

## William Penn Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### May Day Celebrations next Friday 17.5.24

To celebrate May Day in style this year, we would like to invite parents in for a picnic on the field at midday next Friday – weather permitting. Children who have hot lunches will be able to bring their food out to join their family and eat outside with them. Dancing will then start at 1:15pm. The PTA will also be selling strawberries and ice cream. We will make a call about whether the event will go ahead on Thursday afternoon and let parents know, either way, by text. A Rain Off day is organised for the following Friday.

### New Djembe drumming lessons for Key Stage 2 – paid for by the PTA

Josh writes:

Over the last couple of weeks, JBB and Fry have been signed up by the PTA to enjoy fun and inclusive music lessons.

Mrs Eames, a professional Djembe teacher comes to teach us different tones and pitches every Thursday, with each class enjoying a one hour lesson. Over the last three sessions, we have composed our own pieces, including adding everyone's ideas to the music she helped us to create.



Did you know that the Djembe drums we use come from Ghana, a country in Africa. The drums are hollow, allowing the sound to flow cleanly through them. Goat skin is wrapped tightly around the top making the beats we hear. Intricate carvings at the bottom complete the drum. Much effort goes into the drums causing them to be very expensive. We are very lucky to be learning this instrument and on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July we will perform to our parents and carers. See you then! Thank you PTA!

### Reptyler workshop – gift from the Lions

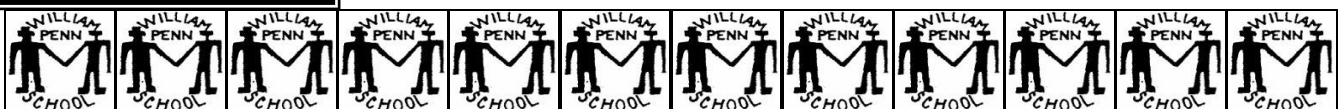
On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, students were lucky enough to welcome "Reptyler" to school for the morning. Every class had a 45 minute session getting up close and personal with geckos, lizards, snakes and a tarantula. Brett from Reptylers taught us all about the diet, habitats, life spans and personalities of these incredible creatures. It was a fantastic experience.

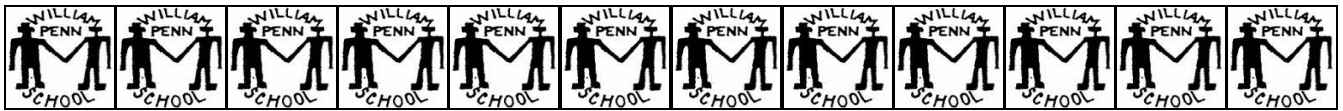
"I enjoyed seeing the blue tongued skink and the crested gecko. It was interesting learning that tarantulas have 6 knees on each leg." Rory

"I enjoyed holding the tarantula even though it is my biggest fear." Andrew

"I really enjoyed holding the different animals, especially the 18 foot snake." Rufus

A big thank you from the students and staff to the Lions for financing such a fun and memorable Friday morning. Thank You!





## Tennis at the Weald

Four children in Fry class attended the first round of the annual tennis competition 'Road to Eastbourne'. Prior to some gripping matches, Layla S, Bethany, Jac and Dexter participated in lots of warm up games. These were designed to test hand-eye coordination, footwork and serving. Layla said of the event, 'I loved all the activities but especially testing my agile footwork'.

Dexter commented that 'the serving and catching activity was really difficult but good fun!'

Of the 6 competing schools, William Penn came out first. All the children (and Mr Phillips) received a dazzling gold medal! The pupils represented the school immaculately and are looking forward to the next event.



## William Penn's Summer Fair on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June



The William Penn PTA is seeking any volunteers who would be able to help out at the Summer Fair on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. We are devising a rota per stall, so your time wouldn't be needed for the full duration of the event, but 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.

Our email is: [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!

## DONATIONS REQUIRED



## Zumba workshop

Fox and Fry Class were treated to a Zumba workshop this week by the amazing Jemma Ainsworth. Dancing and exercise is great for children's mental health and well-being. The workshop reminded us about different ways to develop healthy life styles and our improve our emotional well-being. The children (and adults!) thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. Exercising to music put us all in a great mood!

"It was an enjoyable experience as we got to work out in a fun way!" Jac, Year 4.

"I loved counting our steps when running on the spot." Betsy, Year 3

"We had such a good time dancing on the field listening to fun music." Arlo, Year 3.

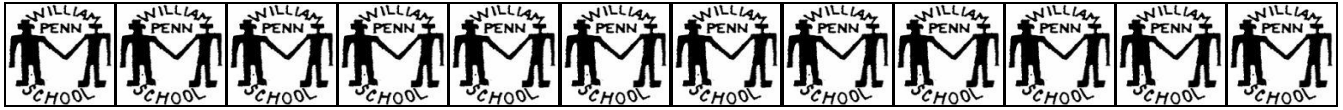
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You can follow her on: <https://www.facebook.com/p/Jems-Zumba-Kids-100063487087695/>

We will be talking to the children about different ways we can look after our mental health leading up to Mental Health Awareness week next week. This year's theme is movement. This links to our work on our journey





through the Rights Respecting Schools Award and looks at Article 24 from the UNICEF Rights of the Child: Every child has the right to the best possible health.”

## News from the Billingshurst and District Lions Club

50 Years Supporting Our Local Communities.

Billingshurst and District Lions Club was formed in 1974, by 20 members of our community, who wanted to offer their support wherever it was needed. The BDLC is an independent charity with national and international links to thousands of Lions Clubs and millions of Lions in over 200 countries around the world.

For many years now BDLC has worked very closely with our 10 local primary schools, offering a varied annual programme of support discussed in advance with the headteachers.

