

9th February 2018

Message from the Head



William Austin Wizards

South America	Umar	Sahar
Asia	Aysha	Zsolt
Europe	Rafi	Madeeha
Africa	Haadiya	Zenab
North America	Isha	Anisa
Van Gogh	Marta-Elena	Rehan
Picasso	Waniya	Rehab
Monet	Abdul	Aalia
O'Keeffe	Rayyan	Nabila
Hepworth	Simran	Dawud
Mars	Talha	Aribah
Venus	Maryam	Ismail
Neptune	Munira	Ishaq
Jupiter	Ruqiya	Anisha
Saturn	Iqra	Maryam
Goodall	Maleeha	Mahdi
Curie	Zareen	Muskhan
Newton	Humna	Sufyan
Hawking	Inzamam	Halima
Einstein	Laweza	Fareeha

Dear families

Welcome to this week's edition of Junior News Express.

Well done to Icknield who were winners of our colour day last Friday with 3621 housepoints.

Van Gogh class were lucky enough to visit Pizza Express this week and find out how pizzas are made. They even got to make one for themselves! The rest of Y4 will be going along in the coming weeks.

It's been a sporty week in school. Our boys' and girls' netball teams were in action this week - read their match report later on in the newsletter. Miss Palmer took a team to SALTO gym for a competition. They did their best and came sixth. Well done to them all for learning the routine.

We are planning a SATs meeting for Y6 parents after the holiday - further details to follow - but it will be a chance for parents to look at sample questions, see how the teachers are preparing the children for the tests and learn how you can support your child at home.

We break up for half term today. Please keep on listening to your children read during the week and support them with their holiday homework tasks.

As ever, thank you for your support. We look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 19th February.

I hope you enjoy your weekend and half term holiday.

Mrs Adams



Attendance

The class with the highest attendance is:

Picasso
97.6%



Baker Cup

Winners

Picasso

Attendance Winners

Europe - Aydin, **Africa** - Safwan, Kumayl, Jasmeet, **Asia** - Numan, Younis
South America - Mustafa, Fatimah, Aisha, **North America** - Zakaria
Hepworth - Rishi, Esha, Muskhan, Arafat, **Picasso** - Sana, Saffah,
Monet - Aiman, **O'Keeffe** - Ayaan, **Van Gogh** - Zoya, Marta-Elena
Jupiter - Amaan, **Saturn** - Zain, Qaasim, **Mars** - Saarah
Venus - Alisha, Mostak, Rehan, Yusuf, Hanna, Aaliyah
Einstein - Sana, Faris, Hafeezah, Tahiyah, **Hawking** - Labib, Isha, Aliza
Curie - Abarna, **Goodall** - Abdulhaqq, **Newton** - Tehreem

Book Fair

Top 5 Library Loan



- 1 - 78 Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths
- 2 - Bad Dad by David Walliams
- 3 - Brilliant World of Tom Gates by Liz Pichon
- 4 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- 5 - Dogman: A Tale of Two Kitties by Dav Pilkey



Coming soon

World Book Day - 1st March

Cool Website
The BBC have recently developed a superb section on their website called 'Own IT' (bbc.co.uk/ownit). It has a whole range of interesting video clips and articles about online safety and if you ever encounter a problem, you can probably find the answers there. It has some interesting information about digital technology and how the online world is constantly developing. Well worth a look!

Upcoming Events:

9th February - Half term holiday
19th February - Children return to school

Dear Families,

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

We are approaching half term and I think it is fair to say we all need a well earned break. At the Family Centre we have had lots of support and attendance to all our activities so a big THANK YOU to those families who continue to support us.

If your child has school dinners may we please remind you to top up your child's account £10 each week.

Courses for parents starting after half term

- Foods from Around the World Wednesday 28th February. This is a 6 week course costing £30. Ingredients for all menus will be provided. Great opportunity to learn new ways of cooking and sampling Italian, Mexican, Chinese and other dishes from around the world.
- Hairstyling Thursday 1st March 9:15am-11:15am. This will be a 5 week course costing £20.
- English for Beginners Friday 2nd March 9:15-11:15am. This will be a 10 week course costing £20.

Crochet and Coffee Morning Monday 9:00am-10:00am. All welcome.

Pilates, ladies are attending if you would like to join please contact us, spaces available.

Free ICT sessions, have started not to late to join if you would like to attend please contact us.

