



William Austin Wizards

South America	Sahibpreet	Halima
Asia	Ameerah	Tajwar
Europe	Ateeb	Azizah
Africa	Haaris	Jaiyana
North America	Umar	Neha
Hokusai	Yaqub	Gursimrandeep
Baker	Hasna	Mikaeel
Hadid	Musa	Jannat
Hepworth	Ali	Zaynab
Van Gogh	Ibrahim	Amal
Mars	Arnav	Ruqaiyah
Venus	Maryam	Khalid
Neptune	Myra	Yusuf
Jupiter	Mahoor	Zayaam
Saturn	Yasin	Zainab
Goodall	Aneisha	Haram
Curie	Haneef	Khadijah
Hawking	Ibrahim	Inayah
Jemison	Eliyas	Zunairah
Johnson	Faizan	Mashiat

Dear families,

This is the first Newsletter of 2024 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 time in school.

I have been looking at the 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 fantastic settlements from Y6, Harry Potter themed items from Y5, Viking art from Y4 and winter scenes from Y3. The models get better each time. The children were really excited to view the gallery on Citizenship day, on the first day back.

The second Y4 group has started their swimming lessons this week - I know they will enjoy the sessions and it really is a life skill.

Next week Y5 are visiting Wardown Museum as part of their history topic and I know they will find the experience really helpful as they begin to learn about the history of Luton.

The weather is turning colder again so please make sure your child has their coat, hat and gloves. Please make sure your child's name is in their coat.

Take care,

Mrs Adams

Vacancies for crossing patrol

As you all know Geoff, our crossing patrol is still unable to return to work following his accident in December. Both our school and the infants' school are without a crossing patrol for St Ethelberts and Austin Road due to vacancies at Luton Borough Council. If you, or someone you know is interested in filling these vacancies, then please contact Luton Borough Council to apply for the role. The job is term time only and you will be provided with full training and uniform. For more information about the role please contact the Road Safety team or call **01582 546000**.



- Upcoming Events:**
- 15.1.2024- Survival workshop-Jupiter class
 - 17.1.2024- Wardown Museum visit- Saturn and Mars classes
 - 18.1.2024- Wardown Museum visit- Jupiter and Venus classes
 - 22.1.2024- Survival workshop- Saturn class
 - 24.1.2024- Wardown Museum visit- Neptune class
 - 29.1.2024- Survival workshop- Neptune class

Attendance Target = 96%+					
Attendance for w/e 05.01.24			Attendance for w/e 12.01.24		
	Classes who met target	Most improved attendance		Classes who met target	Most improved attendance
Y3	Europe - 100% Africa	Europe	Y3	South America Africa	Asia
Y4		None	Y4	None	Hokusai
Y5		None	Y5	None	Venus
Y6	Jemison -100%	Jemison	Y6	Curie	Hawking

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.

Just a reminder of the courses at the Family Centre:

Sewing - Mondays 9:00am-12:00pm (7 weeks - £40)

Stay and Play - Tuesdays 9:15am-10:30am

Be a Better Me (Enrolment-Monday 22nd January)

Course starts Monday 29th January 1pm-3pm

Course ends Monday 4th March

Parent Coffee Morning - Wednesdays 9:00am to 10:30am

Thank you to our two mums who host this event for their kind donations of cakes, croissants and savoury pastries. Great to see mums supporting. Please do continue to come, ask your family members who also are welcome.

Our Lives- Wednesdays 1:00pm-2:30pm (6 weeks free course)

Join us for this exciting 6 week Urdu programme from Luton All Women's Centre exploring life in the UK for a South Asian woman. We'll celebrate the positives of our culture as well as the challenges we face. We'll look at healthy relationships, the UK laws that protect us and learn how to live well and safely.

Beginners English Class- Thursdays 9:15am-11.00am, 10 weeks (£40)

Hairstyling- Thursdays 1:30-3:30pm (£25)

Community Cooking - Friday 9:00am-11:30am

Come along, meet new ladies share recipes, techniques and enjoy tasting the food. If you are interested please give us a call

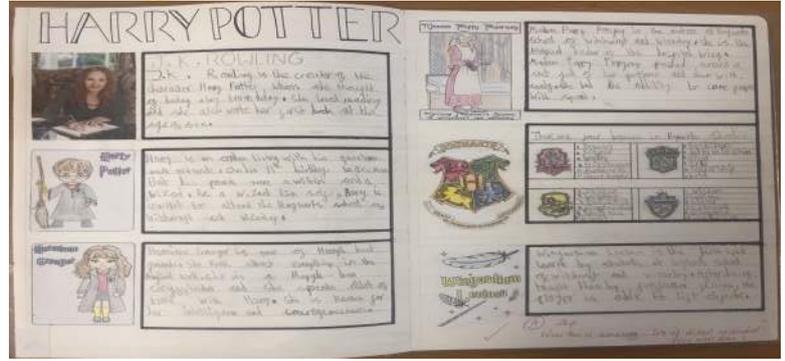


Take a look at this week's

Wow Work!

