

Value of the Month 'Harmony'



William Austin Wizards

South America	Hannah	Zahra
Asia	Meheq	Hassaan
Europe	Mariam	Farhan
Africa	Malikah	Ibrahim
North America	Furqan	Imaani
Van Gogh	Moraad	Jasmine
Picasso	Safa	Zain
Monet	Aqsa	Younus
Baker	Arooj	Ibraheem
Hepworth	Mariya	Ahad
Mars	Muskan	Wajad
Venus	Ammar	Eliza
Neptune	Isa	Minahal
Jupiter	Sumayah	Hussain
Saturn	Nadir	Shireen
Goodall	Faryal	Fatima
Curie	Saf	Maira
Newton	Riya	Saarah
Hawking	Nimra	Farhaan
Einstein	Naima	Aiza

Dear families

We are all feeling very festive wearing our Christmas Jumpers today in aid of Save the Children. We hope to make a difference to the lives of children in different countries.

Next week we are holding our Christmas assemblies with performances from the choir and music groups, and also contributions from some pupils in each year group. They have all been rehearsing ready for the assemblies on Thursday at 9:00 and 10:15. I do hope to see you there.

Our staff and pupils are taking part in a reverse advent calendar where they bring in items of food to support the Luton Food Bank. We hope to be able to donate a wide variety of food at the end of term. Thank you if you have supported this worthy cause.

It has been a long and busy term. The children and staff have all worked really hard and I know they will be ready to finish next Friday, 21st December.

We will be saying goodbye to Miss LLOYD who starts her maternity leave. We wish her a restful time before her baby is born.

Mrs Pearce is also leaving us, she is moving away with her family. We thank her for all her hard work in the time she has been here; we will miss her very much and wish her all the best.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Pryer who has worked with us for many years and who is going to be spending more time with her family. We will miss all the amazing drama performances that Mrs Pryer has put on for us over the years and for her hard work teaching in Y3. Who can forget the staff pantos that we put on for the children, which were written and directed by Mrs Pryer. She is so talented! We will miss Mrs Pryer, and wish her good luck for the future.

Finally Mrs Taggart, who has taught music across our school, is retiring. Mrs Taggart is also very talented, being able to play many different instruments and has helped so many pupils to learn how to play too. Our pupils have been really lucky to have a variety of different music clubs, run by Mrs Taggart to choose from across the school. We will miss Mrs Taggart and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Thank you to all parents who have supported our school this term. I hope you have a lovely break and if you are celebrating I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and to everyone a Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Adams



Attendance

The class with the highest attendance is:
Picasso - 98%

Cool Website

Check out Inside Art at <https://www.eduweb.com/insideart/index.html> This website features a game which explores a painting from the inside out. You 'escape' from the painting after answering 'Who? / What? /Where? /How?' questions. Want to see more art? Have a look at the Google Art Project at <https://artsandculture.google.com/> where you can explore thousands of famous pieces of art in their virtual museum.

Author of the Month - Terry Deary

- Terry was born in Sunderland, England, on 3 January 1946
- In 2009 CBBC Television launched a major television series of his Horrible Histories books which has gone on to win several awards.



Horrible Histories

Ruthless Romans
Vicious Vikings
Groovy Greeks
Blitzed Brits



Check them out in your classrooms

Upcoming Events:

- 18th December - Robin Hood Theatre Production- Whole school
- 19th December -Christmas lunch
- 20th December- 9.00am & 10:15am- Christmas assembly -Parents invited
- 20th December - Christmas parties- pm
- 21st December - Christmas holidays
- 7th January 2019- Training Day
- 8th January - Children return to school

Dear Families,

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

With 2018 nearly drawing to an end we are all feeling very festive and excited about the New Year. At the Family Centre we are busy planning lots of fun trips for our families for 2019. We would like to thank our families for their continued support throughout this year.

Dates for your diaries

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

Pilates, Wednesday 9:00am—11:00am excellent way to keep fit and healthy using gentle exercise £3 per session, excellent tutor and great value. If you have not booked your place to join us at Alice in Wonderland its still not too late. Children love to experience new things to share with their friends and family. We promise the Griffin players will not disappoint you they always deliver a family fun show filled with laughter.

