



William Austin Wizards

South America	Feeza	Arfeen
Asia	Aisha	Imaan
Europe	Khadija	Siraj
Africa	Aaminah	Piritip
North America	Hamzah	Sumayah
Van Gogh	Musa	Samiullah
Picasso	Maryam	Hussam
Monet	Maaiza	Asher
Baker	Mariam	Haider
Hepworth	Hanzalah	Nylah
Mars	Huzaifah	Zara
Venus	Yousef	Aleena
Neptune	Marta	Esa
Jupiter	Armaan	Aliza
Saturn	Hussain	Laisa
Goodall	Alesha	Yaseen
Curie	Raihan	Sarwar
Newton	Sophia	Maryam
Hawking	Qaasim	Sumaiyah
Einstein	Mouhamed	Zayan

'Tolerance'

Dear families

I have been really impressed with the models the children have been working on during the half term holiday. We have some amazing volcanoes, Greek temples, amusement parks and Stone Age settlements. They are on display in the hall, classrooms and corridors for all to see. Well done to all those children (and grown-ups!) who made such an effort with the holiday projects.

Well done to Lea who won colour day yesterday with 2305 house points. All staff have been really impressed with the effort all our children are putting into their work.

Our JLT are beginning to think about Children In Need and will be sharing their ideas with all of us in the coming weeks. I know that we will all have a great time supporting this good cause.

Unfortunately, I have had a number of complaints about parking recently, especially in the St Ethelbert area. Please could I remind all parents not to park across the driveways of houses as local residents are finding they cannot get their cars out. We are encouraging all pupils to scoot to school and park their scooters in our racks.

Now it is getting colder please make sure that your child is wearing their coat to school.

If you are out at the weekend enjoying the fireworks please stay safe and visit the Luton Firework Spectacular in Popes Meadow on Saturday for a free and entertaining evening.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Adams



We have 4 houses Chiltern, Warden, Icknield & Lea. They are each represented by a different colour. On Colour Day if your house wins, you will be allowed to come to school dressed in non-uniform in the colour of your house. A text will be sent to all children in the winning house.



Attendance

The class with the highest attendance is:

Picasso - 98.9%

We are hoping to have an Aspirational Day for our children and would like to call on any ex pupils of William Austin Junior School. So if you were an ex pupil or know someone in your family or within the community and they have a success story to share with our children. Please could you contact Mrs Parkar via the school office number. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cool Website

Some great websites that allow you to make your own music online:

www.virtualdrumming.com contains a virtual drum kit you can play with your keyboard, great for developing rhythm skills. www.pianu.com features a virtual keyboard, which can be operated with a computer keyboard. There are many songs and lessons on the site, some of which can be accessed for free. www.buttonbass.com allows you to mix music, playing around with different beats to see what sounds good together.

Author of the Month - Andy Griffiths

- He was born in 1961 in Melbourne, Australia.
- Before becoming an author some of his jobs include being a Taxi driver, English teacher and lead singer/songwriter for a variety of crazy punk bands.
- His books have been *New York Times* bestsellers, won more than 80 children's choice awards, been adapted as a television cartoon series and sold more than twelve million copies worldwide!



Upcoming Events:

- 7th November - Carnival Arts Trip- Group of Year 3 children
- 7th November - Explore Maths Competition- Group of Year 6 children
- 9th November - Cinema Trip- Year 4
- 12th November - Dell Farm Residential Trip- Year 5 children
- 14th November - Sports' Leaders Training
- 14th November - Theatre Production- Year 6
- 16th November - Children in Need Day

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Dear Families,

We hope you all had a fun relaxing holiday and are settling back into the school routine. During the holiday we had a 'Pop Up Reading Café' whilst a little sad we did not get that much support we are grateful to those who attended. Reading with your child is so important your child can read to an older brother or sister an uncle, aunt or even a grandparent.

BIG THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILIES

- High School Applications –Yr6 parents for completing applications on time.
- Healthy Packed Lunch Workshop— Great to see our parents support and attend this workshop we hope you got some tips and a better understanding as to the importance of a good balanced diet

Enrolment Times

ICT for beginners - Monday 5th November 11:00am **Advanced ICT** - Monday 2:00pm—3:15pm

And finally...

Your voice matters. We will be holding a 'Family Forum' this term in the Family Centre. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with Mrs Adams and Mrs Parkar to discuss what works, what doesn't and what your hopes and aspirations are for your child and William Austin Junior School.

As a school we do have high expectations for your children and are very keen to hear your views.

