

## William Penn Newsletter – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Whole School Parent Meetings

It was great to see so many of you attending these 2 meetings. We are very grateful for the level of support shown by the parents and governors over the last academic year. We will continue to strive to make our curriculum even more ambitious for your children. Below are the key priorities from our School Improvement Plan:

- To further improve reading and writing across the school.
- To develop the teaching of mathematics to incorporate the new mixed age Nationally recognised, White Rose scheme.
- To continue to improve the provision for children with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) so that all recommendations made for them are carried through into day to day classroom practice.
- To improve the challenge and support offered by Governors (who have already started this work with great enthusiasm).
- To eradicate all low-level disruption which interrupts the learning on occasions.
- To complete a full review of the curriculum in readiness for the Autumn term.

The headlines for those of you who were unable to attend the 2 meetings are that we say a fond farewell to Miss Botha and our SENDCO, Vanessa Theophilus at the end of term. Both members of staff have had such a positive impact on William Penn and we wish them every success in their next ventures.

We have created a Senior Leadership Team, with Ms Passfield and Mr Phillips sharing the role of Acting Deputy Headteachers. Both members of staff will have a different focus. Ms Passfield will take on special educational needs, replacing Vanessa Theophilus and Mr Phillips will focus on curriculum and quality of education.

Mrs Peters will be teaching Cadbury next year, with Miss Dolan in Fry Class and Mr Phillips in JBB. All Key Stage 2 cover will be undertaken by Ms Passfield or myself. We have shortlisted a good selection of potential teachers for Fox class and will be interviewing them next week. We will let you know once this appointment has been finalised. Unfortunately, Mr Kear and Mrs Stephenson remain unwell, and we will update you further once we know more.

### Date for your diary

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June is an INSET day and school will be closed to children.  
Sports day is at 1:30pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, with a rain off day on July 5<sup>th</sup>.  
The Horsham Children's Parade is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### Pollination Education Station

Josh, Year 6 writes:

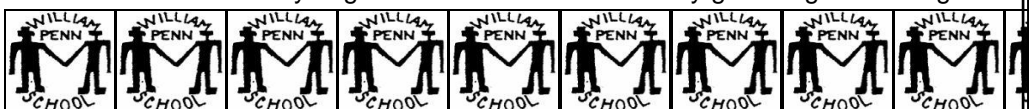
On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, at William Penn School, we had an amazing visit from Carrie at West Sussex Green Living and a sponsor Alex, from Barratt Homes. As part of The Big Green Week, we are extremely lucky as we have had a Pollination Education Station (PES) installed by them in our school. Carrie, Adam and Brian, are from West Sussex Green Living. The plants, to get us started, were kindly donated by Layla S, Betsy May, Poppy and Carrie herself. But what is a PES? It's been described as a kitchen and living space for pollinators – those important creatures who are busy playing a vital role in our ecosystem.

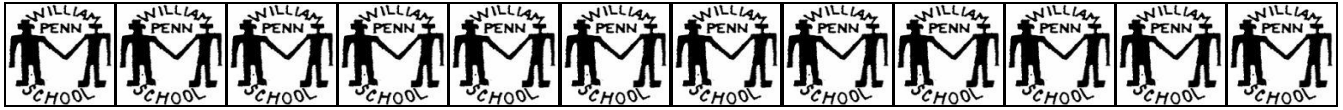
The children all worked on planting the new PES area, under the supervision of the Green Living Team. Together they planted strawberries, raspberries, mint, basal, thyme and dianthus. They were planted as a group by our exercise gym area and will encourage wildlife such as butterflies and bees to enjoy our new PES. To find out more about renaturing with the PES visit <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/renature/>.

There is also a really handy guide that tells you about what is good to plant to feed those busy pollinators:

<https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/PES-installation-guide.pdf>

At William Penn, we would like any fir cones, bark and sheep wool to be donated to the school to add in to their luxury bug house. Our PES has already got two guests living in it





(a snail and a worm) and hopefully more will join them soon! There is an educational plaque next to the eco-structure – why not have a read when you pick your child up from school? Thank you Green Living for this important addition to our outside area.

