

Value of the Month 'Mutual Respect'

Dear families

Firstly, may I welcome you all to William Austin Junior School, whether you are returning after the summer holiday or you are new to our school. It has been lovely to welcome the children back, especially after the lockdown - we missed them!

This has been such a difficult time for us all. Sadly, many families will know somebody who has passed away, or who has been affected by the Coronavirus. We have all had to make sacrifices and changes to our everyday lives as we learn how to follow the new advice and guidance for how we live our lives. Together we can support each other through these challenging times.

We have had to make many changes to our routines in school, as well as the staggered starts and ends to the day. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support as we make changes to our plans. Our ultimate aim is to keep your children, you and our staff safe while in school or on the playgrounds. We have made many changes including an enhanced cleaning programme in school, social distancing for parents on the playgrounds and plenty of hand washing for children and staff.

We continually evaluate our procedures and I will let you know if we make any changes going forward. This will always be using the latest Government guidance.

This is our first edition of *Junior News Express* of this school year and is a valuable form of communication between school and home. This newsletter allows us to share with you of all the exciting opportunities available to your child and celebrate their achievements. I am really impressed with the WOW work in this edition - these pieces of work are also displayed in the hall. We publish the newsletter every fortnight on our school website www.william-austin.com and you can find out lots of information about the school, including letters we send home to families. We are @WilliamAustinJS if you would like to follow us on Twitter.

We held our Head Boy and Head Girl elections today and I am pleased to introduce Shifa as Head Girl and Arman as Head Boy. They will be supported by Haadiyah and Ruhama as Deputy Head Girls and Hussain and Zain as Deputy Head Boys. I am confident that they will serve the pupils, staff and school with pride. They will be supported by our team of Y6 prefects who were presented with their badges last Friday.

We are inviting all pupils to scoot to school - we have scooter racks and the children can buy a lock form the school office to keep their scooter safe during the day.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and know that William Austin will go from strength to strength with your support and involvement. Please do get in contact with us on any aspect of school as we are always keen to meet parents and work together. We are always on the playground both mornings and after school - stop us for a chat, or call into the Family Centre to speak to the Family Workers.

Mrs Adams



William Austin Wizards

South America	Ibraheem	Eliza
Asia	Zunairah	Hashim
Europe	Mustafa	Hafsa
Africa	Adyan	Siana
North America	Khadijah	Hassan
Van Gogh	Laiba	Zakariya
Picasso	Maya	Muhammad
Monet	Adam	Hafsah
Baker	Zainab	Amir
Hepworth	Aminah	Musa
Mars	Adyan	Shahrin
Venus	Yusuf	Muskan
Neptune	Khadijah	Ayaz
Jupiter	Umar	Inayah
Saturn	Ayaan	Nazihah
Goodall	Usman	Zenab
Curie	Inaya	Mohammad
Newton	Jaffar	Soraia
Hawking	Nasheedul	Lama
Einstein	Safa	Awais



Attendance

The class with the highest attendance is:

Europe- 99.1%

If your child has a packed lunch please ensure there are **NO NUT** ingredients included.

Upcoming Events

16th September—Chinese Music Workshop - Year 5
18th September - Individual Photographs

Author of the Month - Roald Dahl

1. Dahl wrote many of his stories in a little shed at the bottom of his garden
2. Dahl invented over 250 new words There's even an official Oxford Roald Dahl Dictionary to help you tell your snozzcumbers from your snozzberries.
3. Dahl was born in Wales, but his parents were Norwegian. As a child, Roald spoke fluent Norwegian and English.



Cool Website

Today is Roald Dahl Day! Why not visit <https://www.roalddahl.com/> to find out more about this amazing author, and have a go at a range of fun activities inspired by his books!

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Dear Families,

A warm welcome back to all our families and especially to our new Year 3 pupils and their families. We hope you are all safe and well. Thank you to all our parents for following guidelines and school procedures in relation to keeping your distance and staggered start to the school day and end of day. Due to the current guidance we are unable to hold any courses in the Family Centre however, we are open as usual to support with any concerns you may have.

Rest assured when we get the OKAY to start running courses we will be advertising as usual and letting you know.

