



Dear Families

**SATs week Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Well done to all our Y6 children last week in their SATs exams. We are really proud of the work they do every day and know that they have all tried their best. The results come back into school at the beginning of July.

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

What an incredible day! The children dressed in our school colours, blue, gold and white starting the day off in a really colourful way. You may have seen the circus tent on the field which looked beautiful in our school colours - a happy coincidence! The children attended a circus performance followed by a circus skills workshop. Thank you to some of the staff who ended up being part of the show!

The day then unfolded with a visit to the WAJ archive gallery including photos of the school over the years, staff photos spanning the decades, copies of the punishment book and opening ceremony order of service. Miss Rahman took class photos so that for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and beyond, future staff and pupils will be able to see what we look like. We asked the children what they would like to eat for their school lunch and they voted for lamb kebab and macaroni cheese. The kitchen staff decorated the serving hatch area which looked really festive.

We unveiled a new banner for the hall and Mr Bowler put up bunting around the school. The children decorated cup-cakes for their class party, sang our WAJ song which had been written by Mr Cowburn and at 3pm the whole school formed the shape of 70 on the upper playground for our anniversary drone photo. We were so lucky with the weather as the sun came out as the drone flew overhead. Thank you to all the staff who helped us have a wonderful 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Click onto this link for more photos from the day. <https://www.william-austin.com/gallery/>



**Enrichment**

This week Y6 classes visited Whipsnade as part of their science topic. Our Y5/6 boys' cricket team took part in a tournament and our Y3 classes went on a neighbourhood walk for their geography topic. Hokusai and Van Gogh classes were invited to a celebration event with other Luton schools who had also taken part in the Royal Opera House Finish this project in music.

**Half term**

The May half term holiday starts today. Have a wonderful week with your friends and family. The weather looks like it's warming up just in time! School will start on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** for the final half term of the year.

Take care and have a lovely holiday.

Mrs Adams

**William Austin Wizards**



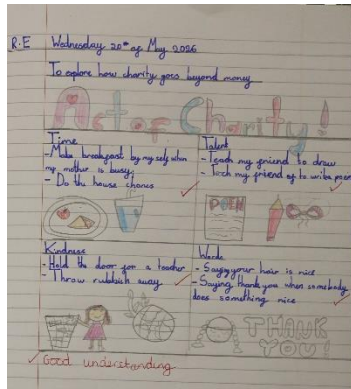
- South America** Tawad Sophia
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- Europe** Ali-Zamin Eva
- Africa** Anaya Ariyan
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- Hepworth** Ayaan Z Aizah
- Van Gogh** Alishba Abu Bakar
- Mars** Maryam Aadam
- Venus** Yunus Myiesha
- Neptune** Myriam Yusuf K
- Jupiter** Haizal Yousuf
- Saturn** Hawa Majidul
- Goodall** Arissa Ayesha
- Curie** Naeemah Sarim
- Hawking** Rayaan Ammarah
- Jemison** Amaya Aahil
- Johnson** Evelyn Ahad

Attendance Target = 96%+					
Attendance for w/e 08.05.26			Attendance for w/e 15.05.26		
	Classes who met target 96% +	Most improved attendance		Classes who met target 96% +	Most improved attendance
Y3	Africa	South America	Y3	Europe Africa	Europe
Y4	Hokusai Baker	Hepworth	Y4	Hokusai Van Gogh Hepworth Baker	Van Gogh
Y5	Venus Jupiter	Neptune	Y5	Jupiter Saturn	Saturn
Y6	Curie Goodall Johnson Jemison Hawking	Goodall	Y6	Johnson -100% Hawking Jemison Curie - 100% Goodall - 100%	Johnson

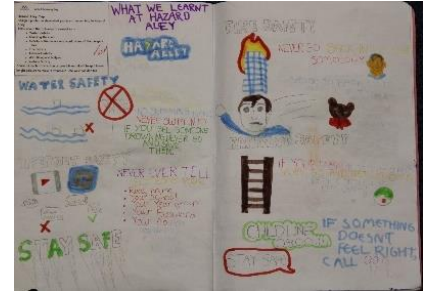
Take a look at this week's

# WOW Work!

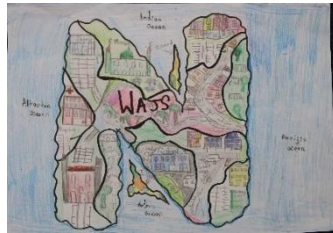
South America - Asiya



Hokusai - Aleem



Jupiter - Ateeb



Curie - Ruqiya



## Mr Vettese - History

The children have worked very hard on their history units this half term and produced some excellent work! Y3 had a real deep dive into Romans last term, stretching their studies over both the Spring terms to really immerse themselves in the time period. Y4 have been exploring crime and punishment and have loved looking at gruesome punishment devices from the Roman times to the present day. Y5 have been researching the Early Islamic civilisation looking at how it helped shape the world we know today. Y6 are looking forward to continuing their topic of Ancient Egypt after the half term, building on their learning from last term and diving even deeper into the mysteries of Ancient Egypt.

