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Value of the Month

JUNIOR NEWS EXPRES

20th October 2023

## Message from the Head

'Democracy'

## William Austin Wizards

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Attendance Target = 96%+					
Attendance for w/e 06.10.23			Attendance for w/e 13.10.23		
	Classes who met target	Most im- proved attendance		Classes who met target	Most improved attendance
Y3	Asia Europe	Asia	Y3	Europe Asia North America— 100% South America	North America
Y4	Hepworth Baker Hokusai	Baker	Y4	Hepworth Baker— 100%  Van Gogh Hokusai	Baker
Y5	Mars Jupiter— 100% Neptune	Mars	Y5	Mars	Venus
Y6	Jemison Johnson Curie	Curie	Y6	Jemison Johnson— 100% Curie Hawking	Goodall

Dear families

We've come to the end of our first half term and are all ready for a break!

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parents' evening this week. It was lovely to see so many of you. I know that the teachers were really pleased to be able to share how well your child has settled in their new class and celebrate their achievements so far.

Congratulations to all the children whose poems were chosen for the poetry competition. The standard was high. I know the children really enjoyed writing them - hopefully some of them will be chosen to be published! Thank you to Mrs Compton for organising this competition.

TTRS battles have been taking place this week - well done to those children who battled it out in front of their year group! Thank you to Mrs Parkes for organising this and Miss Rahman for setting all the laptops up.

Y3 enjoyed their trip to Celtic Harmony last week - despite the rain! I heard lots of excited children telling me how much they enjoyed travelling back in time to the stone age!

Thank you for supporting World Mental Health day by helping your child wear a yellow accessory. The Get Britain Talking homework was great at helping us all think about our worries and how we can overcome them.

We say goodbye and send our best wishes to Mrs Faruk today as she starts her maternity leave and hope she has a good rest before her baby is due.

Today is the last day before the holidays. I hope you are able to enjoy the break with family and friends. School will start again for the children on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**.

Enjoy your half term break.

Mrs Adams

23.10.2023- Half term holiday peoming 30.10.2023- Training Day 31.10.2023- Children return to school 6.11.2023- Indian Drumming- Year 3

#### SCO PAY

Can we remind ALL parents to please download the Sco pay app, going forward all trips and consent forms will be sent via this method. So please if you haven't then download the app.

Please keep up to date with your dinner money £2.50 per day & £12.50 per week.

#### **FAMILY CENTRE NEWS**

We hope all your children have now settled into their year groups and are ready for their half term holiday.

At the Family Centre we have had an extremely busy half term. It was fantastic to have so many of our mums attend the 'Working in a school or Nursery setting' course facilitated by Luton Adult Education. Courses with Luton Adult Education will continue on an employment theme with the next enrolment for 'Passport to Employment' on 6th November 1:00pm. This course helps you to write your CV, looks at how to apply for jobs and match your skills.

Please look out for text messages and look on our timetable as our current workshops will continue with a couple of new courses added after the holidays. As the days get shorter and colder please ensure your children are wearing their coats, hats and gloves to school. Mums after dropping your children to school pop into the Family Centre for a hot drink and something sweet on a Wednesday morning 9:00am—10:30am. Please continue to support our two mums who run this.

Thank you to parents who attended our Family Forum. It was great to hear your views. Mrs Adams and Mrs Parkar did listen and changes where possible have been made. Minutes are on the school website under 'Family Centre, Family Forum'

40% of children live in homes that are struggling to make ends meet. If you need help during the holidays or if you need on going help, these amazing charities can help you.

Discover Islam 01582452356 Luton Food Bank 01582725838 Level Trust 07480753905

And finally Mrs Slater will be taking a 6 month career break and will be returning back to school in May. I know you will continue to support

Mrs Akthar and Mrs Pal.

Pease call 01582 509121 for support, advice or more information.



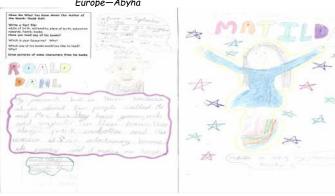
#### Take a look at this week's

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Saturn—Homa





Hadid- Tahia

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Hawking—Aabidah



#### <u> Maths—Mrs Parkes</u>

In order to further promote our love of mathematics at WAJS, we have introduced 'Maths Ambassadors,' to provide children's voice in how we promote maths throughout the school. Maths Ambassadors are chosen for their love of maths, their willingness to share this passion with others and enthusiasm to share their problem-solving strategies. Part of the job of the maths ambassador is to demonstrate exemplary mental maths and be an excellent role model for others, help with maths events across the school, support pupils with maths at lunchtimes, meet with the maths lead regularly to improve the love of maths across school, help create displays to promote maths within school and celebrate maths achievements across the school.

### <u>Year 3</u>

It has been an exciting week in Year 3. We have visited Celtic Harmony to find out what it was like to live in the Stone Age. The children learnt how Stone Age people made a fire for cooking, went hunting and gathering for food and built Stone Age shelters to keep themselves warm and dry. It was a fantastic day and the children have not stopped talking about it since. In Maths, we are beginning to look at formal written methods for addition and subtraction. In English, we have been writing our own poems this week. The children have some amazing ideas for what they are going to put into their magic treasure chest.

