

## William Penn Newsletter 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Eco and Rights Respecting Awards



On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023, a group from School Council attended an Eco-Summit event in Crawley College. It was run by the EYE Project which stands for Eco, Young and Engaged. It was a fantastic day full of hands on workshops and inspiring talks about how we can all make a difference and become more eco-friendly. We had talks from local MP, Tim Loughton, Sussex Green Living and Gatwick Greenspace. We had the opportunity to make seed bombs with Sussex Wildlife Trust and sort rubbish into the correct recycling bins. As well as joining in with the workshops, we visited two of the college's brand new immersive and interactive eco experiences. It was an action-packed day where we could share ideas with other schools and organisations, thinking about the action that can be taken in our school and home to build happier and healthier lives for people and wildlife. School Council will follow this day up by looking at our eco pledges



in assemblies.

By: Andrew, George, Rory and Josh

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Article 29: *Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.*



### Christmas Tree Decorations

Over the last couple of weeks, all children at William Penn have been making a Christmas tree decoration. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15, we would like to invite you all to buy your child's beautiful decoration for a small donation. These will be clearly named on class tables under the canopy outside. This is again another brilliant fundraising opportunity for school and the chance to buy a one of a kind decoration. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December is also Christmas Jumper Day. Your child can wear their usual uniform with a Christmas jumper on top. If they do not have a Christmas jumper, children can wear a colourful top instead.

### Restorative Practice

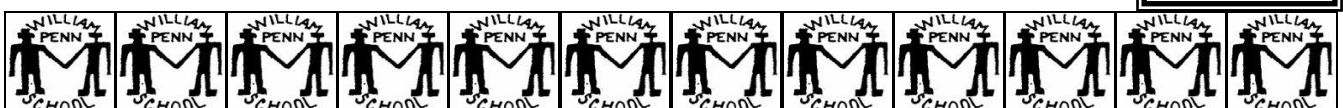
You can now watch a new video where staff and children explain the approach we use for resolving conflict. This can be found on the top righthand corner of the home page on the William Penn Primary website: [www.williampenn.co.uk](http://www.williampenn.co.uk).

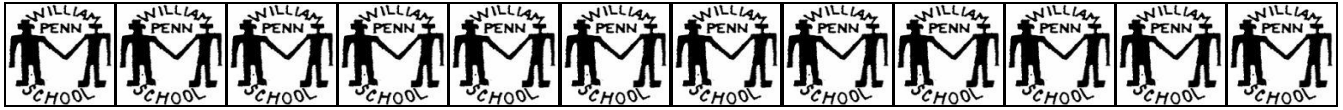
### Safeguarding at pick up time

We have had 3 complaints from locals living by the school about parking when collecting children. One included verbal abuse from a parent, who was using a resident's driveway to turn around in. Please make sure you are not driving over private property and always try to anticipate what pedestrians and cyclists might do when you are driving. If pedestrians, particularly children, are looking the other way, they may step out into the road without seeing you. Also, as our gate now works, remember to shut it behind you. Thank you for helping us keep all our children safe.

### Daily Welly Walk

Thank you to all the parents that have donated old wellies. We hope to start this daily activity next week, weather permitting. Taking time from studying to enjoy the outdoors and notice the environment around us is integral to maintaining good wellbeing. This will be an opportunity to focus on the present, enjoy each other's company and our lovely site. Please ensure that your child has a named pair of wellies in school so they can take part in this activity from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.





## William Penn PTA News

Dates for your diary:

**Christmas UV & Glow Disco 7/12/2023**

**PTA meeting 8/1/2024 @ 3:30pm**

**PTA AGM 29/1/2024 @ 3:30pm**

### Christmas UV & Glow Disco

Get kids in the festive spirit at the PTA's Christmas UV & Glow disco next Thursday 7th December.

**Time:** Reception & KS1 5 - 6pm / KS2 6:15 - 7:15pm

**Location:** School Hall

**Tickets:** £3.50 including light refreshments and glow sticks. Pay cash on entry.

**Dress code:** Children are welcome to wear whatever they feel comfortable in, but light or neon colours will make them glow! This is a drop off event so parents do not need to stay. For Key Stage 1 and Reception children, the disco starts at 5pm. They will be dropped off and collected from the Cadbury entrance. These children will need to be picked up promptly at 6pm. Key Stage 2 children are to be dropped off at 6:15pm and collected at 7:15pm from the Fox entrance.

### PTA AGM - your PTA needs you!

The next PTA AGM will take place on the 29th January 2024 at 3:30pm. At the AGM you can find out more about the PTA, how to get involved and how the funds that we raise are used. This is also when the Committee is elected. If you are interested in being a member then you can find out more information on the specific roles by visiting the PTA page on [http://www.williampenn.co.uk/web/pta\\_welcome/89](http://www.williampenn.co.uk/web/pta_welcome/89) and clicking the specific job titles.

Additionally, we hope to appoint at least one parent from each year group as 'class reps'. Their job is to pass on information from the PTA to other parents in their child's class.

We hope to see as many of you there as possible. We are a friendly group that welcomes everyone, even if you only have a small amount of time available to spare!

