

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, our children in year 6 had the opportunity to share their May pole dancing with a wider audience. We took the May pole up to the nursing home in Yarnton to the delight of the residents. The children expertly performed their dances, and the residents were very appreciative of their visit. There was time afterwards for refreshments and for residents and children to chat to each other before the children returned to school.



Some of our year 5 children took part in the Year 5 Maths Challenge held at Cranford House school. The children met with other year 5 children from around the county and worked in pairs to solve maths puzzles and problems. Our WF children did very well with one pair coming first and the other pair coming third. They were pleased to receive a maths prize, certificate and afternoon tea!



Next Monday afternoon, we will be hosting a Book Exchange session. This time we will invite children in Foundation and Key Stage 1 to participate during school time and then for all other children from 3.00pm. If you are able to help with the Book Exchange, please let the office know or speak to a member of the PTA.

Our next Uniform Exchange will be on Tuesday 23rd May at 3.00pm.

The children will be bringing home their Learning Cards tomorrow so please do look out for these and ensure they are returned to class teachers on Monday.

Best wishes Deborah Nind and The WF team

Our assembly theme for the month of May is Understanding



Writer of the week – Nevaeh B in Year 4

Mathematician of the week – Anelie, Emily M, Zeko & Rupert in Year 4

Reader of the week – Ethan in Year 5

Value of the week - Emeran in Year 3

Celebration of achievements

Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 250 nights of reading at home: Claire in Peregrine Falcons. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 200 nights of reading at home: Zachary in Kingfishers. Josh W and Arthur in Kestrels. Claire in Peregrine Falcons. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 175 nights of reading at home: Isabella & Aarav in Kingfishers. Georgia in Kestrels. Nathaniel in Red Kites. Cerys in Peregrine Falcons. Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 150 nights of reading at home: Lucy & Rose in Kingfishers. Eddie in Nightingales. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 125 nights of reading at home: Everest in Swallows. Congratulations to the following child who has reached her 75 nights of reading at home: Isabelle in Peregrine Falcons. Congratulations to the following child who has reached his 50 nights of reading at home: Ruari in Nightingales.

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 08.05.23 – 12.05.23
Eagles	100%
Kestrel	97.77%
Kingfishers	96.98%
Nightingales	92.86%
Owls	95%
Peregrine Falcons	97.62%
Red Kites	97.41%
Sky Larks	100%
Swallows	96.43%
Wrens	95.69%
Total	96.79%

PTA Update

Dates for your diary - Next week

Monday 22nd May - Book Swap, 3pm in the school hall. Don't forget books to swap and your Reading Record to get stamped.

Monday 22nd May - PTA Meeting, 7.30pm via zoom. All welcome. Please email for log in details.

Tuesday 23rd May - Uniform Exchange and Sale, 3pm on the bottom playground.

Friday 26th May - Cuddly Toy Amnesty, a box/bag will be located at drop off and pick up on the bottom playground.

Any questions please email williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com

Lost Jacket

Enid in Year 4 has lost her navy adidas jacket with white stripes, if you find it, can you return it to the school office.

Junior Parkrun in Kidlington

Junior Parkrun has arrived in Kidlington! A weekly 2k timed event for children aged 4-14. No regular commitment or sign up required - just turn up and run. It's a 9am start every Sunday at Parkhill recreation ground (Benmead Road). For more information and to sign up for a free barcode, which enables you to get your results, please see:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/parkhillrecreationground-juniors/>

OPERA IN A DAY

Imagine. Create. Perform.

Opera in a Day is a series of workshops for 8-18 year olds, designed to introduce children and young people to some of the world's most beloved operas – and there's even a chance to create your own opera with a professional composer. These one-day workshops will combine singing, acting, storytelling and (most importantly) fun! Our workshop participants will get to put their own spin on these famous stories, and will showcase their work to friends and family at the end of the day. These workshops are led by opera industry professionals, so our young opera makers have the chance to work alongside top level performers and musicians.

You could be an opera fanatic, or a total newbie to the genre - it doesn't matter! Everyone is welcome. We're putting creativity and imagination first; there's no limit on what you can do, so come and spend a day with us and immerse yourself in the wonderful world of opera.

