



Value of the Month 'Responsibility'



William Austin Wizards

South America	Hooria	Aadam
Asia	Musa	Inaayat
Europe	Haizal	Arham
Africa	Taha	Laraib
North America	Menaal	Yousaf
Hokusai	Hawa	Adyan
Baker	Zayna	Rayaan
Hadid	Adyan	Musa
Hepworth	Rameen	Ayaan
Van Gogh	Faz	Jomilojiu
Mars	Zahra	Talha
Venus	Aaima	Umar
Neptune	Aadam	Delight
Jupiter	Dawud	Alina
Saturn	Amina	Hasnain
Goodall	Yusuf	Ibrahim
Curie	Aminah	Maliha
Hawking	Qasim	Myrah
Jemison	Abdul	Jessica
Johnson	Sara	Ibrahim

Dear Families

Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter.

Trips and visits

Last week, Y3 classes went on a local walk spotting signs of new technology for their geography topic and Venus class went to Stockwood Park to meet up with the class they are linking with, from Hillborough Junior School. Both classes took part in some joint activities and soon made new friends. I know that the children are looking forward to their next meet up.

SATs week

The Y6 SATs will take place next week, starting on Monday 13th May until Thursday 16th May. The children and staff have worked really hard and I know that the children will do their best and we will be proud of their achievements. This is such an important week - please make sure your child attends every day. We will be offering our SATs breakfast to all Y6 pupils next week - you will have received a letter about this - so please sign up if you would like this for your child.

Term Time Leave

As you know, it is your legal duty to ensure your child attends school every day, unless they are poorly. At school, staff monitor attendance and punctuality very closely. Our target is for attendance to be 96%. For last week, our whole school attendance was 95%. Studies show that pupils with the highest attainment at the end of Y6 have higher rates of attendance. For every day a child has off, 5 lessons are missed.

We are seeing increasing numbers of children being taken on holiday, during term time, which is unauthorised. Since September 2023 to date, **98 pupils have been taken abroad** - which is over 3 classes worth of pupils. This is causing large gaps in learning, which will impact upon attainment. Please make sure that you only book holidays in the school holidays. I appreciate that the costs are higher, but your child will miss out on so much in school if they are absent, both in terms of academic progress and social times with their friends.

We are here to support you with all aspects of punctuality and absence. Our Family Workers run breakfast club from 8:00 - 8:40 for those working parents, or if you have an early morning appointment and think it might be difficult to get your child to school on time. Family Workers are also here to support you in terms of helping you put morning routines in place to get your children up and ready for school on time.

Please call the office staff on **572100** to let them know if your child is poorly every day they are off. The office is open from 8:00 every day until 4:30. If calling before or after these times, please leave a message. This is so we can ensure we have up to date information for each child so we know they are safe.

It's important for school and parents to work together to improve attendance - please do get in touch if you need advice or support.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Adams

Can we please remind you if your child is having school dinners your account must be up to date at the start of every new week.

If you are £10.00 or more in arrears you child could be refused a lunch, until the debt is cleared in full.

Dinner money £2.50 per day or £12.50 per week.

You can set up a payment every week via SCOPay

Any questions then please speak to the school office.

Upcoming Events:

- 13.5.2024- SATS Week- Year 6
- 22.5.2024- Whipsnade Zoo visit- South America, Asia and North America classes
- 23.5.2024- Whipsnade Zoo visit- Europe and Africa classes
- 27.5.2024- Half-term holiday

Attendance Target = 96%+					
Attendance for w/e 26.04.24			Attendance for w/e 03.05.24		
	Classes who met target	Most improved attendance		Classes who met target	Most improved attendance
Y3	South America Europe Asia	Asia	Y3	South America North America Europe	North America
Y4	Hokusai	Hepworth	Y4	Hepworth Baker	Hepworth
Y5	Mars Venus	Venus	Y5	Mars Venus	Jupiter
Y6	Curie Hawking Johnson	Johnson	Y6	Johnson Curie	Curie Jemison

Take a look at this week's

Wow Work!

North America—Nabiha



Venus—Maryam



Van Gogh—Aaliyah



Johnson - Dahir



Mrs Parkes—Maths

We are incredibly busy with Mathematics this Summer, especially with year 6 SATs and children in year 4 who will be taking part in the Multiplication Times tables Check (MTC) in June where they will be able to showcase their incredible knowledge of their times tables!

Year 4 and year 5 children are continuing the Mastering Number Programme. This programme enables children in year 4 and 5 to develop fluency in multiplication and division facts and to help them become more confident and flexible with number that exemplifies good number sense.

Year 3

Year 3 have been busy this week. In English, we have started a new unit of work looking at fractured fairy tales. The children are enjoying exploring how traditional fairy tales can be changed in some way. In Maths, we have been looking at money, adding coins and working out change. Next week, we will be moving on to look at time in Maths. Please support your child as much as you can at home with this by asking them regularly to tell you what the time is. In Science, we are exploring what seeds need to germinate and the children are excitedly waiting for their seeds to start growing.

Miss Thingsaker and the Year 3 team

Year 4

The children in year 4 have been working extremely hard with their writing. They have been using their imagination to write newspaper reports. In Maths, children have been learning about money and are becoming increasingly confident. In history, the children are learning about Crime and Punishment over time and are really enjoying this topic. Remember to complete homework and read daily as this is really important. We encourage all children in Year 4 to be playing TTRS daily. This will help them learn their multiplications as they will be sitting a national multiplication check at the beginning of June. Thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Chowdhury and the Year 4 team

Year 5

Year 5 have completed their learning about explanation texts and are now moving onto fractured fairy tales. In maths, we will continue working on geometry and reasoning with 3D shapes and polygons. We've been so excited about our work on Cubism in art, please do ask the children to share snippets of their learning so far. Just a gentle reminder, please do encourage your child to read daily and remember to sign their book! Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 Team

Year 6

Year 6 teachers are very proud of all the children in their classes. Next week, they will complete their KS2 SATs to demonstrate all the learning they've done at William Austin Junior School: we know they'll be amazing. In music, we are studying African drumming and children had the opportunity to take part in a workshop where they learnt some new percussion skills. Additionally, in geography, children have enjoyed using the digital mapping software, Digimaps, to create routes. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 Team

English by Mrs Compton

Luton Libraries

Why not visit one of the many libraries we have in Luton- it is free to join and children can sample a range of fiction and non-fiction books from many different authors.

Central Library has recently been transformed following a significant investment from Active Luton, resulting in a fabulous new Children's Library and family space on the first floor. You will also find new study spaces and reading snugs, community art spaces plus additional sensory support items available to borrow too. Why not pop down and take a look!

Follow the link for different branch information, including opening times

<https://www.lutonlibraries.co.uk/digital-content/libraries/branch-information>

FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

Dear Families,

We would like to wish our Year 6 children 'Best of Luck' for their SATs tests next week.

Below are some tips for our Year 6 families to help their children.

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.

Family Forum—Monday 10th June at 9:00am

Parent your views really matter to us. The Family Forum is an opportunity to meet Mrs Adams and Mrs Parkar on Monday 10th June at 9:00am in the Family Centre. Please come and tell us what works; or suggest any changes to enhance your family school experience.

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