## Little Life Savers

Emerson, Year 6 writes:

On Monday, JBB were given the opportunity to learn to use CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) safely with Little Life Savers. Little Life Savers are a charity to help teach younger children the importance of CPR. It is important to learn how to use CPR because you might need to use it in a real-life situation. Children learnt how to carry out CPR with training dummies provided by Little Life Savers.



First, JBB were taught how to help someone when they are choking and when someone has collapsed and is not responding. If someone is choking, first you must check that it is safe to approach before doing anything else. If they are coughing or talking whilst having something lodged in their throat then it is not as serious. If they are wheezing and cannot talk, you must immediately call 999 and tell them. Once that is done you can start to sit them up straight and try talking to them then. If they still don't respond, you need to hold your arms over their shoulders and hit the centre of their back with the heel of your hand. Hit their back 5 times to see if they respond. Make sure you check after every hit to see if the food has been dislodged. If this doesn't work, try another 5 times and check to see if that works. Continue with this process until an ambulance arrives.

The next method of CPR JBB were taught, was how to keep someone's heart pumping if their heart fails. First, place your strong hand on top of the person's sternum and then place your weak hand over that and push down. If the casualty is an adult, you need to press 100 times per minute. For a child, 120 per second. Repeat this until an ambulance arrives. It is ideal to have multiple people around as it can be extremely tiring. Thank you to the Lions for paying for this experience.

**WARNING!** Never use CPR on someone who doesn't need it. It could seriously injure them.

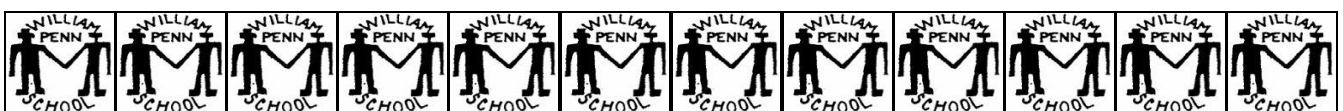


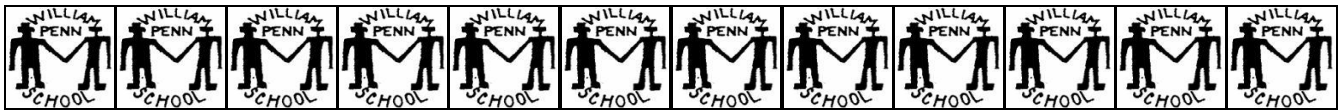
## Olympic Dance Workshop for Key Stage 2

On Thursday, Miss Cara from West End in Schools came in to run two workshops with KS2. The theme of the workshop was the Olympics, which was very relevant and tied in perfectly with our Children's Parade preparations. We started with a warm up to get our bodies moving, we were then split into groups to create a freeze frame of different Olympic sports. We then explored French inspired dances such as the Farandole. This was very tricky but great fun.

We put our Farandole, freeze frames, National anthem dance and sport inspired dance moves into a whole performance piece.

Such a brilliant workshop! Thank you, Miss Cara!





"I enjoyed the fact we did loads of different dances in the session," Layla B.

"I liked when we did the Farandole as a whole class because it was so fun curving around others," James.

"I liked working in the groups," Indie.

"I liked moving around, Miss Cara was really nice," Dexter.



## William Penn's Summer Fair on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June – news from the PTA



With the Summer Fair approaching at the end of this month, we are now seeking to collect bottles of any sort, alcoholic & non, for our Barrow of Beverages raffle prizes. We invite children to wear their own clothes on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** in exchange for bringing in a bottle of any sort.

