

Dear Parents and Carers



This week, some of our older children took part in the Indoor Athletics Tournament held at The Marlborough secondary school. There were a number of events such as sprinting, relay races, long jump and javelin throwing. The children enjoyed the experience, showing great determination and teamwork. Many thanks to Mrs Phillips for organising this activity for our children.



As part of their art and design work, children in Key Stage One have been looking at the work of the artist Vincent Van Gogh and his use of colour. They have been thinking about hot and cold colours and how they can use these colours in their own work. Working in groups the children designed and made their own paintings.



At the beginning of next term on Shrove Tuesday (1st March) the PTA will be serving pancakes for all of the children. We will be asking for a donation of 50p per child to cover the cost of the pancakes. Children in years 5 and 6 will have their pancakes on the following day as they will be on a school trip on Tuesday.

This week, the NHS launched a new service for parents called Chat health. This is a safe and secure text messaging service between healthcare professionals and parents, providing confidential help, advice and signposting for support.

Direct links to service information on the ChatHealth website are as follows:

- <https://chathealth.nhs.uk/start-a-chat/h/OxfordHealthVisitors>
- <https://chathealth.nhs.uk/start-a-chat/h/OxfordSchoolHealthNurses>
- <https://chathealth.nhs.uk/start-a-chat/h/OxonTeens>

Tomorrow is the last day of term, I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming you back to WF on Monday 28th February.

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of February is Compassion



Writer of the week – Cora in Year 5
 Mathematician of the week – Oliver in Year 6
 Reader of the week – Kayden in Foundation Stage
 Value of the Week – Alfie in Year 3
 BLP of the Week – Maxim in Year 3

Celebration of achievements

This week, Orla in Year 6 has been awarded her Bronze merit arrows. Archie in Year 5 & Cherry in Year 6 have been awarded their silver merit arrows. 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 child who has reached her 175 nights of reading at home: Enid in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Maya & Elliott in Kingfishers. Emily in Owls. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Alex P & Daniel in Kingfishers. Anna B in Nightingales. Jamie in Swallows. Ethan in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Aarav, Teddy & Ruby in Kingfishers. Violet, Nathaniel & Paislee in Nightingales. Dexter in Owls. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Samar & Stanley in Kingfishers. Yasmeena in Nightingales. Jack in Red Kites. Jack in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Amelia in Red Kites. Darlah in Swallows. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Nevaeh C & Richard in Kestrels.

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 07.02.22 – 11.02.22
Eagles	90.40%
Kestrel	89.33%
Kingfishers	94.17%
Nightingales	92.69%
Owls	80.33%
Peregrine Falcons	97.50%
Red Kites	95.00%
Robins	94.57%
Sky Larks	82.69%
Swallows	94.81%
Wrens	78.98%
Total	90.07%

News from the PTA

We are pleased to announce that the PTA will be serving pancakes to the children on Shrove Tuesday, 1st March and for the year 5 and 6's on Wednesday 2nd March. A 50p donation per child is recommended.

All allergies and intolerances will be catered for.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up and/or serve them on both days. If you are free on either of the mornings (straight after drop off) and feel that this is something you'd like to be involved with please message us via our Facebook page or email us at williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

The first PTA Uniform Exchange and Sale happened last Friday. Thank you to everyone that come along and supported it. We'll be looking to hold another one soon. In the meantime donations of clothing can be accepted in the Uniform Exchange bin in reception.

We had our third lottery draw and winner on Saturday. A cash prize of £20 for one lucky William Fletcher player.

You can sign up at any point, for as long you'd like, £1 a ticket. To support the school please visit yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for William Fletcher.

This lottery is open to anyone wanting to support and fundraise for William Fletcher - carers, parents, grandparents, family friends.

Many thanks

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.**

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.

Forthcoming Dates

February 2022

18.02.2022	Term 3 ends
28.02.2022	Term 4 starts
28.02.2022	West Oxfordshire Hockey tournament

March 2022

01.03.2022	Year 5 & 6 Visit to The Story Museum
03.03.2022	Year 3 & 4 The Synagogue
07.03.2022	Parent Teacher Meeting
08.03.2022	Parent Teacher Meeting
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