Please pop in to the Family Centre or call 01582 509121.

Have a fun filled safe half term



Shifa (Monet)

I.T. to write a adventure story.
 It was horrible sight: A big shadow, which made the children shiver with fear, appeared into a patch of moonlight. Slowly the shadow was getting bigger, and the children froze. Here we whisperal silently, "what was that?" A low grunting and big footsteps, broke the silence of the night. The children, looked back, it's skin was dull, granite grey and it had a body like a cocoon. It opened its mouth to reveal its thin, needle sharp teeth and opened its hand to display its claws.
 Harry dived his hand to his mouth to stop himself from screaming out. Here we missed a peep, when she saw the frightening evil troll. Ron's voice shook and his went came in gasps, not knowing what to do in front of the terrifying troll.

Nilesh (Jupiter)



Amna (Curie)

Maryam (South America)



Boys' Netball Match

The boys' netball match was a great competition for William Austin. They Bushmead team were very good as well. They had great communication and teamwork, they were a very energetic team. We had great teamwork as well but our communication wasn't as good. Overall, we had a fantastic match.

Girls' Netball Match

On Wednesday 7th February the William Austin netball team competed against Bushmead Primary. It was an intense match and incredibly challenging. We had to stay with our oppositions throughout the whole match as they tried endlessly to get away from us. The concrete was slippery from the rain (which made it even harder) Eventually, we scored 4 goals and won the match. Adina (Goodall)

Sports News

Boccia Tournament

On Friday 2nd February 2 x teams - one girls and one boy's team competed at Luton Sixth Form. All pupils worked well as a team and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Both teams won, drew and lost some of their matches.



Year 3/4 Gymnastics competition

On the 7th February 6 pupils competed at Salto Gymnastic Club - 3 performing a body management routine and 3 performing a floor skills routine and both having to perform a vault jump. "We had to jump on a soft fluffy chair. It was high, then we put our hands in the air and walked across the chair then we had to jump off bend our legs and hold it for 3 seconds. After we had done the roll we waited for different schools to do their show. Our one included a skipping rope. We all did very well. One of our routines came 2nd. Overall we came 6th out of 8 teams." Lama (South America)



After half term - PE lessons - Basketball. As long as it is not raining the lessons will take place outside so pupils need to bring outdoor clothing including - tracksuit bottoms, jumper/fleece, trainers (NOT plimsolls)

Monday 19th February - first day back the school's football and netball teams will have matches afterschool against Sacred Heart.

Clubs - Gymnastic clubs before and after school have now finished -

Monday 8:00am will now be a fitness/just dance club.

Monday 3:30- 4:30pm will only be year 3/4 football club - to allow time for netball/football fixtures to take place as the league has restarted.

Year 3

This week the children have been involved in assessments in reading, spelling and grammar. Please ask for details at your open evening appointment. They have now completed fantastic stories in English and thoroughly enjoyed our Romans topic in history and art. There will be Roman displays around the school, celebrating their work, so please look out for those. Next term will be focussing on report writing. Please read non-fiction texts with your children and get them to explain what each paragraph is about. *Best wishes Year 3 Team*

Year 4

In English, Year 4 have been reading non-chronological reports and we are starting to understand what is needed to write a non-chronological report. In Maths, the children are learning about fractions. A big thanks to those families of Picasso, Van Gogh, and half the children in O'Keeffe class who have returned the swimming letter and payment, ready for our first lesson on Wednesday 21st February. Please ensure that children are completing their learning log projects along with all the other homework over holidays. Have a restful half term. *Mrs Chowdhury & the Year 4 team.*

Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have written fantastic adventure stories as well as instructions on how to survive quicksand other obnoxious obstacles! Do ask the children about what they have learnt. In Maths, the children have been working very hard on fractions and are beginning to use bar models to solve problems. We are all really looking forward to our Harry Potter trip, so please do return the permission slip and deposit if you have not yet done so. We hope you have a restful break and enjoy the half term break. *Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team*

Year 6

Year 6 have written some excellent discursive texts this week, demonstrating how good they are at writing a balanced argument. Thank you for ensuring you are listening to your child read every day as this has helped them improve in their reading tests, as well as getting ideas to improve their writing. The children have been given new maths homework books today. This work will be given on a Friday and then returned the following Friday so we can go over the work with them (this will be in addition to the My Maths homework). *Thank you, Mrs Nye and the Year 6 Team.*