

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school, I hope you had an enjoyable summer break. A very warm welcome to all of our new parents and children joining our school this term, we very much look forward to getting to know you and working with you.

It has been great to see all the children returning to school and looking so smart in their school uniforms, they have made a very settled and enthusiastic start to the new term.

This newsletter is published every Thursday and can be found on the school website, school App and is also emailed to parents and carers. In the newsletter we celebrate children's achievements and activities as well as giving information about upcoming events and providing information to support children and their wellbeing.

This week, we sent all parents and carers a copy of the School Attendance policy for this academic year. Please read the policy and complete the online form. Good attendance at school is key for children to make good progress in their development, both academically and socially. Thank you to everyone for continuing to ensure your children attend school every day.

Tomorrow the children will be bringing home their class letters and curriculum maps. Please look out for these and contact the school office if your child has not brought one home. The curriculum maps provide useful information about some of the things your child will be learning in class over the coming weeks.

At the end of last term, we were fortunate to be selected to take part in an art project led by Modern Art Oxford. Through the project the children explored the richness and reality of Africa before the transatlantic slave trade, while also learning about and celebrating the science, art, education and agriculture of past, present, and future Africa.

The children worked with art practitioners from the Creative Learning team at Modern Art Oxford. They created a globe taking inspiration from their studies of the ancient kingdom of Benin, the children worked together collaboratively to create their own fantastical civilizations. The kingdoms on the globe included ancient features from Benin (shrines, walls, and Oba figures) as well as modern elements (cars, planes, and even self-portraits), to illustrate the richness of exploring the ancient world today. The children worked with painting, drawing and collage over the course of the project to turn their imagined kingdoms into a reality. The globe will be placed in our school entrance and I am sure that everyone who passes it will enjoy looking at the countless creative details.



Once again, our school will be taking part in the Schools Half Marathon Challenge in Oxford. The run in Oxford takes place on Sunday 16th October, if you would like your child to take part, please complete the online form which can be found [here](#).

Deborah Nind and the WF Team

**Our assembly theme for the month of September is Thankfulness**

### **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.

### **Ignite Sports Club in September – Every Thursday from 3pm – 4pm**

Ignite are running an after school sports club for children in Foundation to Year 6. If you would like your child to attend Ignite Sports Club for term 1, which will run every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm, starting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 22, please complete the Parent Pay form. It is based on a first come first serve basis and will cost £4.50 per session (£31.50 for term 1).

### **Energy Kidz Vacancy at William Fletcher School**

Energy Kidz is on the lookout for a happy, enthusiastic and passionate **Activity Leader** to join our ever growing family.

As an **Activity Leader**, you will....

- Engage with children through play and sports
- Supervise children in a safe and welcoming environment
- Create an inclusive and fun atmosphere
- Be every child's hero!

You don't need a wealth of experience, you just need a can-do attitude, a passion for childcare and a want to make a difference; every... single... day!

Energy Kidz & Fit for Sport (a part of Junior Adventures Group UK) currently operates in 250+ schools and leisure settings across the UK and engages with over 300,000 children, making us the biggest provider of children's services in the UK. Globally we operate in over 1000 settings across Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland and England. Join our worldwide network of colleagues on our mission to build brighter futures for children across the globe!

\*\* We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in our care and so all our team members require an enhanced DBS check. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975, 2013 and 2020.

**To apply please see:**

**<https://junioradventuresgroup.livevacancies.co.uk/#/job/details/1637>**

### **William Fletcher School PTA Update**

The PTA AGM (Annual General Meeting) will take place on Monday 3rd October, at 7.30pm in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to come along and see what's involved, have a natter and to meet some new faces.

All very welcome. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

If you are interested in any of the committee posts - chair, secretary or treasurer, please speak with either Liz, Lauren or Becca or email us at [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com) to find out more.

The next Uniform Exchange and Sale is Friday 16th September, at 3pm pick up in the bottom playground. Items can be brought to the sale to be exchanged or a 50p recommended donation per item. Uniform including shoes, coats, bookbags can continue to be left in the Uniform Exchange bin in the school reception.

The Autumn Disco is booked for Friday 14th October. More details to follow.

Please don't forget to follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with upcoming new and events @WilliamFletcherPTA

### **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.**

### **Knitting For All**

We have a knitting club at school run by Steph Radda on Tuesday's from 3pm - 4.15pm (term time only). If you would like your child to attend or for more information, please contact Steph on 07940564486 for further details.

### **Yarnton Brownies**

Yarnton Brownies currently have spaces. Come and join the fun! Open to girls aged between 7-10. We run Wednesday's during term time from 6.30-8pm. Please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> for more information and to register interest. Alternatively call 07866122863 - Heather Kimber Moss for any additional help.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

#### **September 2022**

06.09.22      Term 1 Starts

### **William Fletcher School Term Dates 2022/2023**

#### **Term 1**

Tuesday 6th September to Friday 21st October

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September INSET Day

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September INSET Day

#### **Term 2**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day

#### **Term 3**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February INSET Day

#### **Term 5**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Term 6**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June INSET

**William Fletcher School Term Dates 2023/2024**

**Term 1**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September INSET Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September INSET Day

**Term 2**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day

**Term 3**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Term 4**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February INSET

**Term 5**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Term 6**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June INSET