Value of the Month

JUNIOR NEWS EXPR

24th November 2023

Message from the Head

Dear families

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Shahreen Suliaman Adam Asia Zoya Bilal Europe **Fatima Africa** Yusuf Neha Umar North America Subhan Evelyn Yousef Baker Ammarah David Hadid Arissa Alizah Hepworth Azaan Mustafa N Van Gogh Summayyah Ayaan Tameem Mars Malaika Venus Rico Yara Neptune Shafey Hamza **Jupiter** Aamiah Ishaq **Amina** Goodall Zainab Musa Curie Aminah Isa Inayah Hawkina Adyan Sana Jemison Krisztofer Johnson Aaminah Shahzain

Attendance Target = 96%+					
Attendance for w/e 10.11.23			Attendance for w/e 17.11.23		
	Classes who met target	Most im- proved attendance		Classes who met target	Most improved attendance
Y3	Europe North America Africa	Asia	Y 3	Asia	Asia
Y4	Van Gogh Hadid Baker	Hadid	Y 4	Hepworth Hokusai Baker	Hepworth
Y5	Neptune Jupiter	Neptune	Y 5	Neptune Jupiter	Mars
Y6	Hawking Johnson	Curie	Y 6	Johnson Hawking Goodall	Goodall

Stopsley High Head Teacher visit

Congratulations to Khadija in Jemison class who attended the Stopsley High School open evening and winning a Kindle Fire for successfully completing a department passport sticker card. We are really proud of one of our pupils being successful at their future high school! The Stopsley High head teacher came into assembly to present Khadija with her prize and also donated two books to our library.

Children In Need

Thank you for your support for this event. The children looked great in their spotty or yellow outfits. Thank you to Mr Britten and Mr Osborne for organising the netball and basketball shooting competition at playtime and to Ms Clarke and the JLT for organising the sponsored burpees! Not easy to do! We raised £478.

Enrichment

This week our Y4 classes have been visiting St Albans Cathedral as part of their history work on the Vikings. The Y4 staff said how well behaved the children were and what an interesting visit they all had. It's great to be able to see the impact of the Vikings had first

Some of our pupils have been taking part in sporting events - Sportability and football were two of the events that took place. Me Osborne and Mr Britten said the children really enioved taking part.

Next week Y6 classes are visiting the RAF museum in Hendon as part of their world war two topic. I know they will be able to see and experience so much that will support their understanding if this topic.

Geoff our lollipop man

Many of you will know that Geoff was involved in a road accident on Friday. Thank you to all the parents who helped as we waited for the ambulance to come. Geoff has a fractured ankle and will need to have an operation. We think Geoff will be off work for about 12 weeks. The children are making get well cards which we will take to him as he starts to recover. Please can I remind parents NOT to park straight outside school on the white markings opposite the car park gate as it makes it very difficult to see if the road is clear to cross. I phoned the council on Friday to let them know about Geoff and ask if they had a replacement, but unfortunately, they don't have anyone they can re-deploy. If your child needs to cross Austin Road, please make sure you are there to support them.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Adams

27.11.2023- St Alban's Cathedral visit- Van Gogh and Baker classes 27.11.2023- World War 2 workshop-Curie class 29.11.2023- Dinosaur workshops- Year 3 29.11.2023- RAF Hendon visit- Curie, Hawking and Goodall classes 30.11.2023- RAF Hendon visit- Jemison and Johnson classes 4.12.2023- World War 2 workshop-Jemison class 6.12.2023- Hitchin British School visit- Neptune, Mars and Saturn classes 7.12.2023- Hitchin British School visit-Venus and Jupiter classes.

8.12.2023 - Christmas Jumper Day

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.

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Dear Families

We hope you are all well and wrapping up on these cold dark winter mornings. Its great to see so many parents making an effort to get their child/ children to school on time. Just to remind you if your child is late then please go with them to the school office to explain why they are late. This is a school requirement and also part of our safeguarding policy.

