

Value of the Month
'Democracy'



William Austin Wizards

South America	Momena	Zakariya
Asia	Talha	Aisha
Europe	Amarah	Hussain
Africa	Mahima	Zidan
North America	Sakariye	Ayshah
Van Gogh	Humayrah	Zaid
Picasso	Fahad	Meheq
Monet	Sunja	Tahmid
Baker	Moazzin	Ayaan
Hepworth	Farhan	Mariam
Mars	Adham	Soraia
Venus	Isha	Usman
Neptune	Asmiya	Husayn
Jupiter	Hashim	Duria
Saturn	Anavadya	Ibrahim
Goodall	Halima	Subhaan
Curie	Zaynab	Simran
Newton	Ishmael	Zoya
Hawking	Faizan	Rabia
Einstein	Isam	Zakariyya

Dear families

Thank you to everyone who donated some food for our harvest assemblies that took place yesterday. We had two lovely assemblies and each year group presented a song or poem on the theme of harvest. Our choir sang two songs and we heard from Anne who is a volunteer at the Luton Food Bank. She was able to tell us all about the food and how it is collected and stored before being given to families in need. Well done to all those who performed and the staff who helped them.

Yesterday in our singing assembly Miss Liddiard invited in two musicians, Vicky and Ciara to play some jazz to the pupils. It was an amazing experience and we were so lucky to be able to listen to the saxophones being played. Miss Liddiard also joined in on her flute. The children were able to ask questions and find out all about how Vicky and Kiera first started to play. It was lovely to have live music in our hall! Thank you to Miss Liddiard for organising this.

We have been lucky to have other visitors come to our school this week as part of our history and geography work. Y6 learnt about volcanoes and Y5 has a theatre group based on the Ancient Greeks. Y3 went back in time and enjoyed their trip to Celtic Harmony this week as part of their history topic.

On a sporting note well done to our dodgeball team who took part in a tournament and came third. Thank you to Mrs Harnett and Mr Britten for organising this.

Please remember to make sure your child is wearing their coat now the weather is getting colder.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Adams



Attendance

The class with the highest attendance is:

Mars - 98.7%

Cool Website

ReadWriteInk is a great website for all sorts of writing. Particularly fun are their [poetry writing tools](#). Children will enjoy playing around and creating poems in all sorts of forms. Fantastic for poetry themed homework, children will be able to create amazing poems to impress their teachers.



Upcoming Events:

- 14th October - St Albans Cathedral visit - Picasso Class
- 15th October - St Albans Cathedral visit - Hepworth & Monet
- 18th October - St Albans Cathedral visit - Van Gogh & Baker
- 21st October - Half - term holidays
- 28th October - Teacher Training Day
- 29th October - Children return to school

Author of the Month - Ali Sparkes



- Ali Sparkes is the author of lots of children's books including the award winning *Frozen in Time*, *Shapeshifter* and *S.W.I.T.C.H.* series.
- Ali was a local newspaper reporter and columnist before joining BBC Radio Solent as a producer and presenter. She's also a journalist and BBC broadcaster.
- She grew up adoring adventure stories about kids who mess about in the woods

Year 3 Fossil Workshop



On Thursday last week, Year 3 had a visit from a dinosaur and fossil expert. In the morning each class had to dig for fossils and explore what they had found. The children were really excited especially when they uncovered the enormous skull of an allosaurus. In the afternoon we went back into the hall to meet some dinosaurs! Our first encounter was with a baby allosaurus who was a little bit naughty. All the children had the opportunity to stroke the allosaurus if they were brave enough. Next, we came face to face with a t-rex, which thought it might like children for dinner! Luckily, it was well trained and we all survived.