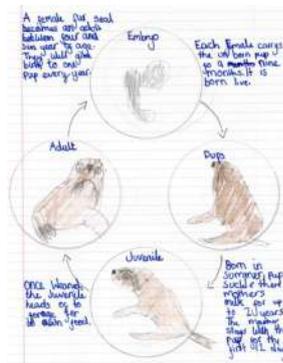
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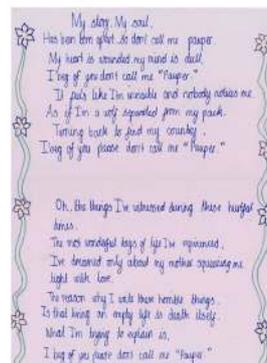
Halima (*Asia*)



Ayaan (*Monet*)



Aliza (*Saturn*)



Zaara (*Hawking*)

Author Visit

On Thursday 18th October Ali Sparkes, a famous author, came to our school. Ali Sparkes is famous for many books such as Car Jacked, Frozen in Time, The Shapeshifter series and Destination Earth. She had done an assembly for all year groups about how she had written her books. At the start of the assembly, she had made an illusion that made her head smaller and at the end of the assembly she made her head go larger. People were taken out to go to the library and buy a book of Ali Sparkes which had her autograph inside it. In the afternoon, around 40 children were taken to the assembly to do an activity with Ali Sparkes. What we had to do was write a blurb and opening for a story that we could decide on. Everybody was partnered up in groups of three. After that, Ali Sparkes read out all the stories and gave tips on how to make them better. It was one of the best days ever. *Zaemah (Curie)*



St Albans Cathedral

On Monday 15th October we went to St Albans cathedral. We went to learn a bit more about Anglo Saxons. We went on an enormous coach. After 1 hour we arrived at the cathedral, it was massive! As I looked at it I thought it was the biggest building I had ever seen. I was so excited and so were other people in my class. We all looked around the Cathedral and thought it was very tall and big, A man started talking to us and introduced himself and another 2 ladies that were helping us learn about Anglo Saxons. The man told us what Anglo Saxons wore when they fought others. He showed us a heavy shield, some armour and a very sharp, long sword. After that we split up into groups and had a Saxon Trail. I learnt about where Saxons came from and their kings and gods. After lunch we started to talk about Saxon foods and what they would have eaten. We were told to make things like apricot mixed with honey on pancakes with bread and butter. As I looked at the food my mouth watered. The way we made butter was a bit shocking, it was so easy to make. All we had to do was put milk, yoghurt, and other things into a container and shake. After we tasted the food we got ready to come back to school. What a fun day it was! *Husaam (Picasso)*

Music

The autumn term has started very well with many children commenting on our lovely new music room. It boasts many fantastic instruments for the children to play and learn about in class, including class sets of keyboards, ukuleles, djembe drums, boomwackers, recorders and a whole set of samba instruments. The children were also thrilled to find the upright piano has been moved from its hiding place in the old music room, to pride of place in the new. It greets everyone as they arrive in the hut and so far has been a wonderful success. Lots of children regularly visit at break times to have a little play on our piano. As well as our music lessons, there are many opportunities for our children to try different musical activities. On Mondays, we have a lunchtime singing club. This is mainly for children who cannot attend our after school choir on Thursdays. However the two sets of singers join together for concerts and trips to make a wonderful sound! There are many other music clubs for the children to join this term. Some of our clubs are taught by visiting musicians. On Tuesday, Mr Masih teaches dhol drums and on Thursday afternoons, Ms Kavina teaches violin and piano. These lessons have proved to be very popular but there is a small charge for lessons. If your child is interested in learning any of these instruments there is a letter they can get from the music room in school.



Music Workshops 2018 to 2019

Each year group will enjoy a visit from a specialist professional musician. These talented musicians are at the top of their profession. Each class will have a 40 minute workshop which has been chosen by year leaders to enhance other subjects and topics in the school curriculum. Year 3 will have an Indian workshop in November; Year 4 will have a Samba specialist in February, The Chinese workshop will be for Year 5 in June and Year 6 will be treated to a African workshop just after their SATs in May 2019. Once again, William Austin Junior School children are looking forward to another year of happy music making! *Mrs J Taggart*

Year 3

A big thank you to all the Year 3 families who helped with the holiday homework. We have been overwhelmed by the creative efforts and these are on display throughout the school as well as classrooms. As part of our instruction writing launch in English, the children decorated cups and make spooky ice cream sundaes. These were enjoyed despite the chilly weather. A reminder that homework must be handed in promptly Monday morning so teachers have sufficient time to mark and set the next homework. *Mrs Younger and the Year 3 Team*

Year 4

In year 4, the children have enjoyed watching and recording the seasonal changes in the Willow Garden in Science. Additionally, they have been busy writing interesting suspenseful stories. Thank you with your support helping your children with their homework over half term. Please continue to push them with their daily reading as it will help raise the children's confidence and ability across all subjects. *Mrs Chowdhury and the Year 4 Team*

Year 5

Year 5 have come back to school with great enthusiasm and we kicked off our learning with our new topic in English - The Tree Giant. The children will be learning to write non-chronological reports in the next few weeks so be sure to let us know if you've seen any tree giants wondering late at night! Please do continue to hear the children read and remember to use MyMaths for homework. The children (and you - the parents!) created wonderful Ancient Greek artefacts and models for homework projects and we thank you for all your support! *Mrs Hussain*

Year 6

Year 6 have produced some fantastic volcanoes for their half term homework, so thank you to all parents who have helped, they look wonderful! Next week we will be starting our DT project which is all about making bread, so I am sure the children will enjoy tasting different breads on Monday. Thank you for your support, Mrs Nye and the Year 6 staff.