



William Penn Newsletter 21st January 2015

Native American Arts Event

As part of our schools commitment to enrichment opportunities in the Arts the children took part in a range of drama, dance, art and design, creative writing and music activities linked to the theme of Native Americans.

The children learnt about our school's unique historical links with the Native Americans through William Penn and the treaty he made with the Lenape tribe. Each class took part in a drama workshop on Thursday 15th January led by 'Big Foot Arts Education'. The children discussed and acted out the importance of our Quaker values of 'peace' and 'friendship' in negotiations between the white settlers and the Native Americans for land. This included the presentation of the Wampum belt which bears our school emblem. This stimulated creative writing activities in class.



Each class also completed an art and design project. Cadbury class made dream catchers, Fox class made teepees and drew landscapes, Fry class made totem poles and JBB made headdresses and explored Native American patterns using 'Inkscape' on the computer. Every child created a Native American inspired costume which they wore during a dance lesson on Friday 16th January. The children also learnt and performed a traditional Native American song in their music lessons.

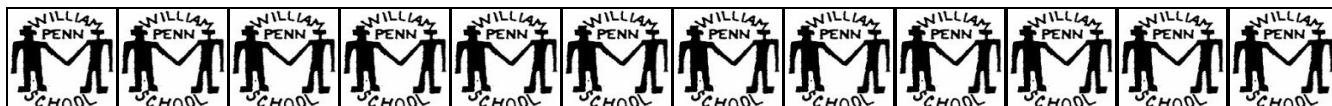
The work the children created was displayed and shared with parents after school. The children were very proud to share their work and talked with enthusiasm about their creations. "It was interesting and fun to learn a dance from another culture" Lara Year 2 "I liked the drama the best because I got to act in role" Charlie Year 2.

Thank you to all the parents who helped the children create their costumes, your support is greatly appreciated. Please check the school website where a short film will soon be available.

PTA Summer Fete – June 14th 2015

The time to kick off the Summer Fete organization is quickly approaching with the date confirmed as June 14th 2015. However, we are faced this year with the reality of a small PTA that cannot reasonably take on all tasks involved in organising a Summer Fete of the same scale as the previous years. We have been thinking of ways to involve more parents, splitting the workload while engaging more creative thinkers and motivated doers in the process.

We have come up with the following formula; the summer fete project will be broken down in 'sub-projects' with a leader/ project manager for each sub-project responsible for the work involved from start to finish, These leaders will be working independently with their own recruited team while having the full support of the PTA for ideas, help and know-how from previous experiences. The PTA has all contacts and details required to organise a successful fete, as well as Fadoua as the purchase officer to make the purchasing process for all the areas easy and efficient.





The PTA will then be able to concentrate on coordinating all areas and supporting individual leaders in achieving our best Summer Fete yet!

The areas we need volunteer project managers for are:

- Programme – See below
- Arena Events/Arena Theme
- BBQ
- Bar (can be taken with BBQ or split)
- Tree of Fortune/Grand Draw
- Entertainment and Bouncy Castles (hiring and manning)
- Equipment and Layout – PTA to provide all contacts and contents needed
- Stalls (confirm stalls required and organise procurement, set up and manning etc)
- JBB Stalls (a Marquee will be set aside for 3 JBB stalls – examples from 2014 Pets, Vikings)
- Volunteers for Fete

Programme involves:

- 1) E-mail prospective advertisers requesting electronic copy of advert (PTA has database of last year and a large proportion of these will advertise again with same ad as last year – very simple)
(PTA to confirm advertising rates for 2015.)
- 2) Collect all adverts ready to e mail to printers – (PTA to confirm Fine Print from 2015)
- 3) Invoice or request payments (PTA will help with chasing if required)
- 4) Ask school to organise artwork competition and collect copies of artwork to be send to the Printers
- 5) Collect additional pages information from relevant contributors – Arena Events, Headmaster, PTA etc)
- 6) Liaise with Printer to finalise Programme (layout etc is all arranged by the printers)