Neptune—Jemimah

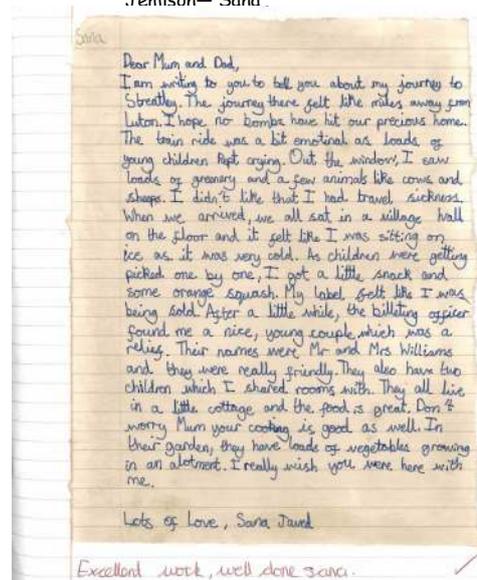
Asia—Hawa



Hepworth—Zayan



Jemison—Sana



Ms Clarke—JLT

On the 14th of December 2023, Ms Clarke, along with some members of the JLT, in Year 6, went along to the Luton Conference Councils event, which took place at the University of Bedfordshire. The children enjoyed themselves immensely, as they were able to meet with peers from other schools. Ideas and suggestions were discussed and team building games were played. The presentation from the staff there was thought provoking, as it left the children pondering about their future and how they would like Luton 2040 to look, as they would then be adults in their 20s.



Year 3

What a fantastic start to the new year we have had in Year 3! The children have come back from the holidays ready and willing to learn. We were very impressed with the quality of the children's holiday homework and there are so many amazing models we are running out of space to display them. In English, we have started a new unit on diary writing. On the first day back, the children found many lost and lonely animals in their classrooms that needed looking after for the day. The children had to take them out to play, for lunch and to all their lessons. Apparently, elephants are very good at building card towers with their trunks but dogs are not good for playing hide and seek with as they could smell the children hiding! Looking after the animals will help the children to write a diary about a day they spend with an animal they find.

Miss Thingsaker and the Year 3 team

Year 4

Year 4 have started the new year with a very positive attitude. We have been so impressed with the 3D Viking projects children made and the effort they put into them. Behaviour has been exemplary. In English, children have started to look at journey stories. In Maths, children are learning to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. I would just like to remind parents to listen to your child read and sign their books daily. Thank you for your continuous support.

Mr Patel and the Year 4 team

Year 5

Year 5 have come back to school, enthusiastic and ready to learn. We've started our new unit of work in English – Year 5 Vs Wild. We're getting ready to write instructions for a survival guide. Earlier this week, Mars braved the snow and billowing winds with Andy Peck and learnt how to light a fire and build a shelter in the wilderness of our Willow Garden. Not only did we learn how to tie knots, gather tinder and purify water, we also learnt to work as a team! The other Year 5 classes will have their survival workshops in the following weeks. Thank you for continued support.

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed a settled and productive start to the spring term. In science, we have been learning about all the traits we inherit from our parents; we will be using our science learning to craft explanation texts in English. In art this half term, children will be learning a range of sketching techniques 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.

English

Thank you to all of the children who participated in the Myon reading competition over the holidays. It was great to see so many children had joined in and all of the reading supports with the children's learning.

The winners in each of the year groups were-

Year 3 - Noor - Africa
Haaris - Africa

Year 4 -Eshaal - Hokusai
Mohammed - Baker

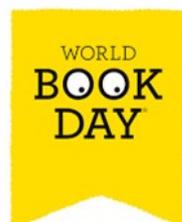
Year 5 - Al - Jupiter
Abdul - Jupiter

Year 6 - Siana - Goodall
Ehsan - Johnson



Congratulations to each of them - we hope you enjoy your reading book and trophy.

Other exciting news is that we will once again be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March - all children will be invited to dress up as their favourite characters for the day. We will be holding a competition for the best outfit of the day in each class. Let's see if we can make this the best World Book Day yet with some creative costume designs. I'm excited for this event already! More details to follow.





Check your children's vaccination status, as measles cases show worrying rise

Senior local doctors have urged parents in Luton to check their children's vaccination status, following an increase in measles cases in the UK.

The disease is so infectious that the NHS is now warning that as many as nine out of 10 unvaccinated children would be susceptible to measles if a single classmate brought it into school.

Vaccination rates in some parts of the local area have fallen in recent years, but it's not too late to make sure your children have the protection they need against a range of potentially nasty illnesses. It is recommended that children receive the MMR vaccine in two doses: one at around 12 months and the second at around three years and four months.

Dr Sanhita Chakrabarti, deputy chief medical director and clinical lead for children's and maternity services at Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board, said:

"There are lots of reasons why your child may not be up to date on all of their immunisations. We know that some families couldn't attend routine appointments during the COVID-19 pandemic, and many of those children are now at school or coming up to school age.

"We also know that families sometimes change their minds, so even if you previously chose not to have your child vaccinated, the opportunity is still there.

"The first few weeks after long holidays are notoriously bad for infectious diseases, as some families return from visiting other parts of the UK or overseas. You can make sure your child doesn't fall behind at school from an absence which is preventable through the NHS immunisation programme.

"The NHS offers over a dozen routine immunisation programmes for children under the age of five, but there is a recommended schedule up to the teenage years.

"The MMR vaccine is safe and effective, offering protection against measles, mumps and rubella which are dangerous, highly infectious illnesses which can cause serious complications. Your child should have received two doses of the MMR vaccine before reaching school age, and you can check this in their personal child health record (red book)."

Parents whose children need catch-up doses of any immunisations should contact their general practice for advice.

You can find out more about the complications of measles and get answers to many questions you may have [on the NHS website](#).