



## Value of the Month 'Harmony'



## William Austin Wizards

South America	Ayesha	Yusuf
Asia	Arman	Ismail
Europe	Rohaam	Ibrahim H
Africa	Khadija	Junaid
North America	Labaik	Sheryaf
Van Gogh	Hassaan	Safa
Picasso	Tahsin	Inaya
Monet	Ayaan	Zainab
Baker	Rubab	Alyza
Hepworth	Fatimah	Mustafa
Mars	Malak	Piritip
Venus	Zaina	Hannah
Neptune	Hasnain	Maryam
Jupiter	Hira	Rayyan
Saturn	Laraib	Haider
Goodall	Usman	Yusuf
Curie	Khalil	Nylah
Newton	Isha	Abdullah
Hawking	Umar	Duria
Einstein	Arooj	Haider

Dear families

This is the last Newsletter of the year before we all take a well-deserved break. Thank you for the support you have shown us through really challenging times since the return of all pupils in September. We know that the pupils have tried their best both in school and at home if they have had to self-isolate and have carried on with their learning remotely.

The hall looks really festive with all the Christmas displays - this year our theme is Christmas traditions. The children enjoyed contributing to them during our art day - read more about this later on in the newsletter.

We all enjoyed raising money for Save the Children with our Christmas Jumper day today - thank you if you made a donation - everyone looked really festive and sparkly! Term finishes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and the first day back for pupils is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

If your child tests positive, even during the first week of the holidays, then please remember to inform school using our [covidpositive@williamAustin.juniorluton.co.uk](mailto:covidpositive@williamAustin.juniorluton.co.uk) email address as I may need to inform parents and staff they need to self-isolate. During the holidays please remember to keep safe by following all Government guidelines. It is important that we all try really hard to prevent the spread of Covid 19 in Luton.

Finally, I would like to wish all those families celebrating, a very Merry Christmas and to all of you a very happy new year. Happy holidays to all pupils and staff and we will see all the children back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Take care,  
Mrs Adams



### Attendance

The class with the highest attendance is:

**Mars - 97.6%**

### Upcoming Events:

- 15th December - Christmas Lunch
- 17th December - Christmas Parties
- 18th December - End of Term
- 4th January 2021 - Training Day
- 5th January - Children return to school

### Cool Website

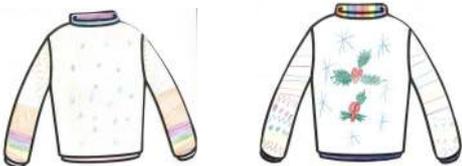
When I spoke to my class this week about which website they would most recommend to others in the school, there was a clear favourite: The game '[Hit the Button](#)' on [TopMarks](#) is a favourite among year 4s, especially as they practice their times tables for the National Times Table check at the end of the year. You can choose between times table and division facts and select which tables you want to practice- to make it more challenging, try 'hit the question' instead of 'hit the answer'. The game also offers opportunities to practice number bonds, which is an essential basic that undermines a lot of arithmetic, and is a good skill to practice if you find maths tricky.

### Year 3 Sandwiches

In DT we made healthy sandwiches because we're learning about healthy meals. First Mrs Zerva and Mrs Ali bought all the ingredients. Next, we washed our hands and put on our aprons. Then we were given the bread, cheese, tuna and some other ingredients. After that we put all the parts together. Finally we ate our sandwiches. *Sajjal (Asia)*

### Christmas Jumper Day

We are taking part in Christmas Jumper day so we can raise money for Save the Children. The money we raise will help change the lives of children around the world.



### Author of the Month - Tom Palmer

- Tom Palmer is a father, husband, author, football fan and a reader.
- He writes children's books about history and sport.
- Some of his best known books are Football Academy, Foul Play & Armistice Runner



Check them out in the library

## FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Dear Families,

We hope all our families are safe and well during such testing times. This term has brought with it many challenges we do hope you all have a healthy, happy and safe holiday.

