



Dear families

**Y4 MTC information meeting**

Thank you if you came along to the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check meeting last week. Mr McMulkin was able to share information about what will happen in this statutory test for the Y4 children in June. We had an amazing demonstration from Abu Bakar in Van Gogh class whose recall of all tables facts is outstanding! The teachers are preparing the children really well through mastering number sessions and TTRS and I know the children are working so hard to learn all the tables facts. Please make sure your child goes onto TTRS daily to ensure they are practising their tables.

**Enrichment**

**Young Voices**

Last week our Singing Stars went to Wembley to take part in Young Voices with Mr Cowburn, Mrs Compton, Mrs Durkin and Mrs Ritchie. It was an amazing opportunity for Singing Stars to represent our school at this incredible event. They all had a brilliant time and we shared the photos in assembly with the whole school. Thank you to the staff for taking them.



**Storytelling week**

As part of storytelling week, last Wednesday, all classes were able to listen to the amazing Khayaal theatre group who came into school to tell stories based upon the religions of Christianity, Sikhism and Islam. Thank you to Mrs Compton who organised this event.



**Sports**

Our basketball team took part in a tournament at Sixth Form College - read all about it in Mr Osborne's report later in the newsletter.

**Y6 SATs information meeting**

Thank you if you came along to the SATs information meeting we held on Wednesday. We were able to talk about what will happen in this important week starting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The Y6 staff were there to answer any questions and share examples of past papers. We know that your children will all do their best as they work so hard in lessons.

**Safer Internet Day Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

In preparation for Safer Internet Day next week, Miss Bridgland has organised a lesson all about this year's theme which is all about Artificial Intelligence or AI. We have also been singing our song about being safe online. Ask your child to sing it to you!

**Ramadan**

Many families will be marking the holy month of Ramadan which starts during the half term holiday. I know this is a special time and I would like to wish you all Ramadan Mubarak.

Have a great half term holiday.

Mrs Adams

Attendance Target = 96%+					
Attendance for w/e 30.01.26			Attendance for w/e 06.02.26		
	Classes who met target 96% +	Most improved attendance		Classes who met target 96% +	Most improved attendance
Y3	South America	South America	Y3	South America Asia	Africa
Y4	Baker Van Gogh	Baker	Y4	Baker Hepworth	Hokusai
Y5	Mars	Mars	Y5	Mars	Neptune
Y6	Goodall Johnson Hawking	Hawking	Y6	Goodall Curie Johnson	Curie

*William Austin Wizards*

- South America Jannat Isa
- Asia Manha Ibrahim C
- Europe Laiba Omar
- Africa Saahil Umme Saniya
- Hokusai Aleem Fiza
- Baker David Mishaal
- Hepworth Tayba Aleem
- Van Gogh Ibrahim Mayesha
- Mars Agamjot Besan
- Venus Falak Bilal
- Neptune Haniya Yusuf K
- Jupiter Suffiyan Amaana
- Saturn Hawa Suliaman
- Goodall Khayam Zakariya
- Curie Zirwa Mustafa
- Hawking Hasna Nabin
- Jemison Aleem Ayza
- Johnson Jameela Syed



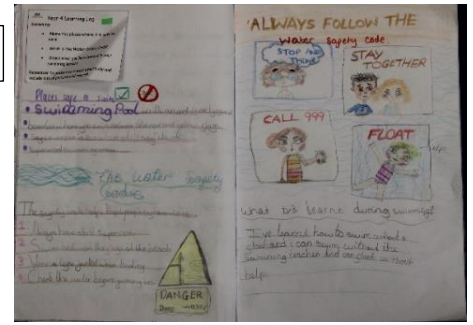
# Wow Work!

Take a look at this week's

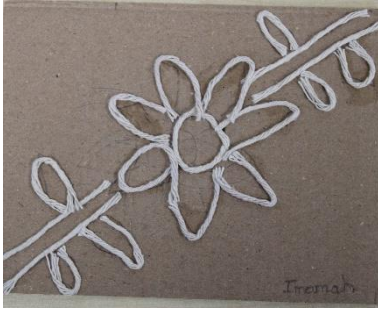
Asia - Manha



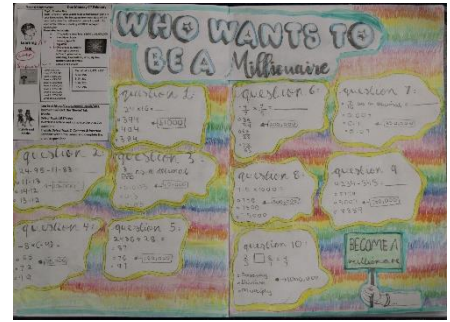
Hepworth - Tayba



Mars - Imamah



Goodall - Ramsha



## Art - Mrs Mufti

This term, our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed developing their creativity and artistic skills in Art. In Year 3, children explored a range of materials to design and create impressive Roman shields, learning about pattern, symmetry and historical influences. Year 4 pupils discovered the bold and vibrant world of Pop Art, experimenting with bright, contrasting colours and exploring how artists use colour to create impact. In Year 5, children studied the work of the influential designer William Morris, learning about pattern, repetition and nature-inspired design before creating their own detailed block prints. Finally, Year 6 explored the expressive work of Vincent van Gogh, developing their sketching and observational skills as they practised recreating one of his famous artworks. We are incredibly proud of the creativity and enthusiasm shown across the school this term!