### WE NEED YOU!

- The PTA is seeking any volunteers who would be able to help out at the event on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. We will be devising a rota per stall, so your time wouldn't be needed for the full duration of the fair. If you are able to spare a few hours on the day then we would be most grateful for your time. Please let the PTA know if you would be able to help by touching base via our email below.
- There is also the opportunity if you would like to host your own stall at the event if you have a business to share with the school community. Please get in touch with the PTA to find out more: [williampennpta@outlook.com](mailto:williampennpta@outlook.com)



The PTA kindly requests donations of unwanted board games and children's books, all in good condition, for our upcoming Summer Fair. If you have anything you wish to donate then please drop them off at the **donation boxes** located at the gate during **drop-off** and **pick-up** times.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

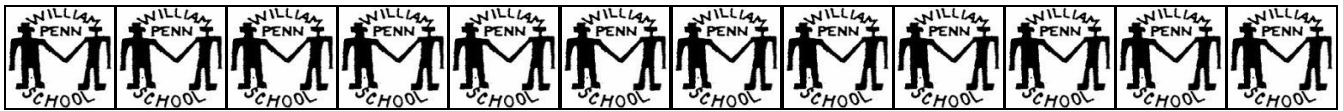


### Terracycle Recycling Bins

Rob, who collects our recycling writes: Please put your blue bin recycling in your own blue bin and please use the supermarkets to recycle your soft plastic - thank you! Below is a reminder of what can be collected by Terracycle..







See full list of items at [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com)

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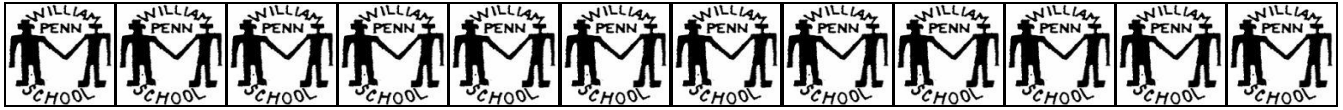
## DROP-OFF POINT

THE RECYCLE BIN CAN BE FOUND OUTSIDE THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL BEHIND THE FENCE TO LEFT WHICH IS LABELLED.



For more info, please contact [williampennpta@outlook.com](mailto:williampennpta@outlook.com)





## Pupil Achievements Outside of School

Congratulations to Harry B, who took part in Horsham's Race for Life on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. He completed the 5k run in just under 39 minutes and has raised over £300 for Cancer Research.

Well done to Ava D who has been chosen to be a Sixer at Brownies.

Congratulations to Ava L for coming first, fourth and sixth on her pony Barbie when competing last weekend.

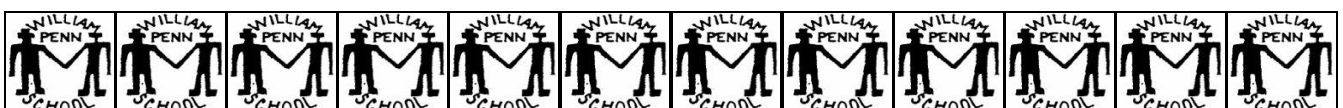
Well done Arlo for winning a trophy from his Under 8s Billingshurst Football team for excellent contribution this season.

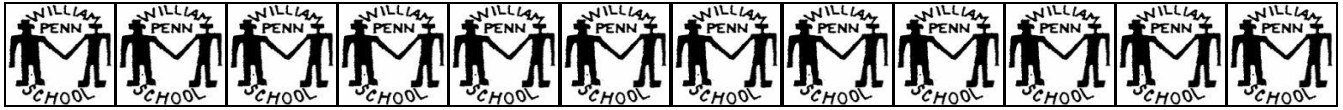
If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail [office@williampenn.co.uk](mailto:office@williampenn.co.uk).