Please remember should any of our families or community member need any help or support during the holidays please call one of the following numbers:-

**Discover Islam - 01582 452356**

They support with foodbank vouchers, work in partnership with Level Trust school uniforms and offer a free 'Curry Kitchen' on a Friday evening feeding the homeless around the town.

**Food Bank - 01582 725838**

They support by giving food parcels and will signpost to other relevant agencies if need be. You can also visit their website for more information.

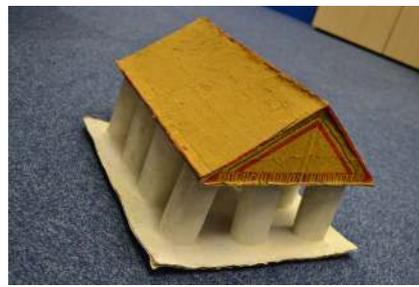
Thank you to all our families for continued support over 2020. We wish you a happy peaceful holiday and look forward to seeing all our families in 2021.

**STAY SAFE, WASH HANDS and KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**  
Please call 01582 509121 for support advice or information

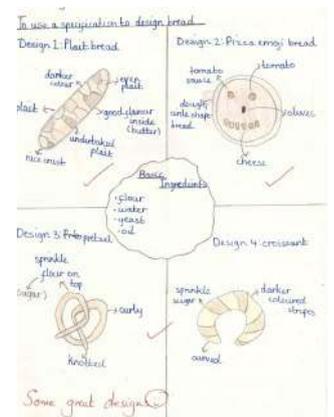
Take a look at this week's **Wow Work!**



Anisha (Europe)



Umar (Jupiter)



Inaya (Curie)



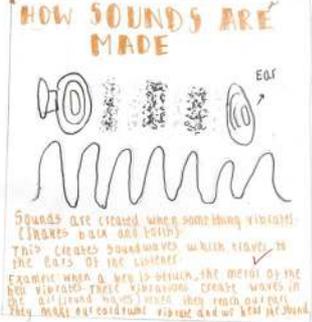
W/b 30th November 2020  
Word of the week - Perseverance

Perseverance isn't easy. It means that even when things get really hard for us, we **don't give up, we keep going**. A well-known saying is: When the going gets tough, the tough get going!  
We have discussed:

A time we persevered through something tricky.  
What perseverance looks like.  
Try these tips to help you persevere in tough times:

healthy Self-Talk	
THIS	NOT THAT
✓ Whoops, I made a mistake.	✗ I'm so stupid.
✓ I like me.	✗ No one likes me.
✓ I did something bad.	✗ I'm a bad person.
✓ This is really hard, but I'm going to keep trying.	✗ I give up. I'll never be able to do this.
✓ I haven't figured it out yet.	✗ I never get anything right.
✓ I am enough. And worthy, too.	✗ I'm not good enough.

Mustafa (Baker)



**Art Day**

On Art Day we made our Christmas displays for the hall. In year 3 we made a display about the Snowman and 'Twas the Night before Christmas. I had so much fun making the little snowmen!  
Fajer (Africa)



W/b 7th December 2020  
Word of the week - Unprejudiced

Unprejudiced is defined as having not having a dislike or distrust based on fixed or preconceived ideas. **Prejudice** comes from the words 'to judge before'. It is forming an unfavourable opinion or feeling about a person or a group of people, without a full examination of the situation. The solution is education, but many people choose to remain ignorant, as their prejudices often make them feel superior. Stereotyping can lead to prejudice.

At William Austin Juniors, Year 6 have been learning about **World War II**. The prejudice and stereotyping attitudes held by some people during this time had a devastating impact.

The week beginning November 16th was **Anti-bullying Week**. We promoted this by wearing odd socks! We remain united against bullying in any form, including prejudice bullying.

Some questions to explore:

- What are stereotypes and how do they affect people's lives?
- Can you think of any events in history that were influenced by prejudice?
- Do you think certain groups are more subject to prejudice than others? If so, why?
- How can we promote being unprejudiced in school and the community?