## Year 3

It has been a great week for Year 3. In Science, we have moved onto our 'Light' unit and the children have loved using our dark boxes to explore how light travels. Similarly, the children have really enjoyed making their own Roman shields in Art. In English, the children have finished writing their 'Losing Tale' and have worked hard to extend their writing using subordinating conjunctions. I had the pleasure of awarding many of our Year 3 pupils with their Reading Champions badges this week too. Please keep encouraging your child to read and remember to sign their reading record every day. Thanks again for your ongoing support and we hope you all have a lovely, restful half term break.

Mrs High and the Year 3 team.

## Year 4

Year 4 have come to the end of their swimming and we are delighted with the confidence and knowledge of water safety that they have gained from their lessons. In English, the children have completed their journey stories and are publishing them to share them with Year 3. In maths, the children are learning about fractions. In science, the children are learning about electricity, how our homes are powered and how to use appliances safely. As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to thank you all for your continuous support. Please ensure that children are completing their learning log projects along with all their daily 10 minutes of TTRS. Have a restful half term.

Mr Patel and the Year 4 team.

## Year 5

We've worked hard this half term and have wrapped up our historical narratives unit, resulting in some excellent stories crafted by our talented writers. In maths, we have begun our second unit on fractions, and the children have shown great effort in retrieving and applying their prior knowledge. We're aiming high with our reading and continuing to press on with the Reading Challenge. Do encourage your child to read over the half-term holidays and go for that gold badge—after all, the more you read, the more you know... and the more you know, the further you'll go! Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 team.

## Year 6

Year 6 teachers are incredibly proud of the hard work and perseverance children in Year 6 have shown. In science, children have been learning about of light and shadows. They investigated how we can change the size and appearance of shadows; as well as this, we have been explaining the refraction and dispersion of light and children loved seeing the spectrum through a glass prism. We have reached the end of our unit on decimals; children are confident using the four operations to calculate and problem solve. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child with their daily reading.

Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 team.

# FamilyCentre

Dear Families,

We would like to wish all our families a very peaceful half term. We have listed a few things you might like to do with your children, most of which are free.

## Free Attractions in Luton

- Stockwood Discovery Centre: Features extensive gardens, a sensory garden, a carriage collection, and a free outdoor playground.
- Wardown House, Museum and Gallery: Located in Wardown Park, this museum offers free entry, showcasing local history, the hat industry, and often hosts free family workshops.
- Wardown Park: A large, popular park perfect for walking, picnics, and relaxing by the lake.
- Barton Hills National Nature Reserve: Offers scenic walking trails and natural beauty.
- Warden and Galley Hills Nature Reserve: Known for its walking trails and panoramic views of Luton.
- Someries Castle: The ruins of a 15th-century fortified manor house near Luton.

## Other Free Activities

- Walking & Hiking: The Chilterns (Warden Hills, Barton Hills) offer excellent, free outdoor walks.
- Local Library Activities: Many libraries in the area offer free activities and clubs for children.



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## Sewing

Sewing places now available if you would like to join this very creative group on a Monday morning please give Family Workers a call.

## Breakfast with Mrs Adams

Your child is entitled to a free breakfast every morning from 8:00am where breakfast is served till 8:15am. If your child would like to join and have breakfast with Mrs Adams on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, then contact the Family Centre 01582 509121 to book their place.

Please call 01582 509121 for support, advice or information

# English

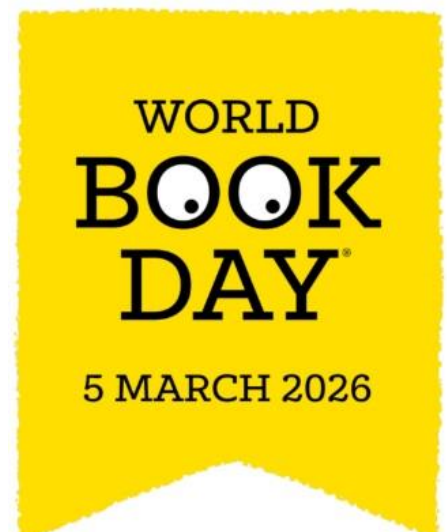
Dear Parents,

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. As always, we would love for all of the children to come dressed as their favourite character.

Please see separate letter for further information on how to create a range of different characters at minimal cost.

Kind regards

Mrs A Compton



# All things sport - Mr Osborne

Spring one has been an enjoyable and busy half term in the sports hall and beyond for our young sports stars. Sports clubs continue to allow children to develop and refine their skills. The football and netball teams have been continuing to train hard in preparation for the resumption of the season. Basketball sessions on a Friday morning are absolutely booming; the team and others are training exceptionally hard and continue to impress us with their shooting and dribbling skills. The children from year 3 who were selected to swim after school have had an amazing time and are most definitely more confident in and around water.