STAY SAFE, WASH HANDS and KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Should you or your family need advice, guidance or support please pop in to see us, call 01582 509121 or email Familyworker@williamaustin.juniorluton.co.uk



Take a look at this week's **Wow Work!**



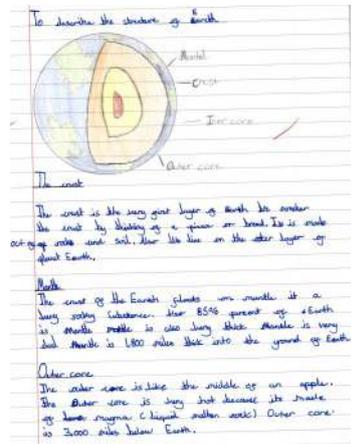
Nahid (Picasso)



Zaid (Mars)



Aaizah (South America)



Arsalan (Goodall)

When we came back to school it was exciting and scary at the same time. We are having fun again with our friends and teachers. We have tried our best to do social distancing. It has been a great experience in year 3. From day 1 it has been amazing. It is fun learning maths, art and different subjects. It was scary coming through our class door but not too scary. At the beginning everybody was too shy to speak the teacher and friends. Everybody loved Friday because you could go to the star shop. *Aizah, Adyan & Aimen (South America)*

I am really happy to be back because I can start to learn again. Even though I had a nice time at home with my family, I feel ready to be back at school. Also, I can see my friends and teachers. *Hussain (Picasso)*

On the first week back I was really excited to see my friends and new teachers. I was ready to learn and couldn't wait to visit my new class, Mars. Its been fun learning new things with friends that I haven't seen for a long time. Being back at school means that some things are different, for example we cant play football in teams and we have to wash our hands a lot, but I'd still rather be in school than at home! My teacher is really nice and we do all kinds of creative learning. So far I have really enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks and I learnt that the Greek alphabet first began around 700-750BC. I hope that I improve my handwriting and reading this year but I'm really happy to be back at school. *Adyan (Mars)*

Being back at school has been the best because I can finally see my friends again. They have changed many things in school like the tables: now the tables are facing forwards. Even though we still have to stay two metres apart, our teachers, Mr Patel & Mrs Shah are really kind and fun. I feel good coming back to school because during lockdown it was really boring and I couldn't see my friends or family. Art has been my favourite lesson this year. We have started firework art; the colours have been amazing to look at. I think that English and Maths is easy and challenging at the same time. It may take a little time to settle down this year but I am still enjoying it. *Mariyah (Newton)*

What to do if my child is feeling unwell

Following the return of schools after a prolonged break, it is common for colds and similar viral infections to circulate. In many cases, children will be well enough to attend school and continue their learning with little or no interruption to their education. In other cases, for instance where they have quite a heavy cold, they may need to take a day or two off to recover. This is not the case for children and young people with potential COVID-19 symptoms, they are required to self isolate and parents must arrange a test. In order to ensure your children do not miss out on their education, we need to be clear about how COVID-19 symptoms differ from those of other infections we normally see circulating at this time of year.

COVID-19 Symptoms

The three main symptoms to be aware of are:

- new continuous cough
- fever / high temperature
- change or loss of smell and / or taste

It is essential that pupils who have COVID-19 symptoms do not attend school and must self-isolate along with all members of their household. Children who share a household with an individual who has COVID symptoms should also stay at home pending investigation of the symptomatic individual.

Cold-like symptoms - If, however, your child does not have any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they and you do not need to self-isolate. Your child can go to school if fit to do so. Please monitor your child carefully to make sure they do not display any COVID-19 symptoms.

Year 3

It has been a very busy week in Year 3. All the children look very smart in their new William Austin Junior School uniforms and have done very well learning how to tie their ties. The teachers have been amazed at how well the children have settled back into school after such a long time at home and how quickly they have learnt all the new routines. At the junior school, the children are expected to read at home every day and have their record book signed by an adult. Please hear your child read each day and sign their record book so that they can put their name into the regular reader reward box. *Miss Thingsaker & the Year 3 team*

Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant start to the year showing great enthusiasm towards their learning. The teachers are really proud of the positive attitudes the children has started the year with and are looking forward to all the fantastic learning opportunities ahead. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all parents to read with their children daily and encourage them to complete their daily homework. Thank you. *Mrs Chowdhury and the Year 4 Team*

Year 5

Year 5 have come back eager and super excited to learn. The Year 5 Team have noticed positivity and wonderful learning behaviours so far, we know this will continue the rest of the year. This half term we will be learning about the ancient Greeks and we will be kicking off the English unit of Myths and Units very soon. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to encourage the children to read daily for at least ten minutes and to also complete daily maths and English homework. We thank you for your support. *Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team*

Year 6

The Year 6 team have very much enjoyed welcoming back the children, who have settled quickly back into the school routine. They have made a positive start, demonstrating kindness and respect, as well as excellent attitudes to learning. Children are enjoying the new topics we are studying: Volcanoes, Light and Islam, and are keen to learn more. The Year 6 team would like to congratulate our new head boy and head girl, and their deputies, as well as the Year 6 prefects. I'm sure this year will be enjoyable and successful. *Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 team*