## Year 3

It has been a great couple of weeks for Year 3. The children have been busy writing their persuasive texts about Whipsnade Zoo and have all used rhetorical questions and emotive language to engage the reader. In Maths, the children have been telling the time to the nearest minute. Please support your child with this at home to really consolidate this. In Geography, the children enjoyed walking around the local area this week where they pointed out the different types of land use. They then used their observations to create sketch maps in their books, showing the different types of land use they identified. Thanks again for all your ongoing support and we hope you all have a lovely, restful holiday.

Mrs High and the Year 3 team.

## Year 4

The children in Year 4 have continued working extremely hard on their non chronological report writing. They have been using formal language to write about our school. In maths, we have been started learning about shape including directions. I would like to remind all parents that Year 4 children will be taking their national multiplication check after the holidays. Please encourage them to practise regularly on TTRS at home. Additionally, please remind children to complete their holiday homework, including their 3D model of a Luton landmark, as well as maintaining their daily reading. Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Ahmed and the Year 4 team.

## Year 5

Year 5 have fully immersed themselves in our explanation texts unit and are now beginning to explore fascinating space phenomena - how are stars actually lit up? In maths, we've finished our work on position and direction of shape, and in science we're branching out from our learning on life cycles and living things. We're looking forward to discovering more about changing materials in science and will soon be exploring topography in geography. Do ask the children for a summary of their learning this half term. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 team.

## Year 6

Last week, children in Year 6 completed their KS2 SATs tests. They worked carefully through the different papers, trying their best throughout. The Year 6 team are so proud of the effort they put in. This week, we enjoyed a visit to Whipsnade Zoo where children took part in an interesting workshop about mini-beasts, where they had to find, collect and classify different animals. In addition, the children in Goodall, Hawking and Curie classes became world record holders! They took part in Whipsnade's Guinness World Record for the biggest colour by numbers of all time! Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 team.



William Austin Junior School  
celebrates 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Dear Families,



As we approach the half-term break this Friday, we would like to take a moment to thank all our families for your continued support this term. It has been a busy and positive few weeks across the school, and we are incredibly proud of the effort and commitment shown by both our pupils and their parents.

Please can we remind all parents to ensure the school office has a current email address on file. Additionally, if you change your address, it is essential that you notify the school office as soon as possible so that our records remain up to date.

### **Top Tip for the Half-Term**

Over the break, try to maintain a simple routine for your child. Keeping regular sleep times and providing opportunities for fresh air and physical activity can make a big difference in helping children return to school feeling settled, refreshed and ready to learn.

### **Top Free Activities**

- **Wardown House & Park:** Explore Wardown Park or take the kids to Wardown House Museum and Gallery for free drop-in activities like guided drawing sessions. Pack a picnic and make a full day of it!
- **Stockwood Discovery Centre:** Wander through the expansive grounds and beautiful gardens. It's a brilliant, wide-open space for the family to enjoy together.
- **Luton Libraries:** Local libraries run fantastic free community sessions throughout the holidays, including Code Clubs, Story Times, and interactive "Rhyme Time".
- **Nature Walks:** Get some fresh air and spot local wildlife by taking a stroll through Stockwood Park or heading out to the Barton Hills National Nature Reserve just outside the town.

### **Brighton Seaside Trip**

We are pleased to share that we still have a few remaining seats available for our upcoming Brighton Seaside Trip!

- **Cost:** £18 per person
- **Who can attend:** Pupils parents, friends and extended family members
- **Departure:** Austin Road at approximately 8:00am
- **Return:** Austin Road at approximately 6:00pm

If you are interested, please contact the Family Workers for further details, including the date of the trip.

### **Medication In School:**

If your child has been receiving ongoing medication in school, please email the school to inform us if this is **no longer required** at [admin@williamaustin.juniorluton.co.uk](mailto:admin@williamaustin.juniorluton.co.uk)

We hope you all have a safe, restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for the next half term.

Please call 01582 509121 for support, advice or information

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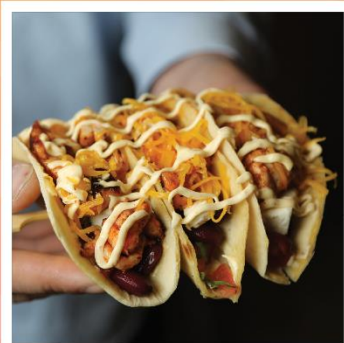
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