Family Trip Pantomime

Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs is coming to the Luton Library Theatre on the Saturday 2nd December at 11am. The booking for this has now closed. If you have secured your places then you will be getting more details nearer the time. So, please look out for these.

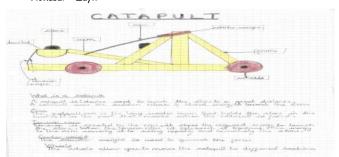
Please look out for more information about upcoming courses, workshops etc... via text and email.

WOW Work!

South America—Hibah



Hokusai — Zavn



Mars— Eesa



Goodall-Yahya



<u> Mr Patel—Science</u>

So far this year, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning practically. Children across all year groups have been investigating their own scientific questions. Year 3 have explored soil and rocks: they have tried to find the best quality soil for different plants. Year 4 have explored sound and states of matter: they have explored how different objects change state and have conducted a sound volume investigation at different distances. Year 5 have explored life cycles: they have had chicks and butterflies in school to see their life cycles in action! Year 6 have looked at light and electricity: they have explored ultraviolet light using beads and will be creating their own electronic board game.

Year 3

It has been a scary week in Year 3. The children are busy writing their own tales of fear using techniques to make their stories scary. There are thunder storms, snowstorms, abandoned houses, creepy caves and creatures lurking in the shadows. We are really looking forward to reading the children's finished stories. In Maths we have stared to look at multiplication and division. The children have explored making equal groups using a variety of equipment. Times tables are a very important part of multiplication and division work so please encourage your child to play Times Table Rock Stars for 5 mins every day. In Science, we have been learning about fossils and are looking forward to our dinosaur workshops next week.

Miss Thingsaker and the Year 3 team

Year 4

Year 4 have continued their 'Sound' topic in science: we have learned about pitch and how sound enters our ears to be heard by us. Children have also worked very hard on their independent waterfall poems and have used some beautiful similes and metaphors to describe. We have now begun to explore explanation texts: the children have designed some contraptions in their learning logs which we will use to write about in our English lessons. In addition, most classes will be visiting St. Albans Cathedral, where we will learn all about Anglo-Saxon culture. Thank you for your continued support with children's times tables, reading and everything else.

Mr Patel and the Year 4 team

Year 5

Year 5 have worked extremely hard on their writing this week, we've completed non-chronological reports on the elusive fire goblin and are looking forward to our Harry Potter unit next. In maths, we'll continue working on fractions. We've been learning about coasts in geography and are learning some amazing new vocabulary – do ask us about it!

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team

Year 6

As part of our about WWII learning, Year 6 have studied Anne Frank. They wrote stunning biographies about her life after learning about her in our guided reading lessons. We are looking forward to our trip to RAF Hendon next week. Children are investigating resistance in science and are drawing conclusions about why bulbs get dimmer when we add more components into an electrical circuit. We have been learning about bread and in a few weeks' time, children will have the opportunity to make their own mini-loaves! Thank you for your continued support.



Thank you to all of the children who entered the 'Book Fair' poster competition, there were lots of wonderful posters from children across the school - it was a tough choice. A huge well done to the following children who have won a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair:-

Goodall- Furquan Currie- Malilha Neptune- Zoya Hokusai- Nusaybah Asia- Tajwar

A big thank you to those parents that have popped into the Book Fair and bought a book, helping to raise funds for our school which enables us to get free books. Just a reminder that if you have missed it, children can bring money in on Monday and Tuesday and come along to the Book Fair at lunchtime to make a purchase before the Book Fair leaves.

This is Me! - A huge well done to all the children who have been selected to have their poem published with the Young Writers Poetry Competition. They have extended the deadline to the 10^{th} December for anyone still wishing to submit their permission slips. We are extremely proud of all of our children here at William Austin that were selected-well done.

Mrs Compton

