



Value of the Month 'Tolerance'

10th November 2023

Message from the Head

Dear families

Homework Gallery Our holiday homework gallery goes from strength to strength! It was lovely to see what the children had made during the half term holiday. Y6's topic was World War II, Y5 the ancient Greeks, Y4 musical instruments and Y3 the Stone Age. Miss Rahman has put photos up onto our website <https://www.william-austin.com/images/homework-gallery-october-2023/> and also shared some on Twitter/X. The whole school gets to walk around the gallery to see what each class has produced - it's a wonderful event.

Themed lunches Those children who have school dinners enjoyed a wonderful bonfire night themed menu last week, and this week the themed menu is a Diwali one to celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali which takes place this Sunday. If your child is usually packed lunches, but would like a school dinner that day, please make sure you have topped up their dinner money account so they can join in. If you don't pay for school meals, then just remind your child to ask for a school dinner on Thursday. The options are chicken curry with rice, or potato and lentil curry with rice, naan bread, tomato and cucumber salad and a chocolate brownie.

Enrichment Y3 enjoyed a session of Indian drumming this week as part of the music topic. It sounded amazing! Other pupils have attended the following sporting events at Inspire: Y5/6 Futsal, Y3/4 sports hall activities, Y5/6 EFL football, as well as all the sporting clubs that go on before and after school. Thank you to all the staff who make this possible, especially Mr Osborne and Mr Britten.

Poppy Appeal We have been selling poppies, slap bands, reflectors, zip pulls and wristbands to support the poppy appeal. During our Remembrance assemblies this week we marked the minute silence, our choir performed the song Remember, our senior prefects read a prayer and a group of pupils from Y5 and Y6 read the famous poem In Flanders Fields. It was a lovely way to remember all those who have given so much to protect our country.

Coats

Please make sure your child is wearing a coat to school as the weather is definitely colder and wetter.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Adams

Upcoming Events:
13.11.2023- World War 2 workshop- Johnson class
17.11.2023- Children in Need Day
20.11.2023- World War 2 workshop- Hawking class
23.11.2023- St Albans Cathedral visit- Hepworth class
24.11.2023- St Albans Cathedral visit- Hadid and Hokusai classes

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. You will NO longer require T2P (Teachers to parents) please delete, so you receive the relevant text messages via Sco pay.

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



William Austin Wizards

South America	Hooria	Jared
Asia	Majidul	Anabia
Europe	Yusra	Adam
Africa	Shafee	Aisha
North America	Eshal	Aayan
Hokusai	Eshaal	Yusuf
Baker	Aminah	Ammarah
Hadid	Ibrahim	Amelia
Hepworth	Azaan	Alizah
Van Gogh	Ayaan	Aminah
Mars	Kevin	Inaya
Venus	Ajan	Ifrah
Neptune	Ibraheem	Nadia
Jupiter	Ayana	Mahir
Saturn	HaaJar	Aaryan
Goodall	Junaid	Adyan
Curie	Sarah	Malik
Hawking	Ayesha	Ahil
Jemison	Ovi	Sajjal
Johnson	Sawera	Tayyab

Attendance Target = 96%+					
Attendance for w/e 20.10.23			Attendance for w/e 03.11.23		
	Classes who met target	Most improved attendance		Classes who met target	Most improved attendance
Y3	Europe North America Africa	Africa	Y3	Europe Africa North America South America	South America
Y4	Hepworth Hokusai	Hepworth	Y4	Hepworth Van Gogh Hokusai Baker	Baker
Y5	Neptune Saturn	Neptune	Y5	Venus Jupiter	Venus
Y6	Hawking	Hawking	Y6	Johnson Hawking	Johnson

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Dear Families

We hope you had a restful half term. Please see below what's happening/starting in the Family Centre and please check your emails and texts for new upcoming courses too.

Passport to Employment Course (FREE)

Are you looking for work but need some support with the process? Then why not join us on our free course which will help with all the stages you might need to go through to get yourself ready for employment.

This course will be starting on Monday 13th November at 1pm to 3pm at the Family Centre and it will cover the following skills over the weeks. **Identifying Skills, Making the Most of Your CV, Completing an Application and Interview Skills**

We hope to see you there on Monday 13th November to help to gain the skills to become a better you in seeking employment!

Family Trip Pantomime

Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs is coming to the Luton Library Theatre on the Saturday 2nd December at 11am. A great opportunity for you and your family to have a day out!

Tickets are £10 per person and places are limited. Please note that we only accept cash payments.

Please call 01582 509121 for support, advice or more information



Take a look at this week's

Wow Work!

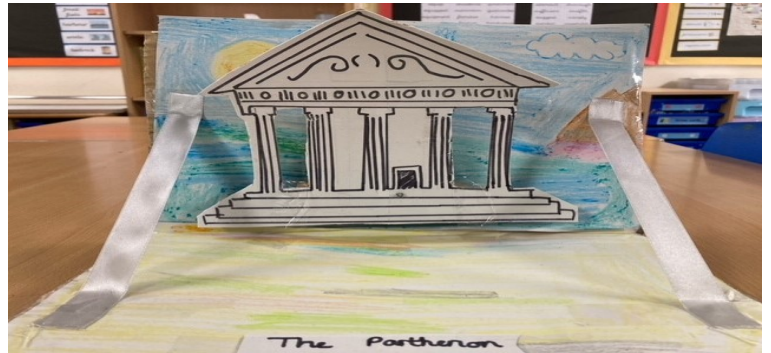
North America—Reyyan



Van Gogh - Yusuf



Venus—Maryam



Johnson—Hasna



Mrs Slater—Music

In music this year we have many activities planned for the children to enjoy! This term, Year 5 have been very creative writing their own raps. Year three took part in a workshop last week focusing on Indian drumming and the children had a great time learning and playing the different drums! Year 4 are just starting their new unit where they will be creating electronic music using googleband lab. Year 6 have been learning about music in the 1920s through to the 1940s to support their history lessons on Word War 2.

