



## Value of the Month 'Perseverance'

## Message from the Head



## William Austin Wizards

South America	Yousaf	Alizah
Asia	Yusuf	Maya
Europe	Arkan	Armaan
Africa	Zakariya	Zuha
North America	Usman	Hasna
Hokusai	Khalid	Dua
Baker	Isa	Nadia
Hadid	Sufian	Esha
Hepworth	Ilyas	Ayana
Van Gogh	Aadam	Amelia
Mars	Ayesha	Wasima
Venus	Rohaana	Sawera
Neptune	Ovi	Ummayyah
Jupiter	Zadan	Amina
Saturn	Yusuf	Fajer
Goodall	Yunus	Mahnoor
Curie	AOn	Manahil
Hawking	Hashim	Zaynab
Jemison	Azan	Summayyah
Johnson	Hashim	Zaynab

Dear families

This is the first Newsletter of 2023 so may I wish you and your family a very Happy New Year.

It was lovely to welcome everyone back after the holidays and already it's been a busy couple of weeks in school.

I have been looking at the holiday homework that has been completed over the Christmas holiday and have been amazed at the quality - I hope you all were able to get involved with the different projects. I've seen some amazing Viking shields and winter scenes so far!

Some of our girls entered attended a Y5/6 football league tournament this week and next week there are cricket and futsal tournaments too! Futsal is a football-based game played on a smaller pitch. We look forward to hearing all about this next week.

We have been looking at the pupils' work this week in our pupil progress meetings and talking to teachers about the learning. I am so pleased and proud of the children and how hard they are working.

It looks like the weather is turning colder again next week so please make sure your child has their coat, hat and gloves.

Take care,  
Mrs Adams

### Attendance

The class with the highest attendance is::



Mars 93.2%



### Cool Website

This week I find myself recommending an amazing maths app I've been trying out at home [Duolingo Math](https://www.duolingo.com) is a great way to practice all your maths skills in one place, with lots of fantastic visuals and short simple exercises to develop your skills, for both children and their grown-ups.

Please make sure you keep your dinner money account topped up.

The price is £12 per week.

### Author of the Month - Michael Morpurgo

Michael Morpurgo discovered his talent for writing while working as a teacher. "We had to read the children a story every day and my lot were bored by the book I was reading. I decided I had to do something and told them the kind of story I used to tell my kids."

Living in Devon, listening to Mozart, and working with children have provided most of the stimulae Michael needs to discover and write his stories. He spends about half his life mucking out sheds with the children, feeding sheep or milking cows; the other half he spends dreaming up and writing stories.

### Upcoming Events:

18.1.2023- Dental check-Year 6- group

27.1.2023- Discovery Centre-School Linking- Jupiter class

### FAMILY CENTRE NEWS



Dear Families,

Welcome back and a Very Happy New Year to all our families. We all hope you had a fun filled time with your families and children .

#### Upcoming courses:

##### \*Passport to Employment

Fantastic number of parents attended the enrolment session. The course starts on Monday 16th January 1:00pm—3:00pm. Should you wish to attend please come along paperwork can be completed with you.

##### \*Fire Safety Workshops.

One off session with Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue service to discuss safety at home. Please join us on Tuesday 17th January 2:00 -3:00pm

##### \*Healthy Packed Lunch Workshop

This workshop will run for two weeks 24th & 31st January 2:00pm - 3:00pm Luton Adult learning will be delivering.

##### \*Hairstyling

Thursday afternoon starting 12.1.23 at 1:30—3:30pm £25, 5wks

Please do check text messages as we will be also running the following workshops after half-term. More information to follow nearer the time.

\*Family Baking 27th Feb—27th March

\*Encouraging positive behaviour, parenting workshop 7th March—28th March (TBC due to Ramadan)

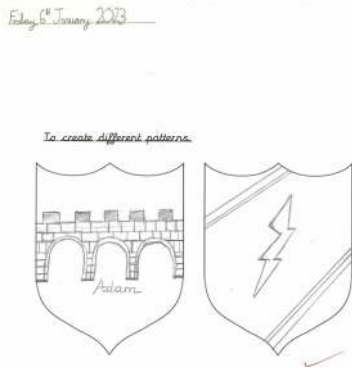
Please call 01582 509121 for support, advice or information



Take a look at this week's

# Wow Work!

Adam (Asia)



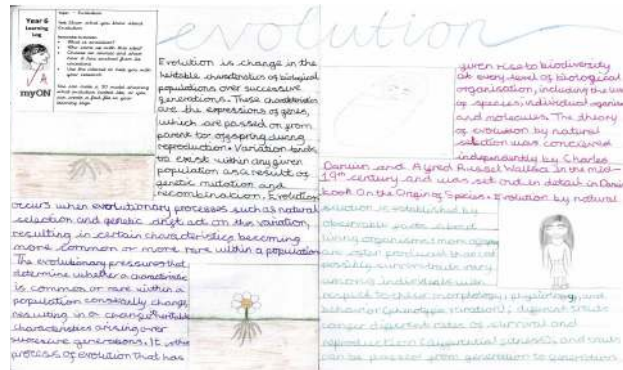
Khadija (Neptune)



Yunnus (Hepworth)



Hafsa (Jemison)



## PSHE/RHE - Mrs Clarke

In PSHE/RHE, our topic this term is Healthy Bodies and Minds. The children will be learning about the four different types of bullying, how bullying affects others, and more importantly, identifying ways to seek help. Please have conversations with your child/ren about what to do if they experience cyber bullying or any of the other types. They include physical, verbal and social bullying. Ask your child/ren to explain these to you.

Years 3 and 4 are learning about 'Families and committed relationships', whilst Years 5 and 6 are learning about 'Healthy bodies and minds'.

### Year 3

It has been a busy start to the new term in Year 3. The first day back saw the children become animal carers. Each group had to take care of an animal for the day: taking it out to play, for lunch and to all their lessons. We were very impressed by their dedication to the job, although it was a very strange seeing a flamingo, a chicken, a rabbit and an elephant sitting at the lunch table. The children were gathering ideas ready for when they write their own diaries about a day spend with a real-life animal. In Maths, we are continuing to work on our multiplication skills and times tables. In Science, we have started a new unit on the human body and the children are looking forward to becoming personal trainers for a 13 year gymnast.

Miss Thingsaker & the Year 3 team

### Year 4

Year 4 have started the new year with a very positive attitude. Behaviour has been exemplary. In English, children have started to look at Portal stories. In Maths, children are learning to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. This week, some children went down to Year 2 to show their amazing DT pop up books, which were made last term. I would just like to remind parents to listen to your child read and sign their books daily. Thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Chowdhury and the Year 4 team

### Year 5

Year 5 have started the half term with great enthusiasm. We are continuing our work in the Willow Garden and this week we've learnt to build our own fire! This links in with our survival skills texts in English where we are learning to write instructions. In maths, we've moved on to formal multiplication methods and have realised quickly how important it is to learn our times tables. Please continue to encourage the children to play TTRS at home!

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team

### Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed a settled and productive start to the spring term. To kickstart our science learning about inheritance and adaptation, children partook in a special quiz game in assembly where they answered questions about the animal kingdom. We will be using our science learning to craft explanation texts in English. In art this half term, children will be designing and sewing embroideries inspired by the work of Vincent van Gogh. Year 6 teachers are pleased with children's home reading and the progress it is helping them to make. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 team.