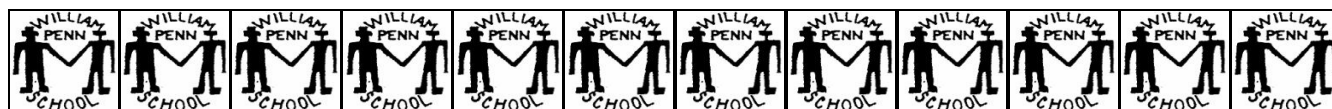
E-mails to prospective advertisers should be sent out from mid-February onwards, artwork to be arranged in April, with the aim of sending the initial information to the printers by early May with printing deadline 10-14 days prior to Fete to allow for distribution.

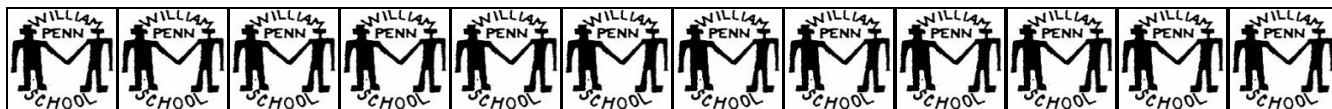
Weald Locality 7-A-Side Tag Rugby

Congratulations to those pupils that represented the school at Tag Rugby this week. It was the first time that many of the children had played rugby so it was a great achievement to come 3rd out of 9 schools. Importantly, the children represented the school to a high standard in terms of behaviour and sportsmanship too. Special congratulations go to William Cartner was man of the match and Mrs Carver who accompanied the children.

New Build Update

Your Governing Body has been busy working away at driving forward the 'new build' fundraising project which aims to raise £750,000 for a new classroom, a new school hall and utilities room. To date £80,000+ has been raised towards Phase 1 of the project which is for the new classroom; but time is marching on and we need to start work on the build in 2015 in order to be within our planning permission timeframe. A new classroom will cost approximately £120,000 and will replace the temporary mobile unit at the back of the school, bringing years 5/6 closer to the heart of the school in a more comfortable learning environment. If you would like to help with the fundraising efforts in any way - perhaps you can arrange a sponsorship event, help us with the printing or designing of fundraising materials or you may even have contacts at trust/grant organisations, then please contact Parent Governor Kirstie Flood via e-mail at governors@williampenn.co.uk For a fundraising pack and additional new build information please visit the school website under the 'About Us' section.





Coolham Village Hall Playing Field Pavilion – A message from the Parish Council

In the interests of safety, the parish pavilion has had to be closed. The Parish Council would very much like to hear from anyone who regularly uses this pavilion and/or has any views on its future. The options as we see it are:

- to try to repair the current structure (the base has failed & this will be costly)
- to start again, and possibly re-locate a new pavilion elsewhere on the field
- to build a smaller replacement building
- to demolish the current building and not replace it at all

Please could you contact Wendy Alman the SPC clerk with your views, and in the meantime we are sorry that the structure has had to be cordoned off.

Wendy Alman 01403 741861 / shipleyparishclerk@gmail.com

Talents Photographs – Reminder

We have a lovely display of photographs in our school library showing children demonstrating their talents. This is an excellent way of celebrating the achievements of our pupils that we don't always get to hear about in school and can play an important part in raising confidence. If your child is new to the school this academic year or has demonstrated a new talent, we would encourage you to send in a photograph so that we can update the display.

BBC 500 Words Competition

Recently, in assembly we spoke about the BBC 500 words competition and the children were excited and enthusiastic about taking part.

If your child would like to take part in this please Google:

- BBC 500 words

Entry to this competition is open to persons who will be aged between 4 and 13 years on the 29th May 2015 who are full time residents of the UK (including the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) except the children or close relatives of BBC employees, employees of the Hay Festival, the Reading Agency, or the children or close relatives of any person closely connected with the competition. Proof of age, identity and eligibility may be requested. Entry will be in two age categories – ages 4 to 9 years (on 29th May 2015) and 10 to 13 years (on 29th May 2015).

Pupil Achievements

If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail the office: office@williampenn.w-sussex.sch.uk