Singing stars has got off to great start with many of the children in school attending and enjoying rehearsals. In December the children are going to perform seasonal songs at Luton Airport to travellers. At William Austin Juniors, we are also proud to offer the children the opportunity of learning the guitar. Guitar lessons are on a Thursday during school time and taught by a professional musician. We also offer the children the opportunity to take part in Rock Steady classes on a Friday afternoon, where the children learn to play as part of a band! Please speak to Mrs Slater if your child is interested and wants to take part in any of these great opportunities.

Year 3

It has been a fantastic week in Year 3. In English, we have started writing tales of fear and the children have really enjoyed gathering lots of vocabulary to make their stories scary. In Maths, we have continued to work on the column method for addition and subtraction and all the teachers have been very impressed with how confident the children are with exchanging. In Science, we have started a new topic looking at soil. The children have enjoyed investigating the layers in soil, looking at the particles under a microscope.

Miss Thingsaker and the Year 3 team

Year 4

Year 4 have started science this term with their topic of sound. The children have made some incredible 3D projects and we have used them to explore how sounds are made and pitch. In English, we are soon to start our first creative poetry unit. In maths, we are learning to multiply and divide by different numbers and continuing to learn tricky times tables. Please continue to support the children at home by allowing them 5 minutes each day to play TTRS and complete their sessions. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Patel and the Year 4 team

Year 5

Year 5 had a very unusual, but important visit from Professor Know-it-all last week, not only did he introduce us to the elusive tree giant but he set us the task of writing non-chronological reports this half-term! In maths, we're delving into fractions and in science we're learning all about the human life cycle. It's getting chillier now, so please ensure the children have suitable outerwear and shoes especially on PE days!

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team

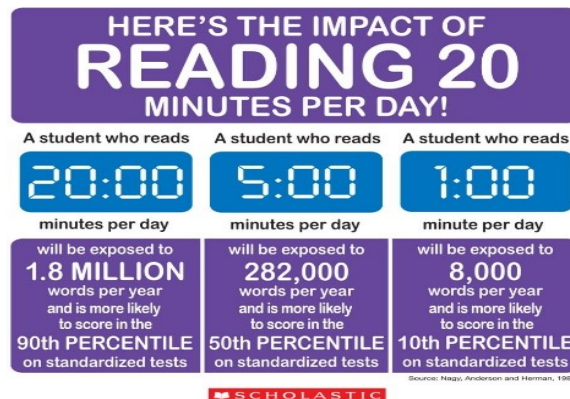
Year 6

Year 6 children created some stunning WWII projects and some children had the opportunity to share them in our school gallery. In maths, they have been working hard to represent, convert and simplify fractions and are going to be using all four operations to calculate with! In science, we've been learning about static electricity and experimenting with different components in series circuits. Thank you for supporting children with their homework and your continued support in developing their reading at home.

Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 team.

Dear Parents,

I was fortunate enough to attend an English Network meeting last week and there was a big focus on reading and the benefits of reading with our children. Here are some key facts in relation to the number of minutes a child reads per day and the number of words they are exposed to. As well as reading in school, we also encourage our children to read at home with their parents- please support your child by listening to them read each day and signing the reading record. I have also attached some information on supporting your child with reading at home. Please do speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions.



I am excited to share with you that we have arranged for the Scholastic Bookfair to come into school for a week, from **Wednesday 22nd November to Tuesday 28th November**. The children will have a slot in school where they can go and look at the books that are available and that they may wish to purchase. The Bookfair will be open to parents and children to come and purchase books after school on Thursday 23rd November and Friday 24th November from 3:30pm in the school hall.

The children have all been invited to enter a competition to complete a poster advertising this exciting forthcoming event. It is free to enter and they have a chance of winning a voucher to spend at the bookfair on a book of their choice. The children have been informed of the information they need to include on the poster, the dates, where it will be held and some of the book titles that will be available. Please support your child with this if they wish to participate.

Mrs Compton



7 Top Tips to Support Key Stage 2 Children Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures—these tips are aimed at supporting children in Key Stage 2.

- 1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)**



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Why not set your child a reading challenge: How many different things can you read in a day?

- 2 Ask your child lots of questions**



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to'. Why not take turns to read a page each of a longer novel? So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read**



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the fox on the front cover? Why do you think he's so sad?'

- 4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read**



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Think about how the characters behaved and interesting things that happened in the plot. You could encourage your child to keep a **reading diary**, describing the big idea of each chapter.

- 5 Ask your child to write about what they have read**



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper (or chalk on a path) and draw around your child. Ask them to fill the outline with lots of information about the main character.

- 6 Read and discuss reading with friends or family**



Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'you could use your slimepower to help me cook tea tonight.'

- 7 Maintain the motivation to read**



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Give your child choices about what they read, being in control is great motivation! Encourage them to recommend books to family and friends. For example, 'you should read this book, Grandad, because you love funny stories.'



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Do you want to give back to the community?
- Do you have an hour or two to spare a week?
- We need volunteers to provide companionship to elderly people who are lonely and isolated in Luton
- You can make a difference by visiting or calling an older person once a week
- Do you drive and have your own car?
- We need volunteers to help with deliveries
- If you would like to join us please contact us on 01582 456812 or gettingon@ageconcernluton.org.uk



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