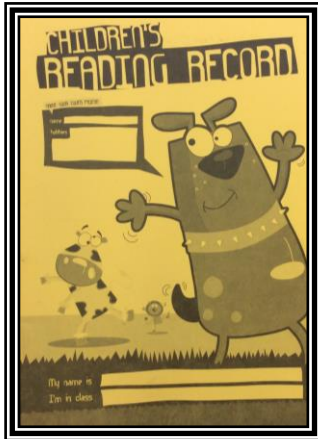


William Penn Newsletter – 1st March 2024

Reading Records



We need your help! Reading at home every day helps children develop a broader vocabulary, increases general knowledge and enables them to gain a better understanding of other cultures. It takes just 10 minutes to help your child either by listening to them read or by reading to them. Through hearing stories, children are exposed to a rich and wide vocabulary. This helps them to build their own vocabulary and improves their understanding of how stories work. Try to build reading into a routine for them, so that it happens every day.

We have launched a reading challenge in each class. All children will be sent home with their Reading Record Books. You need to record the reading you do with your child and date it. Each entry will be logged, allowing children to move up a class reading ladder. This will celebrate all the fantastic reading that is happening at home. If children read with an adult at school, this can be added too. If your child is a fluent reader in Key Stage 2, they may want to read to themselves and then you can discuss what they have read and initial their reading record. Any questions about this, please ask your class teacher.

Thank you for your support.



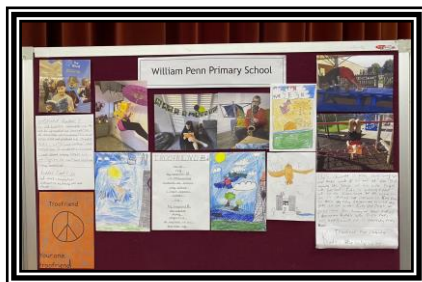
Rainbow Theatre: A Child in Roman Britain

Last Friday, Fry class enjoyed a performance from the Rainbow Theatre. The children took part in an immersive learning experience. They performed alongside the actors in a fun show that was packed with facts and information. William explains, "We got to act in different roles

in different scenes. It was really fun. I felt like I was in Ancient Rome but I was glad I wasn't!" Ava found out lots of interesting facts like "You could buy snails and dormice at the market."

For Layla S, "It was really dramatic but also fun!"

The performance was highly engaging with sound effects, props, costumes and acting skills that brought the history to life.



Weald Book Awards Event

Miss Robertson launched another fantastic Weald Book Awards on Wednesday for our team of Year 6 budding readers, joined by the 6 authors who wrote the books that the children read this year. We were joined by 8 other locality schools and were treated to insightful talks from the authors. This included learning all about how they became writers, what inspired them and what is involved in writing novels. Owen enjoyed, "How all the authors had their own very different backstory and

personalities." Mikey liked, "How the authors handed out the certificates to the children winning each of the categories." Rufus loved, "Watching the other children's trailers." For Alfie, the evening allowed children to showcase their talent – even rapping! Maisie particularly enjoyed hearing from Jessica Scott-Whyte the author of The Asparagus Bunch as she was so amusing.

Over the last 2 terms, children embraced reading for pleasure and were inspired to get really creative.

The winners from JBB this year were:

Caught reading photo: Josh

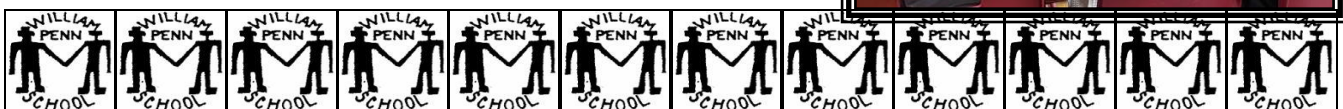
Alternative book cover: Owen

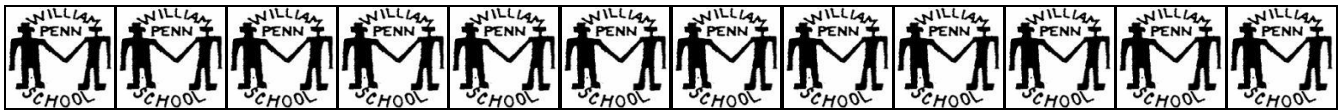
Poem or rap: Kacey-Rose and Reggie

Alternative characters: Flo and Maisy

Letter writing: Rufus

The winning book, as voted by all the children who took part, was Jayben and the Golden Torch, by Thomas Leeds.





Parent Surveys

Today parent surveys have been sent through by email. This is a google form that can be completed by the link sent from the office. Thank you in advance for taking your time to complete these surveys. All feedback is received with thanks.

Terracycle Recycling at William Penn Primary School

Through Sussex Green Living, we are a registered recycling point for the local area and as such we are committed to certain recycling programmes, all run by Terracycle. William Penn School PTA benefits enormously from the recycling collected by receiving money per kg. Recently the recycling collection amounts have been going down and we really need to encourage everyone at William Penn and further afield in the local community to help us collect more items to recycle by raising awareness of the scheme in place and fill our recycling bins!