**Maths**

We had a wonderful Number Day on Friday the 20th November. The whole school enjoyed their mathematical activities across the curriculum. Thank you for your continuous support. Raising attainment and supporting children to develop their mathematical understanding and skills continues to be an important focus for us at William Austin and we would not be able to do this without your support. Please continue to make sure that children are completing their maths homework each day and supporting children in learning key fluency skills including learning times tables.

**Year 3**

It has been another busy week in Year 3. In English we have learnt how to make a story sound scary to the reader and the children have written some amazing tales of fear using all of these techniques. For Maths, we have been revising our addition and subtraction skills and the children are becoming more and more confident. In Science, we have been looking at mud! The children have discovered what is in mud using microscopes and have experimented to find out the best soils for growing plants. As we come to the end of term, the year 3 staff would like to wish you all a restful break and hope you enjoy the time together as a family. *Miss Thingsaker & the Year 3 team*

**Year 4**

In Year 4, the children are inventing their own machines to write their explanation text in English. We have been very impressed with their creative ideas as they build up language. In our recent Art day, the children worked cooperatively to create work for our hall displays based on Christmas. The Christmas tree and Christmas stocking displays look amazing! For those children self-isolating please remember to check google classroom as your teachers will be uploading work daily for you to complete. Stay safe. *Mrs Chowdhury and the Year 4 team.*

**Year 5**

Though it's been a challenging time, Year 5 have persevered and continued to produce some excellent work. We're well into our Harry Potter scheme of work and the children are planning and writing their own adventures this week. In Maths, multiplication and division is underway and the children are fast realising that they need to learn their tables! Please ensure they practise their recall using Times Tables Rock Stars. Andy Peck is continuing to work with us on the Willow Garden and a few weeks ago we even lit our own fires for the fire pit! Have a look to see our garden grow. As always thank you for your support. *Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team.*

**Year 6**

Year 6 have enjoyed a productive few weeks. Children have designed electronic board games and are beginning to create the circuits to make them work. We're excited to see the finished products. On Monday, we'll be using our bread designs to create and bake bread, before designing packaging that children can safely take it home in. In English, we've been focussing on using direct speech effectively in our writing in preparation for writing warning stories. Thank you for continuing to hear your children read daily and supporting children who are isolating with their home learning. *Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 team*



# Protect your community – self-isolate at home



Got coronavirus symptoms? You must book a test and self-isolate for **10 days**.



People you live with must self-isolate for **14 days** as it can take this long for symptoms to appear.



Self-isolating means **staying at home**.



By staying at home you are protecting your community by helping to stop the spread of the virus.



This means you must **NOT**:

- ✘ go to work, shopping or go out for exercise
- ✘ use public transport such as buses, trains and taxis
- ✘ have visitors in your home including family and friends – except for providing essential care



If possible, ask friends, other family members and neighbours to support you like doing your essential shopping.



If you do not have any other support and need help while self-isolating please view our coronavirus support online at [www.luton.gov.uk/self-isolation-support](http://www.luton.gov.uk/self-isolation-support) or call **01582 548955** for assistance.



Some people may find self-isolating lonely so if you know someone is self-isolating please keep in touch with them via phone or online.



You may be eligible for financial support whilst self-isolating, see our website for more details.



Thank you for playing your part to help save lives.

For more information visit [www.luton.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.luton.gov.uk/coronavirus)

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# How to self-isolate at home safely

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If you have symptoms, to avoid spreading coronavirus to people you live with, you should:

- avoid contact with others in your household wherever possible
- wash your hands and clean surfaces regularly and thoroughly
- if you can, stay on your own in a well-ventilated room with a window that can be opened and keep the door closed
- avoid using shared spaces such as the kitchen at the same time as other people
- do not share hand, bath or tea towels
- use a separate bathroom or if that's not possible use it after everyone else and clean it each time you use it by wiping the surfaces you have touched

We know that self-isolation can be difficult, stressful or frustrating for some people but please remember that by playing your part you are protecting your loved ones and helping to save lives.

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