

Dear Parents and Carers

This week specialist teachers from the organisation Science Oxford visited school bringing with them their inflatable Planetarium dome. Children in years 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their planetarium experience which supports the science project they are currently on in the classroom.



Some of the children in years 3 and 4 have been learning about the artist Alberto Giacometti, they used his sculptures of people to inspire their own sculptures.



Safer internet day is on the 8th February next week. Working and playing on the internet is something we discuss regularly with children throughout the year. The following website is a useful place to find information about helping your child to be safe on the internet at home: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/top-tips-for-under-11s>

We continue to have a number of children testing positive for COVID, many thanks to all of you for regularly testing your children. I am hopeful that we will begin to see a drop in the number of children and staff contracting the virus over the next few days. Please remain vigilant for signs and symptoms of the virus and continue to encourage your children follow good respiratory hygiene.

Please continue to follow the one-way system to access the school site, this is one of the measures we have in place to reduce the number of contacts parents and children have on their way into and out of school.

A big thank you to everyone who has tried hard this past week to get to school on time. We open the gates at 8.35am and children should be in school by 8.45am when their class register is taken and vital instructions for the day are given to the children. From time to time, we know that the start to the day doesn't go to plan! If you arrive after 8.45am please go to the school office and let Mrs Morris know your child has arrived.

With best wishes

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

Our assembly theme for the month of February is Compassion



Writer of the week – Everest in Year 1
 Mathematician of the week – Elliott in Year 1
 Reader of the week – Dylan in Year 3
 Value of the Week – Priyah in Year 4
 BLP of the Week – Alex, Oliver and Bethany-Rose in Year 6

Celebration of achievements

This week Ellie-Mae & Betsy in Year 5 and Millie in Year 6 have been awarded their Bronze merit arrows. Cora in Year 5 has been awarded her 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 children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Senay in Kingfishers. Joshua in Swallows. Anelie & Isla in Kestrels. Charlie, Milly, Nancy. Nathan & Ingrid in Owls. Susan in Peregrine Falcons. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 125 nights of reading at home: Oscar & Tilly in Nightingales. Tilly, Edith, Ruby & Oscar in Swallows. Enid in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 100 nights of reading at home: Niko, Jude & Isla in Nightingales. Everest & Arthur in Swallows. Maxim, Hollie & Joshua in Kestrels. Serenity & Nikola in Owls. Ruby in Red Kites. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Alex, Sofia & Radu in Swallows. Bella, Frankie & Cherry in Eagles. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Hamish in Swallows.

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 24.01.22 – 28.01.22
Eagles	95.20%
Kestrel	94.46%
Kingfishers	94.40%
Nightingales	96.54%
Owls	89.00%
Peregrine Falcons	87.82%
Red Kites	75.74%
Robins	87.37%
Sky Larks	89.23%
Swallows	99.24%
Wrens	96.11%
Total	91.26%

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

We had our first 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.

The Uniform Exchange and Sale is provisionally booked in for pick up on Friday 11th February. (Covid and weather permitting). Donations gratefully received in the Uniform Exchange bin in the school reception or at the sale.

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

02.02.2022	Planetarium Year 5 & 6
11.02.2022	Learning Cards go home
14.02.2022	Learning Cards returned
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
07.03.2022	Parent Teacher Meeting
08.03.2022	Parent Teacher Meeting
15.03.2022	NCMP Height and Weight for Foundation and Year 6
24.03.2022	Key Stage 2 Parliament Trip

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
Thursday 21st July INSET Day

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