13 May | *The Magic Flute in a day* | 8- 10s

25 June | *Carmen in a day* | 10 – 14s

22 July | *Make your own opera in a day* | 10 – 14s

12 August | *Hansel and Gretel in a day* | 10 - 14s

20 August | *Pirates of Penzance in a day* | 15-18s

For further information please see: www.oxfordopera.uk/education/

There are also several fully-funded bursary places per workshop available; these are on a first-come-first-serve basis, so if you are interested but are unable to afford the place then please contact Katie Blackwell, Education and Outreach Director, to apply for a bursary place: Office: +44 (0) 1865 250 405 | +44 (0) 7901 764 582

Williams Hockey Coaching – Holiday Camp

WHC holiday camp is from 31st May – 1st June at Oxford Hawkes Hockey Club. For more information please email drew@williamshockeycoaching.com or register at www.forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1psWpRy2xUS79XR1D31bwbqDBBEE2ddlrWQhabGgcShURTAwMDFOWVZUN0tEMFUzMjk2UFlYQ1cxSC4u.

Yarnton Blues Presentation

Yarnton Blues Presentation is on Saturday 10th June from 2pm at Little Marsh Lane (behind The Turnpike). There will be a BBQ, Drinks, lots of stalls, Penalty shoot-out and Great raffle prizes – they have lots of raffle tickets which are available from Verity Donovan, Sarah Carter and Charlotte Ryan.

Yarnton Community Drop In

Yarnton Community Drop-In sessions are held every Monday afternoon in the village hall from 2pm to 4pm. All ages are welcome. They are run by and for villagers. If you would like a warm and friendly place to pop into on your way to or from school pickup please do come and have a drink, cake and a chat. There is no charge unless you would like to donate something towards our running costs. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ignite After School Club Term 6

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 6, which will run every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm, started on 8th June, 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 6).

Friday cafe

Every Friday, 8.45am- 10.30am in the Howard Hillsdon Room.

Pop in, meet other parents and carers, everyone welcome. Information available at each session, including:

*Helping your child with maths *Healthy lunchbox ideas *Money matters *Reading with your child.

Tea, coffee and biscuits available and younger siblings always welcome. For more information, please contact: Clare Pink, Family Support Worker clarepink@william-fletcher.gov.uk or, Karen Ariss: karen.ariss@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

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.

Yarnton Blues

Yarnton Blues Football club are looking for players to join for the upcoming season 2023/24
Under 15s – School Year 10
Under 11s – School year 6
Under 7s – School Year 2
Please contact James at secretary@yarnton-blues.co.uk for more information

Forthcoming Dates

May 2023

24.05.2023 Quidditch Day
26.06.2023 Last Day of Term 5

June 2023

05.06.2023 Inset Day
06.06.2023 Term 6 Starts
09.06.2023 Boys Cricket
15.06.2023 Marlborough School Induction Day 2 from 09.30am – 2.30pm – Year 6
20.06.2023 Key Stage 1 Sports Day (22.06.23 if wet)
21.06.2023 Year 2 Mini Olympics
27.06.2023 Key Stage 2 Sports Day (29.06.23 if wet)
30.06.2023 Summer Fete

July 2023

04.07.2023 Foundation Stage Sports Day (06.07.23 if wet)
05.07.2023 Parent meeting - Meet the teacher years 3 and 4 at 3.15pm
06.07.2023 Parent meeting - Meet the teacher years 1 and 2 at 3.15pm
07.07.2023 Parent meeting - Meet the teacher years 5 and 6 at 3.15pm
11.07.2023 Moving up Morning
11.07.2023 Marlborough School Induction Day 3 from 08.25am – 3.05pm – Year 6
21.07.2023 Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00am
21.07.2023 Last Day of Term

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2022/2023

Term 5

Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May

Term 6

Tuesday 6th June to Friday 21st July

Monday 5th June INSET

William Fletcher School Term Dates 2023/2024

Term 1

Tuesday 5th September to Friday 20th October

Friday 1st September INSET Day

Monday 4th September INSET Day

Term 2

Monday 30th October to Wednesday 20th December

Monday 27th November INSET Day

Term 3

Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February

Term 4

Tuesday 20th February to Thursday 28th March

Monday 19th February INSET

Term 5

Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May

Term 6

Tuesday 4th June to Wednesday 24th July

Monday 3rd June INSET