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William Austin Wizards

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North America	Muhammed	Aleena
Hokusai	Furqan	Amelia
Baker	Shehryar	Amaya
Hadid	Alyan	Aleena
Hepworth	Qasim	Wasima
Van Gogh	Abbas	Sajjal
Mars	Qais	Aisha
Venus	Tahmid	Mahima
Neptune	Adam	Mehek
Jupiter	Nahid	Inaya
Saturn	Amin	Zoya
Goodall	Zayan	Amna
Curie	Hassan	Ayla
Hawking	Zaid	Malikah
Jemison	Furqan	Apesha
Linnaeus	Ayyub	Alyssa

Value of the Month 'The Rule of Law'



Message from the Head

Dear families

Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter. Last week pupils were able to take part in our Sports For All Week where all classes got to try out a variety of different sports from climbing and archery to fencing and karate. Thanks to Mr Osborne and Mr Britten for organising this event.

One child from each class has been nominated for the Behaviour Reward trip, to Whipsnade Zoo, which, for the Upper school pupils happened this week. The children were chosen because of their good behaviour and how they act as role models. I am really proud of them all. Thanks to Mrs Durkin and Mrs South who organised this trip.

Y5 pupils had the opportunity to carry out a geography field trip and walked to Bradgers Hill via the John Dony Centre in Bushmead. They were able to sketch maps of the environment as part of their geography topic.

It was lovely to welcome the Y2 parents and children into our school this week as part of our transition activities. This is the first time since the pandemic that we have been able to run all of our transition events. We look forward to welcoming Y2 to our summer concert and on transition day 7th July when all pupils across the town will visit their new schools and teachers.

We are holding our first residential for Y5 pupils tonight where we are camping on the playground. I know the Y5 staff and pupils are looking forward to this - as I am! It's been many years since I last camped, but I know it's going to be an amazing experience for our children. I'm looking forward to the night walk, fingers crossed it will be clear so we can see stars, and of course the camp fire with everyone getting to toast marshmallows.

There's lots for the pupils to look forward to over the remaining weeks of term. We have Sports Days, Y5 Chinese Music Workshop, Y6 Leavers' BBQ, Y6 Wicksteed trip and our School Fete. Fingers crossed for fine weather!

Take care and enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Adams

Attendance

The classes with the highest attendance this week are:

South America & Neptune



Author of the Month - Dav Pilkey



- ◆ Dav lives in the Pacific Northwest with his wife, but his writing is inspired by children and adults around the world.
- ◆ His Captain Underpants series and Dog Man graphic novels have sold millions of copies worldwide and have been translated into many languages.

Cool Website

Did you know, that in addition to our school website, you can also access [our school intranet page](#) from home? It's packed full of links to amazing websites and tools. If you've used it to try something out in a lesson, whether it's a game or drawing tool, or a friendly search engine, you can easily find it again here. It's definitely worth bookmarking!

Upcoming Events:

- 5.7.2022- Sports Morning- Lower school
- 6.7.2022- Behaviour Reward trip- Lower school
- 7.7.2022- Transition morning- Whole school
- 8.7.2022- Sports Reward trip- Lower school
- 12.7.2022 -Sports Reward trip- Upper school
- 13.7.2022- Wicksteed trip- Goodall, Linnaeus and Curie classes
- 14.7 2022- Wicksteed trip-Jemison and Hawking classes
- 14.7.2022- French afternoon- Whole school
- 15.7.2022-Sports morning- Upper school

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Dear Families,

As we are fast approaching the end of Summer term we would just like to remind our families the importance of a couple of things.

Breakfast

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, it breaks the overnight fasting period. It replenishes your supply of glucose to boost your energy levels and alertness, while also providing other essential nutrients required for good health.

We have had far too many children coming to the Medical room as they are either feeling sick or have a tummy ache as they have not eaten breakfast. If this is something your child does, please provide a piece of fruit to eat for a breaktime snack.

Lost property

School uniform is very expensive especially if you have several children needing it. Can you ensure you put your child's name on each piece of clothing. We will be holding another lost property morning before we break up we will send a text message.

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!**

Makyle (Neptune)



WHIPSNADE ZOO!!!

Would you like to have a day of fun? Want to get out of the house and get some fresh air? Transport your family to the amazing, wild, wacky Whipsnade zoo!

Check out the funny flamingos wandering about. Watch these fascinating birds roam free in their little area. Marvel at the roaring, scary lions. Most of the time they are asleep but be careful when you are near them because they would love a scrumptious, tasty snack! Come face to face with these amazing animals we have here at Whipsnade zoo.

Visit the humid butterfly house and newly built aquarium. Would you like to see the little fishes swim in their tanks? Would you like to see the incredible crocodiles and alligators through the window? There are even

2 little peeping windows so you can look up close to it. Goodbye fish, hello butterflies. Observe the fluttering, graceful, delicate butterflies flying in the humid room. You must visit here.

Would you like a memento? Why not come to the gift shop so you can buy a memento. We have shelves packed full of souvenirs. We have cuddly toys, drinks and sweets. Don't forget the rubbers and pencils. We also have keychains and bracelets. We are ensured you will love it!

Visit Basecamp restaurant. We have lovely hot food and drinks. We even have a kids menu so your kids can choose from there. At Whipsnade zoo we have clean toilets everywhere. Inside the toilets we have provided you with a baby changing area just in case. We have car parking and coach parking in case you came on a coach.