There are many items that we collect and these can be seen on the lids of the green bins at the front of the school, including used pens, crisp packets and popcorn packets, aqua optima water filters, Babybel wrappers and wax, rubber gloves and much more. The bins are located behind a fence at the front of the school – please do take a minute to have a look over the list of items and maybe take a picture with your phone! You can also see the items that are collected via the Sussex Green Living website here - <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/single-use/>. William Penn PTA will continue to raise awareness of all the items that can be recycled in the coming months, but in the meantime children will be collecting the following items in their classrooms. Each class has an eco bin where these can be deposited.

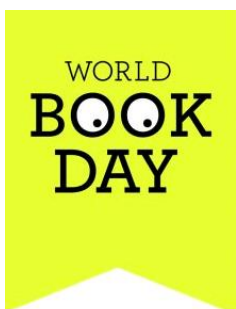
Jeremy and Oliver explained to the school how they collected these items in an old bread bag at home and then brought them in to be put in their class bin. Children can also deposit crisp packets and wrappers from their packed lunches. They need to remember to eat the crisps first though! During Friday's assembly, the contents of each bin will be examined and the class who has collected the most will get to keep the Golden Plastic Bottle for the next week, as a celebration of their excellent recycling.



Currently we are focusing on three particular programmes of recycling collection, as these are on a promotion of triple points until 5th April, so we will earn more per kg raised. Please do help us with collecting and dropping off these particular items to fill our bins:

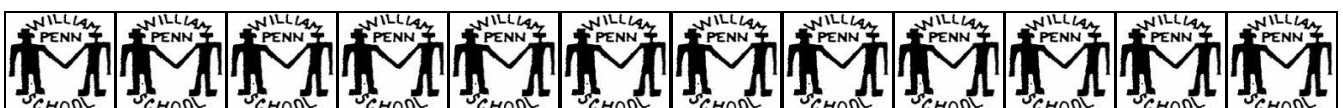
- **SNACK WRAPPERS** - Sweet biscuit wrappers, cake wrappers, including the cellophane. Savoury biscuit wrappers such as cracker wrappers (not the cardboard, just the plastic wrapping).
- **PRINGLE TUBES** – pringle tubes (no other make). Without the lids.
- **DENTAL ITEMS** – electric toothbrush head – change those toothbrush heads and help the school! Manual toothbrushes, flossing sticks, electric flosser nozzles, dental floss containers.

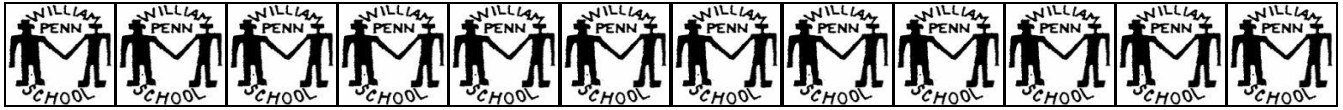
World Book Day



World Book Day will be held at William Penn Primary on Thursday 7th March. Remember to bring in any unwanted costumes on Monday. The PTA will be on hand to collect them in the playground at the end of the day. They will be selling these donated items in the hall from 3pm on Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Thursday, children are encouraged to dress up too and bring along the accompanying book for their character, if you have this. There will also be a Bring and Buy Book Sale, held at the end of the day. For this to be a success, we would appreciate your donations of a used book (or as many books as you would like to donate) to be brought into school on the Thursday morning. They will be on sale under the canopy from 3:15pm. There will be no fixed price, allowing people to decide themselves what they would like to donate in exchange for their book. All proceeds will go towards buying furniture and reading resources for the library. Thank you for your continued support.