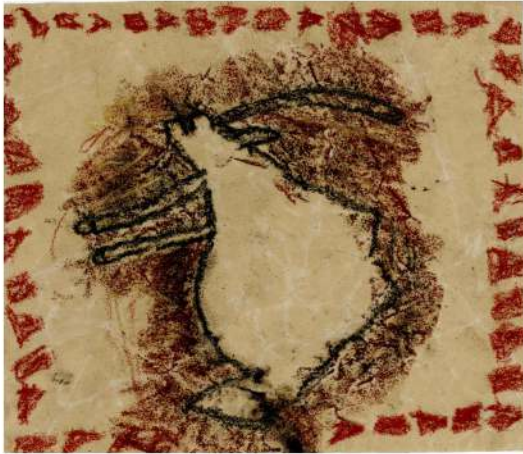


Year 3 Celtic Harmony

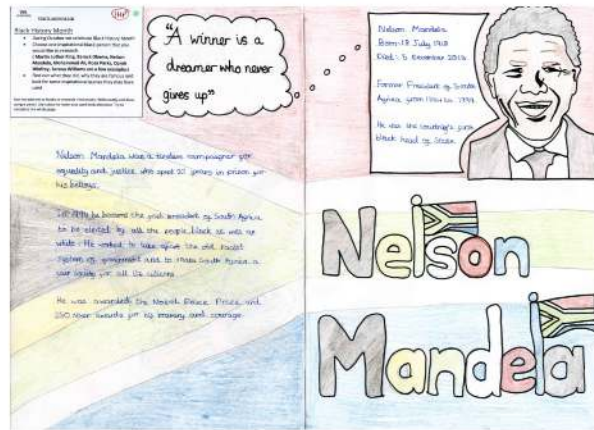


On Tuesday this week, Year 3 took a trip back in time to the Stone Age. When we arrived we were split into tribes for the days activities. Inside a Stone Age house, we learnt how to start a fire to cook food and keep warm. We also learnt how to build our own Stone Age shelters and how the Stone Age people made their weapons and tools. Once we had learnt how to be a good Stone Age person we set off on a hunt through the woods to catch our dinner. We collected lots of plants and used our spears to catch wild animals. The last challenge was to work as a team to take down a fully grown Mammoth as food for the winter. Everyone had a fantastic day in the Stone Age and learnt lots to use back in school.





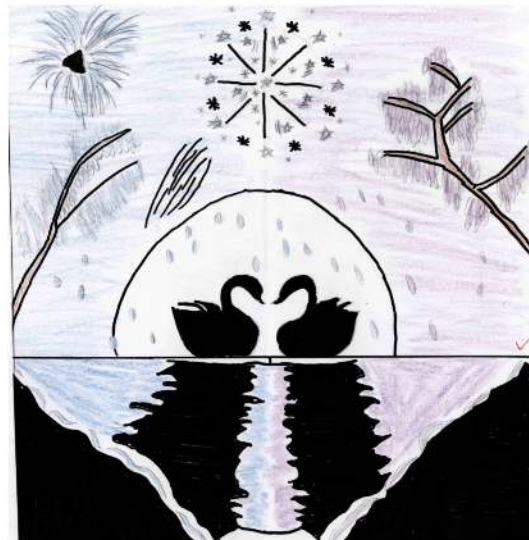
Jermeen (Asia)



Alishba (Saturn)



Aamin (Hepworth)



Ayaan (Einstein)

English

This year at William Austin, we combined our learning about Black History Month with National Poetry Day. Children across the school learnt poems by famous black poets (Nikki Grimes, Benjamin Zephaniah, Will Smith and Grace Nichols) off by heart to perform. Some children also had the opportunity to perform their poems in assembly. In addition to this, children enjoyed a superb theatrical performance of the famous novel 'Treasure Island'. Reading is very important at William Austin and children across our school are ensuring they continue to read for ten minutes every evening. Our Author of the Month is last year's visitor Ali Sparkes. This year, In December, we're excited to welcome renowned children's author Tom Palmer to our school; children will have the opportunity to meet Tom and get copies of his book signed. We have been doing some amazing writing across the school. Year 3 have written journey stories based upon Anthony Browne's 'The Tunnel', Year 4 have written recounts based upon Caroline Binch's 'Gregory Cool', Year 5 have written Ancient Greek myths and Year 6 have been writing conquering fear stories. I'm sure children are excited to show you their work on Open Evening 😊.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy couple of weeks with visits from dinosaurs and a trip back to the Stone Age. In English we are ready to write our own stories based on The Tunnel and look forward to sharing these with you next week. In art we have turned our cave art designs into paintings and carvings which look fantastic. Next week we start our poetry work using a poem called The Magic Box! *Miss Thingsaker & the Year 3 Team*

Year 4

This term in science we have been studying changing states of matter. We looked in detail at how water changes as it is heated or cooled. We paid particular attention to the boiling point and freezing point of water, using degrees Celsius as our unit of measure. This linked in nicely with our maths lessons where we explored negative numbers for the first time. We had the chance to read thermometers in the classroom. You will be glad to know there have been no negative temperatures in school! We are looking forward to visiting St Albans Cathedral next week for our school trip. Please ensure packed lunches are brought to school in a plastic bag. *Mr McMulkin, Mrs Ramzan and the Year 4 team.*

Year 5

In science this half term, we have been learning about life cycles of living things and we were fortunate enough to have some exciting visitors - chicks! Children were able to watch the chicks hatch and grow during the course of the week and observe their life cycle first hand. We also watched the miracle of metamorphosis in our classes as the caterpillars we had kept, developed into butterflies. It was sad to watch them flutter by when we released them last week! We look forward to more exciting learning opportunities later on this term. *Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team*

Year 6

Year 6 have had a special visit from two Earth Scientists from London University to share their knowledge of volcanoes. The children had a great time, learning about how volcanoes are formed, looking at volcanic rocks and making their own eruptions! Please continue to support your children with their homework, Mrs Nye and the Year 6 staff.