## Friday Golden Assembly Awards 14.06.24

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	<b>Fitzgerald</b> For reading his books so well this week. Your reading is fantastic and we can see how hard you try. Making Miss B and Miss Thomas so happy to see you making such an effort. Well done Fitz!	<b>Sasha</b> For being so focused and determined to succeed this week. You have made sure you pay full attention to your learning, meaning you have pushed yourself to achieve. Well done Sasha!	<b>Carson</b> For contributing to every discussion in lessons this week. You have offered some very thoughtful ideas and have extended other children's learning with your questions. Fantastic effort Carson!	<b>James</b> For excellent sportsmanship in PE. You showed us excellent fielding skills in cricket and great teamwork!	<b>Elliott</b> For excellent ideas in science this week. Working well on his investigation and sharing ideas about sound.	<b>Spencer</b> For excellent effort all week and more confidence when talking during whole class discussions. It is lovely to see Spencer, well done.	<b>Maisie</b> For always trying your hardest in every subject. You always have a smile on your face and tackle every task with enthusiasm and a 'can do' attitude. Well done Maisie.
Presentation Star	<b>Bear</b> For writing so beautifully about the seasons. You sounded out each word independently and remembered your finger spaces! Fantastic work Bear, well done.	<b>William W</b> For a very engaging story about the annoying seagulls and Mr Grinling. You used your imagination to retell the original story from a different point of view. Excellent effort William!	<b>Jimmy</b> For a wonderfully presented independent write this week. As well as presented to a very high standard, the content was incredibly appealing and entertaining to the reader. Well done Jimmy!	<b>Charlie</b> For a well presented and thought out persuasive piece of writing about Iceland. You tried super hard to lay out your work nicely and stayed focused throughout. Well done Charlie!	<b>Indie</b> For working so hard to make your persuasive writing about Iceland neat and well laid out. You are trying every lesson to improve your presentation. Well done Indie!	<b>Clayne</b> For your fact file about the Sahara Desert. Your handwriting is lovely and you have obviously worked really hard on your drawings. Well done Clayne.	<b>Emerson</b> Your work is always presented beautifully in every lesson. You always put in 100% effort and really concentrate on making your work look the best that it can. Well done Emerson.





## Friday Golden Assembly Awards 7.06.24

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Golden Children	<p><b>Henry</b> For always being so kind to help your friends, whether it is during lessons or helping them if they get hurt. You always give them a hug or stay with them until they feel better. You are such a kind-hearted boy, Henry.</p>	<p><b>Max</b> For always being such a superstar in Fox class. You are such a delight to teach as you give 100% effort in everything you do. You make each and every day an absolute joy so thank you for all that you do. Well done Max!</p>	<p><b>Connor</b> For your wonderful attitude and effort this week. You have been so helpful and supportive towards your fellow classmates, particularly in maths, so keep it up! Well done Connor!</p>	<p><b>Fabien</b> For always having such a positive attitude. You never fail to put a smile on everyone's face with your kindness and humour. You are a ray of sunshine! Keep being you Fabien!</p>	<p><b>Bethany</b> For always being so kind and considerate to your friends. You are always the first to offer your help and support to your peers and are always willing to help adults too. We are so lucky to have you in Fry class. Well done Beth!</p>	<p><b>Clayne</b> For always working so hard in all subjects. You never give up and put in 100% effort in to everything you do. You are a fantastic role model in JBB by always following the golden rules. Well done Clayne.</p>	<p><b>Kacey-Rose</b> For working hard on your spellings this week. Your determination and commitment has paid off and it is lovely to see. You should be very proud of yourself. Well done Kacey.</p>
Presentation Star	<p><b>Oscar</b> For writing a beautiful sentence about why Edward was an environmental superhero based of our book. Well done for remembering your capital letter, finger spaces and full stop at the end.</p>	<p><b>Beaux</b> For collecting some interesting facts about seagulls, inspired by our class book. Even though you were just taking notes, you made sure your writing was beautifully presented. Well done Beaux!</p>	<p><b>Marnie L</b> For producing such amazing speech bubbles for the seagulls in our book. You really got into role and presented your work superbly, and you should be very proud of yourself. Well done Marnie!</p>	<p><b>Layla S</b> For focusing on your presentation in all subjects. You always add your own creativity to your work to make it look amazing as well as working hard to make to content fantastic too. Well done Layla!</p>	<p><b>Jenson</b> For taking more care and attention to your presentation this week. You have worked hard to keep your work neat and to stick to the presentation code. It's great to see you gearing up for Year 5! Great work Jenson. Keep it up!</p>	<p><b>Rory</b> You always take care with your presentation. You think about how to lay out your work and concentrate on your handwriting and illustrations to make your work stand out. Well done Rory.</p>	<p><b>Rufus</b> For your informative fact file about the Sikh holy book the 'Guru Granth Saib'. It is presented beautifully with sub headings and colour. Well done Rufus.</p>

