



Value of the Month 'Kindness'

Message from the Head



William Austin Wizards

South America	Ruqayyah	Hassan
Asia	Majidul	Manihal
Europe	Aahil	Zoya
Africa	Udayvir	Jaiyana
North America	Sami	Cecilia
Hokusai	Zayaan	Gursimrandeep
Baker	Rayaan	Ammarah
Hadid	Cristian	Zakariya
Hepworth	Zain	Inayah
Van Gogh	Tinotenda	Kamran
Mars	Kevin	Aaiza
Venus	Sadia	Ibrahim
Neptune	Ridai	Aaminah
Jupiter	Faizan	Hafsa
Saturn	Zainab	Yasin
Goodall	Yahya	Musa
Curie	Shehryar	Inaya
Hawking	Myrah	Musa
Jemison	Ihsaan	Amirah
Johnson	Dahir	Hussein

Dear Families

Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter.

Thank you for supporting our Crazy Colour non-uniform day on the last day before the Easter holiday. We raised £325 for the Luton Food Bank which will support local families.

It was lovely to see lots of parents viewing our holiday homework art gallery on the first day back - thank you as always for helping your child with their homework. I saw some amazing models showing various Italian buildings from Y3, lots of tin foil robots from Y4 and packaging for sweets by Y5. Y6 pupils had their SATs revision homework and I know they have all been working really hard on this.

Thank you if you attended our Eid assemblies on Wednesday 17th April - it was lovely to see lots of parents. Each year group presented a poem or story and our Singing Stars sang a beautiful song all about the Eid Moon. The rest of the school sang our special Eid songs and our senior prefects read our Eid prayer. This was followed by the Eid lunch with around 400 pupils having a school dinner that day - a record! Then the pupils had their Eid parties to finish the day.

This week, Y5 took part in a Chinese music workshop which was great. Next week Y3 are going on a neighbourhood walk to look out for technology on buildings as part of their Geography topic.

Please sign up for our IEP meetings next week if your child has an IEP. We are running them in the mornings of 29th and 30th April.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Adams

Upcoming Events:

- 29.4.2024- Local walk- South America and North America classes
- 30.4.2024- Local walk- Asia and Europe classes
- 1.5.2024- Local walk- Asia class
- 2.5.2024- African Drumming- Year 6
- 3.5.2024- Stockwood Discovery Centre- Venus class
- 6.5.2024- Bank holiday

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

Attendance Target = 96%+					
Attendance for w/e 15.03.24			Attendance for w/e 22.03.24		
	Classes who met target	Most improved attendance		Classes who met target	Most improved attendance
Y3	Europe Africa	Europe	Y3	Europe	Asia
Y4	Baker Van Gogh	Van Gogh	Y4	Van Gogh Hokusai	Hokusai
Y5	Saturn	Venus	Y5	Mars Saturn	Mars
Y6	Goodall Johnson Jemison	Goodall	Y6	Johnson Goodall Curie Hawking	Curie



Punctuality – Every minute counts!

Please ensure your children arrive to school on time. Our school doors open at 8:40am. The morning register is taken at 8:48am and the registration period closes at 8:55am. Pupils arriving after 8:55am must report to the School Office so that their attendance can be recorded as 'late'.

Lateness is monitored. Action to address lateness will be taken in line with the school's strategy to improve punctuality. This will be either a phone call to parents/carers to find out the reason for the lateness or a home visit by the Family Workers.

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING (Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Take a look at this week's

Wow Work!

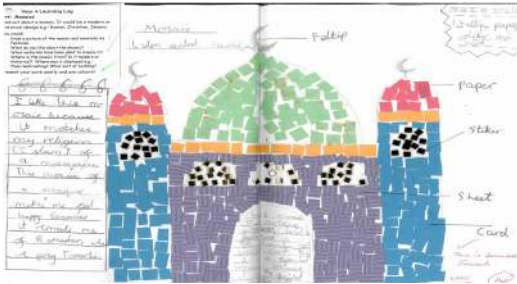
Europe—Zoya



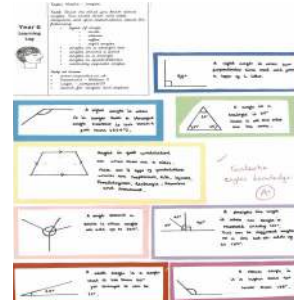
Saturn—Umniya



Hadid—Jannah



Hawking—Inayah



D&T—Miss Davies

A huge thank you to all the adults who managed to attend our Year 5 Bake Sale before the holidays. We managed to raise over £115, which will all be going towards the Luton Food Bank. I was blown away by all the support we had and the children loved selling their cookies to their parents. In the next few months, we also have some exciting topics coming up. Year 3 will have the opportunity to sew their own bookmark using running stitch. Year 4 will get to sample and make some yummy pizzas for our William Austin Masterchef! Year 5 will be investigating and making their own moving toys. Lastly, Year 6 will be making miniature park furniture for a potential residential home. I can't wait to see what all the children create!

Year 3

It has been a fantastic couple of weeks in Year 3. The children returned to school after the Easter holidays with some amazing homework projects. We had many Leaning Towers of Pisa, an enormous model of the Pantheon and some amazing volcanoes. Thank you to all the adults who supported the children with making these. In Maths, we are looking at fractions, where the children have learnt how to draw bar models to represent the question. In English, we have started a new unit of work looking at newspaper reports. The children have read all about a break in at the three bears' house and are now thinking about how they can write their own newspaper reports based on other fairy tales.