### Fundraise at the press of a button in the run up to Christmas...

Did you know William Penn PTA are members of several cashback services, meaning that we can raise money every time we shop online in the run up to Christmas? It takes minutes to sign up and costs nothing. See below for details:

#### EasyFundraising

Whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising free donations for William Penn School with easyfundraising. There are over 7,400 brands on board ready to make a donation - including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S - and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.



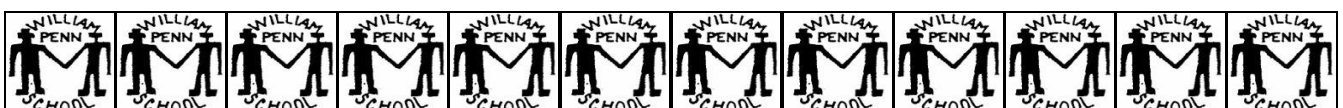
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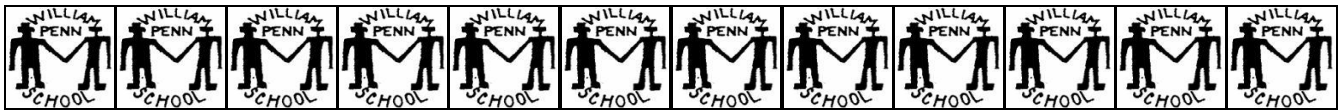
1. Go to <http://efraising.org/5rlgN2pWl9> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the brand will make a donation to William Penn School at no extra cost to you whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and William Penn School will be really grateful for your donations.

#### Shop&Give

You can now find William Penn School on Shop&Give, a great fundraising site that lets you raise donations for TheGivingMachine Community whenever you shop online. It's easy to use and doesn't cost you (or us) a penny.

Shop&Give is powered by TheGivingMachine, a fundraising charity setup to help other charitable causes raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via Shop&Give you will generate a free cash donation for us. With over 2,200 of your favourite retailers, including Ebay, M&S, Tui, Sainsbury, John Lewis & Partners and Waitrose & Partners, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation.





- To start raising free donations go to <https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/william-penn-school> and join – it's that easy.
- To make sure you never miss a donation download the free Shop&Give mobile app and the free desktop reminder app <https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/shop-and-give/>
- Plus, click the Daily Bonus Donation button to raise a free donation every day – no purchase necessary! Find out more here <https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/news/view/daily-bonus-donation/>
- Or donate directly to William Penn School via the Donate Now button on <https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/william-penn-school>

### Friday Golden Assembly Awards 1.12.23

|             | Reception   | Year 1  | Year 2   | Year 3  | Year 4   | Year 5   | Year 6  |
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| Golden      | <b>Henry</b><br>For being a kind and considerate member of Cadbury class. He is always looking out for his friends and ensuring everyone is happy and has someone to play with. | <b>Lilly</b><br>For showing such resilience and perseverance this week, particularly during maths naming 2D and 3D shapes. Keep up the fantastic effort Lilly!                        | <b>Connor</b><br>For being so thoughtful and respectful to his friends and classmates this week. He is becoming more responsible by encouraging others and supporting them with their work.        | <b>Betsy</b><br>For a brilliant DT lesson. She worked so hard creating the plan for her storybook. It's great to see her so enthused about this topic. Well done Betsy! | <b>Oliver B</b><br>For showing such a mature attitude when working with a group this week. He shared his ideas and listened well to his peers. Well done Oliver!         | <b>Clayne</b><br>For working so hard at absolutely everything 100% of the time. He has a positive attitude and is a fantastic role model in JBB. Well done Clayne. | <b>Alfie and Rufus</b><br>For giving 100% all of the time in every lesson, every day! They are always enthusiastic about their learning and go 'above and beyond'. Fantastic attitude. Well done Alfie and Rufus. |
| Star Writer | <b>Bear</b><br>For recognising our first red word 'l' in the displays around Cadbury and everywhere it is hidden in our outside area. Well done!                                | <b>Grace</b><br>For her hard work and attitude towards her spelling practice this week. She has really focused on her letter formation and learning the new sounds. Keep it up Grace. | <b>Bella</b><br>For really thinking about her presentation in English this week. She has thought incredibly hard about her sentences and has included lots of interesting detail. Well done Bella! | <b>Theo</b><br>For a fantastic set of English Lessons this week. His writing on Autumn and Winter this week have been amazing! Well done Theo!                          | <b>Elliott</b><br>For showing a real enthusiasm for writing and reading this week. He has worked so well in English lessons and been really engaged. Great work Elliott! | <b>Oscar</b><br>For trying his best when writing. His work is presented beautifully and shows how much progress he has made. A great mind-set. Well done Oscar.    | <b>Emerson</b><br>For extending his writing to include lots of detail and pushing himself to succeed. Well done Emerson.  |

### Pupil Achievements Outside of School

Jaya (Year 5) passed her Prep Test in Piano playing all three tunes “accurately and with sensitivity. A fine Prep Test overall!”

Jeremy (Year 5) passed his Prep Test in piano bringing “variety to all three pieces as well as rhythmical control. This was a positive Prep Test!”

Bethany competed at the Acrobatic Gymnastics 2023 Regional Championships on Saturday 18th Nov in Kent. This was only Bethany and her partner’s second competition at this level and they came a very pleasing 8th!

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).