Miss Thingsaker and the Year 3 team

#### Year 4

Year 4 have explored a range of Anglo-Saxon artefacts for their History unit this half term and have made inferences about what they could have been used for. We have completed our diary writing unit and the children have written some imaginative independent pieces. Next, we are starting portal stories. In maths, we are now looking at finding the area of shapes. We would like to thank you for all your support in helping the children with their reading and times tables daily. Have a restful break.

Mr Patel and the Year 4 team

#### Year 5

Year 5 have welcomed 'The History Man' to school last week where we learned about the ancient Greek. We explored a range of artefacts and had a go at a tug of war! We have completed our unit of work on myths and legends in English and are looking forward to writing information texts next half term. In Maths, we have moved onto multiplication and division so we really must work on TTRS to up our game. We've thoroughly enjoyed our learning this week but are looking forward to next half term. We wish you a restful break.

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team

Year 6 marked Black History this year with a range of different lessons themed around inspirational black people in history. They learnt about Nelson Mandela, Malcolm X and Maya Angelou and produced some beautiful fact files. In science, we have been investigating shadows and conducted an experiment to see how the position of a light source changes a shadow. In addition, Year 6 worked hard on their assessments last week; they were tested in both reading and maths. Teachers enjoyed meeting with parents at Open Evening to share children's successes. Thank you for you continued support. Have a restful half term.



The winners of our poetry competition 'This is Me!' were

North America- Aaisha N South America- Aisha F Africa- Mahreen H Asia- Ameerah R Europe- Inaaya R

Hokusai- Jameela A Baker- Mikaeel K Hadid-Ramsha I Van Gogh- Amerah B Hepworth- Alizah V

Neptune- Fyad H Venus- Subhaan A Saturn- Anira H Jupiter- Sehar R Mars - Esha A

Jemison- Ali A Hawking- Aaizah H Curie- Maliha A Goodhall- Siana A Johnson- Anisha B

They each received a book prize, certificate and read their poems out in their year group assemblies.

A huge well done to all of our children for writing their poems, many of which have now been received at the head office of the National Young Writers Competition. We look forward to hearing the results from them soon.

In each year group, the children are exploring poems

Year 3- The Magic Box Year 4- My Grandpa Year 5- Top Gun of the Sky Year 6- Don't Call Me Refugee

Perhaps you could ask your child to recite what they can remember or discuss some of the poetic techniques they have found in their poems.

During the half term break, why not visit the local libraries in Luton? Leagrave and the main library in Luton are open from 9am - 6pm and have some amazing books available for the children to read- and it's free!







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October 2023

By E-mail

Dear Potential Volunteer,

RE: Can you volunteer to be on a School Admission Appeal Panel?

Unfortunately, it is not always possible to offer parents/carers a school place of their choice, due to popular schools being oversubscribed. The School Admission Appeal Panel ensure a fair hearing for parents or carers who are not satisfied with the Admission Authority's decision to refuse their child a place at a preferred school.

The School Appeals Panel undertake hearings for the majority of schools within Luton and are actively looking to recruit new volunteer panel members. This role would be perfect for anyone aged 18 or older, who has good listening skills, is interested in education and wants to make a real difference to children, parents and schools

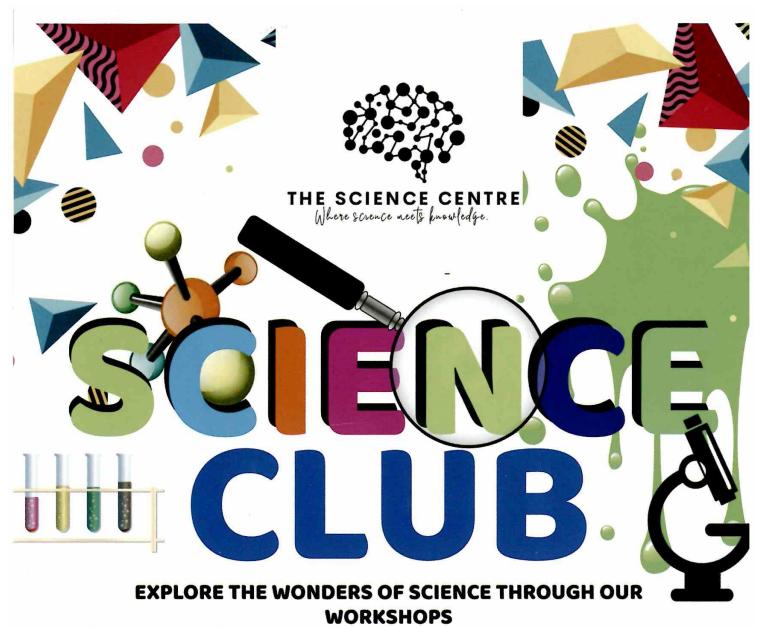
A school admission appeals panel is independent from the council and is made up of three people. Appeals usually take place remotely via video conferencing. Full training will be given to those who want to volunteer on the panel.

The role is unpaid but out of pocket expenses such as travel and childcare costs will be reimbursed.

Should you be interested in applying or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact <a href="mailto:michelle.lilly-hills@luton.gov.uk">michelle.lilly-hills@luton.gov.uk</a> or visit our frequently asked questions page on our website using the following link;

www.luton.gov.uk/appealvolunteers.





Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th, Wednesday

Venue - William Austin Junior School LU3 1UA 25th October

10am-3pm

Contact-

Ages 5-10

£20 a day

£50 for all 3 days

Tuition@thesciencecentre.com

Snacks and drinks provided, please bring a packed lunch!

