First Aid Supplies
- Toiletries & Sanitary Items
- Warm Clothes & Underwear (only good condition/unused & clean)
- Sleeping Bags (no duvets or pillows)
- Children's toys (small items only; pens/colouring books/small teddies etc)

If you would like to donate money to support the British Red Cross you can do so using the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dayforukraine>

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of March is Hope



Writer of the week – Enid in Year 3
 Mathematician of the week – Ben in Year 6
 Reader of the week – Gracie in Year 1
 Value of the Week – Beatriz in Year 4
 BLP of the Week – Isla in Year 3

Celebration of achievements

This week, Warren & Lily-Rose in Year 5 and Tyler in Year 6 have been awarded their Bronze merit arrows. Asher in Year 5 has been awarded his silver merit arrows. Well done to them for successfully completing a range of activities to a high standard to be awarded their arrow badge.

Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following children who have reached her 175 nights of reading at home: Tilly & Oscar in Nightingales. Alfie in Swallows. Nancy in Owls. Ben, Martha & Harry in Kestrels. Dora in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Ella & Luka in Kingfishers. Leah & Osian in Nightingales. Laura in Swallows. Daisy in Owls. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Esther & Isabella in Kingfishers. Jasper in Nightingales. Elliot, Sofia, Pedro & Arthur in Swallows. Maxim in Kestrels. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Phoebe in Kingfishers. Radu & Gracie in Swallows. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Emelia in Kestrels. Lupita in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Poppy in Owls.

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 14.02.22 – 18.02.22
Eagles	100%
Kestrel	95.00%
Kingfishers	96.67%
Nightingales	97.60%
Owls	98.00%
Peregrine Falcons	95.00%
Red Kites	98.21%
Robins	98.95%
Sky Larks	97.69%
Swallows	100%
Wrens	91.62%
Total	97.28%

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

Thank you for all of your help and support for us serving pancakes last week, we have donated a wonderful £66.49 to UNICEF.

The next PTA meeting is booked in for Thursday 10th March at 7.30pm via zoom. We will be discussing the Summer Fete and trying to book in some activities and events before the end of term.

If you would like the log in details please email us at williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

All welcome!

Support William Fletcher School by signing up to Your School Lottery and you could also WIN a £500 Bike voucher.

With just 50 tickets purchased this could raise an amazing £1,000 a year for the school.

For more info or to sign up please visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for William Fletcher.

Many thanks

I.M.P.S. Monthly Newsletter

The I.M.P.S. monthly newsletter about cycle safety can be found here:

<https://mailchi.mp/aeaae813a763/cycle-safety-imps-march-2022-lesson?e=0a09b332b5>

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

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.

Spring Craft and Shopping Fair

Yarnton Village Hall, Sunday 3rd April, 1-4pm

Lots of local small business selling a range of goodies, including Wreaths, Bodyshop, Personalised Easter Gifts, Handmade Gifts & Products, Candles & Wax melts, Jewellery, Chocolate products and lots more!

We will also have a Face painter, Raffle, and Tombola

Refreshments will be available.

A donation will be made to the charity – CHILDREN ON THE EDGE

Forthcoming Dates

March 2022

15.03.2022	NCMP Height and Weight for Foundation and Year 6
22.03.2022	Foundation Stage Hill End Camp
24.03.2022	Key Stage 2 Parliament Trip

April 2022

04.04.22 – 06.04.22	Year 4 Hooke Court
08.04.22	Term 4 ends
25.04.22	Term 5 starts

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