Price:
Adults 30 pounds
Child 19 pounds
Concessions 27 pounds
Under 3s free

In winter we are open from 10am to 4pm and in summer we are open from 10am to 6pm.

Whipsnade zoo is located just north of London in Dunstable 10 minutes from junction 12 of the M1. Follow the brown elephant signs that say Whipsnade zoo and follow the arrow.

Can't wait to see you at ...WHIPSNADE ZOO!!!!

Aminah (Asia)

Learning Log

What is an Easter Egg?
Eggs are a symbol of new life and rebirth. They are made from clay or wood and are often decorated with patterns. They are often given to children as a gift at Easter.

Research 6 facts about their country.
They are made from clay or wood. Research the fact, colour the egg and the children they make from words and create a fact file.

If your family has always been in the UK, research about a place in their country.

Maryam (Hepworth)



Madeena (Jemison)

Enrichment & Well-being - Mr Ahmed

William Austin's Challenge Programme has now reached its final stage for this summer with new clubs and activities for the children. There has been a focus on trying to provide more outdoor based activities for children, especially during lunchtime and after school. As well as this, teachers have been talking to children about their mental health and sharing good practice on how we can improve this important aspect of our lives. At William Austin, we are a family, and therefore it's not only the children that we want to help, but also our parents, carers and relatives. With longer, and brighter days, try taking your children to the park, have a kickaround in the garden or read a book together somewhere quiet. These small activities can go a long way in improving our mental health and our children's too. The children will definitely appreciate it. Finally, as we draw towards the summer holidays, I would personally like to thank all the children for their attendance to the various clubs on offer, and also the parents for encouraging them. Take care and have a wonderful break!

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have started a new unit of work in English looking at fairy tales. When the children arrived at school on Tuesday, they discovered that some fairy tales had been destroyed and left all over the classroom. They had to work together as a team to put the fairy tales back together and discover which ones they are. In Maths, we have started looking at measuring, using grams, kilograms and litres. Our Science work is based all around light and how it helps us to see. The next part of the units is about shadows and we are looking forward to making our own shadow puppets. *Miss Thingsaker & the Year 3 team*

Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed beginning their persuasive letters this week. They are writing to Mrs Adams in order to keep the Summer Fete this year (definitely still happening). We are finishing our learning about bar and line graphs, then will be starting learning about angles in the coming days. We thoroughly enjoyed our Sports for All day last week - we braved climbing walls and even gave dance a go! In DT, we are soon to be making our own pizzas so look out for those amazing creations from the children. Thank you for your continued support. *Mr Patel and the Year 4 team*

Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed their work on 'rags to riches' stories this week and derived brilliant ideas based on 'Rickshaw Girl'. We are continuing to work on shape in maths and are getting to grips with reasoning with angles. We thoroughly enjoyed our Sports for All day last week - we have extremely talented sports stars in our year group! On Friday, some of us will be camping under the stars - we're sure you'll hear lots about it soon. Thank you for your continued support. *Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team*

Year 6

Year 6 have completed their advisory writing where they have advised August - the protagonist from our class reader, Wonder - about his worries about starting a new school. Children selected a friendly tone and crafted thoughtful agony aunt advice. Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their Sports for All Day where they partook in some new and exciting sports. Caving and karate were particularly popular and lots of very brave children scaled the climbing wall. Children are looking forward to transition day on 7th July where they will get the opportunity to see what a day is like at their new high school. Thank you for your continued support. *Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 team.*

Events in school

Year 5 –Bradgers Hill walk

This week year 5 went on a field trip to Bradgers Hill (which is located next to Stopsley Common) for our Geography lesson. Before we left we planned our entire journey on Digimaps. We then set out on our walk and used compasses to navigate through the route we planned. It took about forty minutes to get to the John Dony Field Centre (this is where we stayed for a bit). When we arrived we saw the beautiful view from up the hill, we even explored and took pictures of all the flora and fauna. This was truly a very fun trip and I really enjoyed it!

Taha (Mars)

Year 5 –Bradgers Hill walk

This week Year 5 have been on a field trip to Bradgers Hill as part of our Geography work. Before we set off on our journey, we made a map of our route using Digimaps. On our hike we saw a lot of flora and fauna. We didn't see many animals due to the bad weather, however we did manage to see butterflies. It was a really nice trip.

Aliza (Mars)

Behaviour Trip Upper school- Whipsnade Zoo

On Wednesday we went to Whipsnade Zoo and it was such a fun day, we were able to see all the enclosures and a giraffe even came right up to us! There were tigers, lions, penguins and elephants and I saw a hippo go into the water. My favourite part was the bird show where we learned all about the different birds and saw them being set free.

Minahil (Linnaeus)



Sports for all

On Sports for all day, we experienced a variety of fun and thrilling activities consisting of fencing, caving, rock climbing, bunjee, karate, tennis and football. This was an amazing day that everyone enjoyed. Our favourite activity was the mobile caving– we nearly got stuck!

Unsa and Mariam (Curie)

Sports for all

The children thoroughly enjoyed all the activities that were available to them last week for Sports for all. They were able to experience climbing, caving, fencing and many others. Thank you to all the suppliers who came out and to the kids for being so enthusiastic. We can't wait to do it all again next year!

Mr Britten and Mr Osborne



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