## Sports teams



The boys' football team, after qualifying for the Bedfordshire County finals, performed very well at the prestigious competition. All of the boys gave it their very best and were a credit to the school. The team, after giving everything did not qualify for the regional finals but nonetheless should feel very proud of their achievements.



The girls' netball team have been training very hard every Monday and Tuesday morning between 8:00am - 8:40am. Their dedication and commitment to improve continues to impress. All of the girls have improved and have been a joy to work with. Please keep up the hard work! The team are eagerly anticipating the resumption of the season. They will definitely be ready for their next game after the February half term. Mr Osborne is sure that the extra shooting practice which each of the girls participate in will benefit the team!



Our school has a wonderful cricketing reputation and as a result the boys and girls are working hard to ensure that season 2025-2026 is one to remember. The new cricket nets have ensured that the boys and girls in the cricket squad have every opportunity to be successful this season. The nets are just brilliant and allow our children to bowl and bat with accuracy whilst keeping the children on the other part of the playground safe. The children, Mr Osborne and Mr Britten cannot wait for the summer term - we are sure our boys' and girls' teams are going to be in good shape!



Basketball is an extremely popular sport at our school. Every Friday morning between 8a.m and 8:40 at least thirty children come and play and enjoy the game in our super sports hall. The team have been working hard, both at this weekly session and during lunchtimes. Teams consist of five players - with a mix of boys and girls always present on court. The team recently played their latest round of league fixtures. The squad consisting of: Habban (Y5), Musa (Y5) Yousef (Y6), Nabin (Y6), Aahil (Y6), Milan (Y6), Hasna (Y6), Naeemah (Y6) and Abrish (Y6) were absolutely brilliant. They played four, won two, drew one and lost one. The standard of play was fantastic and each of the students should feel extremely proud. The team are excited for the next round of league fixtures.



The school badminton teams recently competed at the annual town wide completion. The team, who have been practising hard over the last five weeks, were an absolute credit to the school. Some absolutely fantastic rallies, wonderful serves and even better smashes were executed. One of the boys' teams and the girls' team both performed exceptionally - qualifying for the quarter finals. The boys' team narrowly losing to the eventual winners - St Matthews. The girls' team also lost to the eventual winners too. All of the fourteen children who represented the school have made rapid progress. Special mentions to Anayat (Hawking) who was absolutely outstanding on the day - in my view the best male at the competition, Also, to Haleema (Neptune) who was just brilliant in each of her six matches. Though we did not come back to WAJS with medals on this occasion, we certainly came back with our heads held high knowing that we performed brilliantly.

Each year the school games organiser for Luton, Vicki ensures that lots of children get the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports. This year has been no different. Lots of our children have enjoyed playing a variety of sports. From bench ball to goalball and golf to pickleball. Lots of children have enjoyed trying many different sports. The multi-sports festivals are led by sports leaders from local high schools and as a result we often bump into ex WAJS pupils who still remain enthused by sport, great to see!

The children have been working hard in lessons. Across the school the students have been improving their skills within the game of netball, hockey, basketball, football and handball. In P.E lessons children have been improving their skills within dance, gymnastics, badminton and table tennis.



Well done to the following children who were awarded athlete of the half term for Autumn 2:

Name	Class
Ahmed	South America
Anays	Asia
Sumayah	Europe
Abdul Ahad	Africa
Hajarah	Van Gogh
David	Baker
Tayba	Hepworth
Dawood	Hokusai
Hashim	Saturn
Amaana	Jupiter
Aleandra	Venus
Dawud	Mars
Alyan	Neptune
Shuraim	Jemison
Maya	Hawking
Ayaan	Johnson
Asaal	Curie
Tahia	Goodall

Spring one stars will be announced in the first week back after the holiday. This will also be when we find out who has won the latest round of Inter- House matches!

As the half term holiday approaches please ensure that you have a good rest and are raring to go for another fun packed sporting half-term. We are very lucky in Luton to have many excellent sport centres - perhaps, if you and your family are at a loose end you could play a game of badminton, go for a swim, shoot some hoops or play a game of table tennis. Whatever you decide to do - have fun and we look forward to seeing you all in just over a week.

#### Year five football success

A huge congratulations to the year five football team. The team competed at the annual tournament on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February. Some wonderful goalkeeping, heroic defending, sublime passing and fantastic shooting ensured that the team qualified through the group stages. The quarter final game against Chantry was an absolutely epic encounter! Our fine young footballers came out on top - eventually winning the game 4-3. The semi final saw our super team lose to a very strong Sacred Heart. The final game for our budding young footballers was the third-place game against St Matthews. Our children did not disappoint in this match. All seven children worked tirelessly to make sure that the coveted bronze medals returned back to WAJS. A really fantastic achievement - third best year fives in the whole of Luton. Well done to the team!

Special mention to Musa who scored an incredible eighteen goals!

Brilliant work from the following children: Habban, Musa, Bilal, Abu- Bakr, Hassan, Cecilia and Suliaman

Have a great holiday.

Yours in sport,

Mr Osborne.

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