Please remember to ensure your children are well wrapped up on these very frosty cold mornings, we are enjoying all the different hats your children are wearing, and especially like the hat with the elf ears!

From all of us at the Family Centre may we wish you a safe and peaceful holiday

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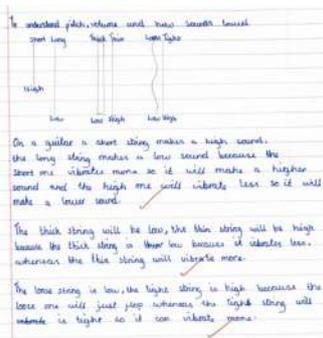


Mrs. Adams visits every class to find a piece of work that has the **WOW Factor**. Take a look at this week's

Wow Work!



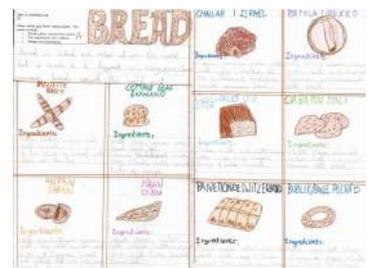
Laraib (Europe)



Hafsah (Baker)



Some children from Neptune



Ardam (Curie)

National Young Mathematician's Awards - Regional Round

Our year 6 maths team had a great time competing in the second round of the competition. The panel of judges felt that they showed great reasoning skills and persevered when faced with some particularly tricky challenges. Despite exiting the competition at this stage, we are all proud of how brilliantly they represented the school. Well done to Hafsah, Zayd, Maryam and Zaara.

Christmas Carols at London Luton Airport December 6th 2018

Once again, our very own William Austin Junior School Choir, was invited to sing seasonal songs at the airport. We were very lucky to be taken there courtesy of Arriva buses who generously offer a free ride for the choirs who perform there annually. The airport chaplaincy greeted us warmly and treated us to soft drinks and a little gift bag each for the children. We sang Christmas songs from 12 noon until 2:00 (with a little break for sustenance!) The children thoroughly enjoyed singing and our audience- travellers through the airport were both appreciative and generous in their giving towards Keech House charity funds. Later that day we were surprised and pleased to hear that our hearty rendition of "Rudolph the Red Nosed reindeer" was used as a background clip for an Anglia television local news report about teddy bears. Fame at last! Mrs J Taggart (Music teacher)



Art

Last Friday, the children and teachers all worked hard on Art day to produce some lovely displays for the hall and for the front entrance lobby. Our hall looks amazing with the theme being Christmas carols. Some of the Christmas carols we now have in our hall are 'Jingle Bells', 'Silent Night Holy Night', 'While Shepherds Watch' and 'Away in A Manger'. If you are planning to come to our Christmas assemblies you will be able to see how festive our hall looks with our Christmas tree and our hoops hung from the beams.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy week with a Judaism workshop when artefacts and stories were shared to consolidate their RE learning this term. Also, the children showed an appreciation for a healthy sandwich when they created their own. The CHILL project visitor came to talk about the important research that children can be part of in relation to the role of pollution on children's health. Science workshops will follow in January. Have a restful holiday and enjoy creating the winter projects with your children. We look forwards to seeing the fabulous creations in 2019. Mrs Younger and the Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard in DT learning how to make the mechanisms needed to create pop up books. They will be sharing their completed books with the infant school next week. We have had some really imaginative ideas. Thank you for encouraging the children to regularly use Times Table Rockstars. They are enjoying competing against each other which is fantastic. Keep it up! Have a relaxed Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year. Mrs Begum and the Year 4 Team

Year 5

Year 5 have been working extremely hard with their English and Maths this half term. The children are now creating their own adventure stories based on Harry Potter and we are all looking forward to our trip to Harry Potter Studios in the spring term. Please do continue to support children in participating in Battle of the Bands for Times Tables Rock Stars and ensure that MyMaths homework is completed weekly. Thank you for your support. Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team

Year 6

What a busy couple of weeks we have had in year 6! We have visited the RAF museum and watched a theatre group perform about the dangers of knife crime, a very important and serious topic at the moment. You can read some examples of work the children's work which shows what they learned from the experience. Thank you for your support. Mrs Nye and the Year 6 Team