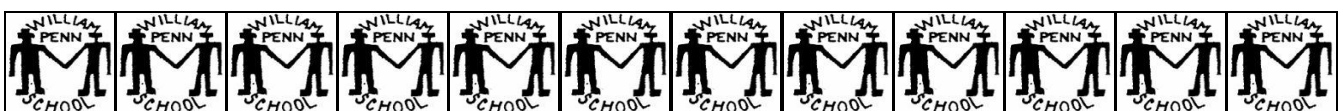


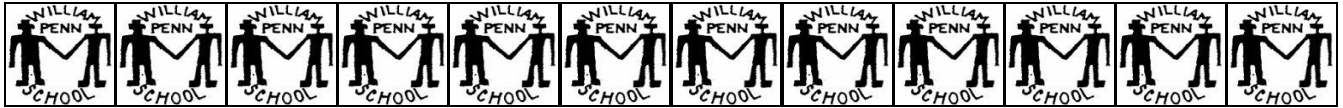
Friday Golden Assembly Awards 23.2.24

| | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Golden | <p>Evie For such a fantastic attitude towards her learning this week. She has followed instructions and listened carefully to what she needs to do. Keep it up!</p> | <p>Zachary For being so eager to find out lots of facts about Africa and the animals that live there. He has thought about different word classes in preparation for his descriptive writing next week. Well done Zachary!</p> | <p>Marnie J For her amazing effort and attitude towards her learning this week. She has completed every single piece of work with care and attention. Keep it up Marnie!</p> | <p>Theo For working amazingly during maths this week. You have worked independently and you have even wanted to work through your break times! You should feel very proud of yourself. Well done Theo.</p> | <p>Elliott For always being ready to learn. You try your best in all subjects. You have a mature attitude towards your learning. Your presentation is really improving. Well done Elliott.</p> | <p>Lennon For his awesome attitude this week. He has worked so hard to improve his presentation and has been an absolute star during our history lessons all week. His enthusiasm for looking at Mayan artefacts has been wonderful to see. You should be very proud, Lennon!</p> | <p>Maisie For her continued commitment and determination in class – particularly during maths. She never gives up and always tries her hardest in all subjects. Fantastic effort, Maisie!</p> |
| Presentation Star | <p>Ellie For taking pride in your presentation this week. Amazing letter formation and positioning of letters on the line. Keep it up.</p> | <p>Max For applying his absolute best to his writing. He always remembers his finger spaces, starting at the margin and neatly correcting any mistakes. Awesome effort Max!</p> | <p>Glen His presentation is always second to none. He makes sure his letter sizes are accurate and he takes his time when completing every piece of work. Keep up the fantastic effort Glen!</p> | <p>Layla S Your work is always a pleasure to read and look at. You make everything look so neat and tidy no matter what the subject. You inspire other students around you to make their work neater. Great work Layla!</p> | <p>Bethany Your presentation is always incredible. You go above and beyond to make your work look amazing! You are a role model to your peers and are very deserving of the first Year 4 Presentation star.</p> | <p>Andrew His presentation this week has been outstanding. He is taking much more pride in his work with excellent results. Well done Andrew!</p> | <p>Rufus He has really taken on board the feedback he was given about his presentation. He has used this to drive himself to improve. What a fantastic mindset (which is our Year 6 value). Congratulations, Rufus!</p> |

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| Golden Child | <p>Bear For producing excellent, consistent handwriting. Making the letters the same size, neat and trying his best to ensure they always look the way they should. At times when they are written the wrong way, Bear will correct himself and rewrites them perfectly, demonstrating a great growth mindset.</p> | <p>Ava For being so driven to succeed this week. You have been so willing to use your new learning in maths in particular, as well as writing more than ever before in English! Well done Ava.</p> | <p>Maxwell For being a shining star in Fox class. You bring such joy and maturity every single day which had led to lots of other children looking up to you as an exemplary role model. Thank you for your outstanding contribution Maxwell.</p> | <p>James For working so brilliantly this week. You have been focused and asked for help when you needed it. Great work James. Well done!</p> | <p>Zack For having such a mature attitude in your lessons this week. You have worked so hard, focused in all lessons and produced some fantastic work. Great work Zack! Keep it up!</p> | <p>Rory You are always helpful, kind and polite. Your commitment to your learning is amazing, with your positive attitude and determination to be the best you can be. A fantastic role model in JBB, well done, Rory!</p> | <p>Owen For always having a positive attitude towards your learning. You put 100% effort into everything you do and you have a fantastic growth mind set. Well done Owen!</p> |
| Presentation Star | <p>Fitzgerald For writing a fantastic frog fact book. You have beautifully written such great and interesting facts, completely independently. Well done Fitzgerald!</p> | <p>Elena For really concentrating on her presentation this week when collecting interesting facts all about lions. You have really focused on keeping the letters within and on the lines, so keep it up Elena!</p> | <p>Pippa For producing such beautifully presented English work this week. You take huge amounts in pride in every piece of work you do, and lead by example. Well done Pippa!</p> | <p>Arlo For having a new and improved attitude towards your presentation this week. You have produced some great work in DT. Keep it going! Well done Arlo!</p> | <p>Oliver B For being proactive in your lessons this week, to ensure your presentation is fantastic. You have used guidelines to ensure work is neat, even though there are no lines in the book. Well done Oliver!</p> | <p>Violet You have worked really hard to improve your presentation recently and have clearly thought about the quality of your work with great results. Well done Violet!</p> | <p>Alfie You have made an excellent improvement in your presentation over the last two weeks in every area of the curriculum. You clearly take pride in your work, well done Alfie.</p> |





Well done to Max who received “Teddy Tackles” Pulborough Rugby Club Under 6’s team bear on Sunday for his continued good listening and hard work in learning new touch rugby skills. He also scored his first touch rugby try.

Congratulations to Fraser who has worked really hard to achieved his Explore Skills 2 Gymnastics certificate.

Well done Harry for winning a trophy for being “Player of the course” in his football team. He was a really good team player and it paid off. Excellent effort.



Pupil Achievements Outside of School

If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail

office@williampenn.co.uk.