Miss Thingsaker and the Year 3 team

Year 4

Children have returned to school enthusiastic about our Summer Term topics and ready to work diligently on their targets before they move onto Year 5! In science, the children are having a great time learning about the digestive systems and will be taking part in fun experiments to secure their understanding. In art, the children have been appreciating mosaic artworks and our English topic is newspaper reports where the children have begun to understand the language and features. Please continue to support your child daily, listening to them read and encouraging them to complete their daily homework. Thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Chowdhury and the Year 4 team

Year 5

Year 5 have returned to school rested and ready to learn. In English, we've started exploring explanation texts and learnt how stars actually shine at night - the answer may surprise you! In Maths, we're closing our work on statistics and are looking forward to classifying, reading and drawing angles. In science, we will be learning about changing materials and conducting fair tests. Thank you for your support with the children's learning at home, please do ensure that your child reads for ten minutes daily - remember to sign!

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed a busy and productive start back after the holidays. We have now reached the end of our geometry learning; the children have impressed and are able to calculate missing angles on straight lines, in full turns, triangles and quadrilaterals. In preparation for the upcoming SATs tests, we are now revising some key areas. Children have shown lots of interest in our new science topic about classification. This week, we use Liq-uorice Allsorts to understand how classification keys operate. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 Team

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Dear Families,

Welcome back to our families, we hope you had a lovely break.

As SATs are approaching soon, below are some tips for our Year 6 families.

Tips for helping with SATs preparation.

- Talk about the SATs and tell them not worry, Children perform best when they are relaxed.
- Reading is a key part of primary education so keep encouraging daily reading whether your child reads on their own or if you read together. Discuss the books, the characters, the storylines and encourage your child to express their own opinions on the book. This is important to their long term development as well as SATs test.
- Try to keep everything else running normally, stick to your normal routine out of school time.
- During the SATs week, whilst keeping to normal timetable, try to avoid late nights, as children will find sitting the tests tiring.
- Making sure that they are on time to school, so that they have enough time to be ready for their test.
- Try to make sure your child has some fresh air when they come home from school on test days. Stay positive. Many children enjoy taking the tests as they see it as a challenge and like the importance and the feeling of being special that SATs give year 6.

Remember during this time the most important thing is to give your child lots of praise as they will be doing their very best.

Ramadhan Food Parcels

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Luton Foodbank, Discover Islam and Islamic Relief for the huge donation of food. These packs aim to support families during the month of Ramadhan.



Upcoming courses:

Encouraging Positive Behaviour in Children:

Enrolment session will be on the Monday 29th April

Course starting Monday 13th May 1pm–3pm

Stay & Play - Tuesdays—9.15am-10.30am

Sewing Class—Wednesdays at 9:00am-12:00pm (£40)

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

Beginners English Class— Thursdays at 9:15am—11.00am (£25)

Mehndi —Thursdays at 1:30-3:30pm (£25)

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

Internet Safety for Children

As the use of internet in children is becoming more mobile and interactive, it 's never been more important to make sure that you are helping your child to stay safe in the digital world. You can do this by changing your parental control settings and monitoring what your child is playing and watching. We would like to encourage parents/carers to make sure that they have parental controls on their devices.

Please find link below to Internet Matters.org to find step by step guides and videos on how to put on parental controls for different broadband/mobile network providers.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/>



Please call 01582 509121 for more information and check text and emails for upcoming courses this term



To foster your child's love of reading, it's important to make reading part of your daily routine, please can we remind parents to read every day with their child and to continue to sign their reading records. As soon as children have completed their book, they are able to take their quiz and choose another book from our library.

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and is more likely
to score in the
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests



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Water Safety

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we are approaching the summer months following a particularly wet winter, I would like to provide some information and support in relation to water safety. Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Service along with our partners including the Police and Local Authorities are regularly contacted by residents who are concerned for the safety of young people who are accessing water sites for leisure activities.

Popular areas for leisure activities include but not limited to;

Priory Marina – Bedford
Wixams Lakes – Wixams
Kempston Mill - Kempston
Blue Lagoon – Arlesey
River Ivel - Shefford
Stewartby Lake – Forest of Marston Vale
The Old Mill - Sandy
The Riddy – Sandy

Unfortunately, accidental drownings happen all too frequently and even the strongest swimmers can find themselves in difficulties. There are also concerns for young and vulnerable people who may not be aware of the danger and risks that water poses.

As well as changes in water current and weather conditions, outdoor water can contain hazards such as entrapments, weeds, rubbish, drains, broken bottles and pollution. It is also difficult to judge the depth of water; shallow water can change to deep water quickly and jumping into shallow water could result in serious injury. In addition, cold water shock can also occur when jumping into a river or lake on a hot day.

Advice on water safety can be found on our website www.bedsfire.gov.uk, in addition there is also a link to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution website which gives further advice on how to keep safe in water.

The fire service are unable to stop people swimming outside or in open water, but if you have concerns of anti-social behavior please report this to the Police non-emergency number on 101.

If someone is in trouble in the water and needs help in an emergency, please call 999.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Kind Regards

Lauren McEvoy
Community Safety Officer
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