One example of the Lions involvement with schools is the annual book giveaway, where children can choose and keep a book of their choice. This took place last week in William Penn and was thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

We have also run art competitions, provided book bags, story sacks, classroom mats. Funded activity days, music lessons, outdoor learning facilities and tech equipment such as tablets.

The Lions also provide outdoor work parties, often in conjunction with parents, to help the school carry out repairs or improvements when required. We have worked with the RSPB, Woodland Trust and Little Lifesavers to bring new and exciting experiences to the children.

Our local primary schools have also helped and supported the Lions, arranging donations of children’s clothes, promoting Lions events and supporting our shoebox appeal.

Finally, our greatest partnership has been the Lions ROAR education programme started in this area in 2017 by all 10 local primary schools, allowing children to ‘think big and dream big’ and come up with ideas ‘changing the world for the better’.

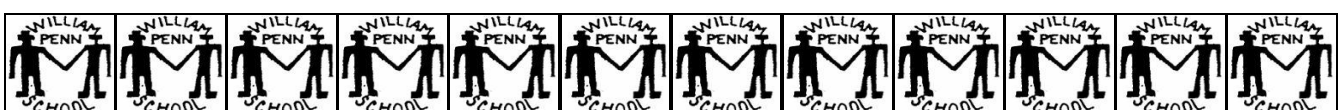
ROAR has now become the Lions national education programme involving 25,000 children in 2023, started by BDLC and your school.

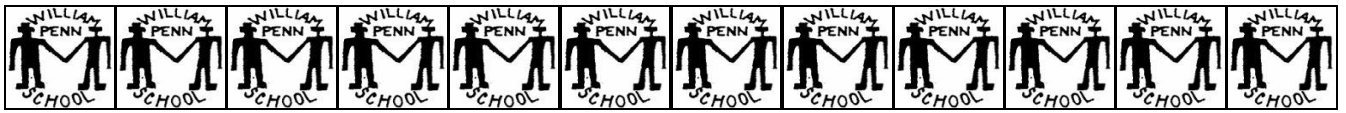
The ethos of Lions Clubs is to support needs in their own community, but with the ability to help or ask for help from Lions throughout the world. The motto of Lions Clubs is ‘We Serve’.

BDLC is well known for its Charity Bookshop in Jengers Mead in Billingshurst, which has provided the backbone of its fundraising over the last 25 years, raising in excess of £700,000. The very first fundraising event was Christmas Carols, and this continues today with the Lions going out around Billingshurst and the surrounding villages for 16 nights leading up to Christmas.

**President, Peter Coleman**, says, “Over the years, apart from Schools, these funds have mainly been used to help the young, elderly and vulnerable in our communities, with some funds going to help national and international causes. But, none of this would be possible without the generous support we receive within Billingshurst and the surrounding District.”

**Follow Billingshurst Lions on Facebook and the Website <[billingshurstlions.org](http://billingshurstlions.org)**





# HORSHAM CHILDREN'S PARADE



## WE'RE TAKING PART!

JOIN US AT THIS JOYFUL CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN'S CREATIVITY

Head to the Facebook page for details of the theme, schools, route and timing.

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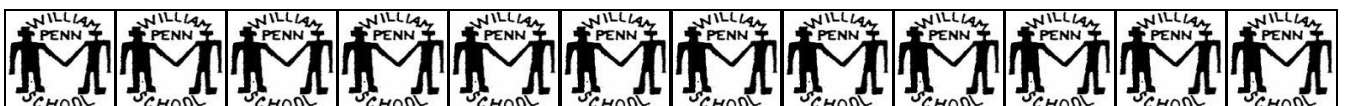
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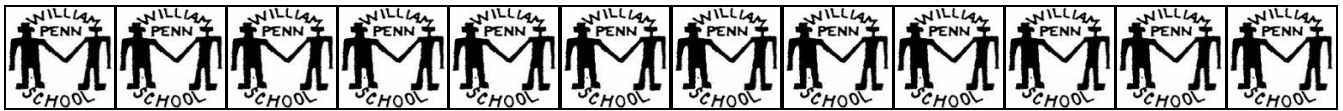


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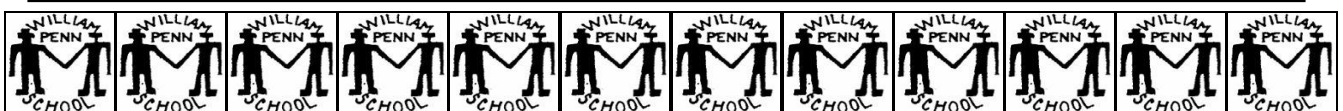
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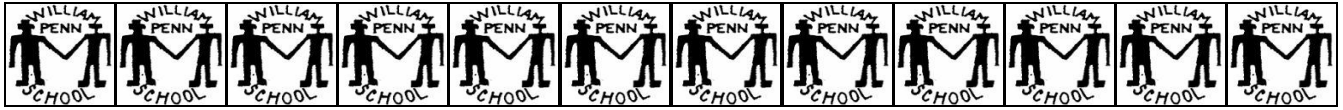


### 📍 DROP-OFF POINT

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)





### Pollination Education Station from Carrie Cort at Green Living

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, William Penn will be receiving a Pollination Education Station that has been made by the Horsham Men's Shed. There will be a plant swap in the morning, where parents will be able to bring in cuttings to swap.

This Pollination Education Station (PES) project is part of the Green Business Network and they are looking for more companies to collaborate with. Learn more

here <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/businesses/>.

There is a downloadable flyer about this

here <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/GBN-flyer.pdf>

Sussex Green Living has also asked parents to not mow their gardens in May as part of the No Mow May campaign. <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/> This campaign wants gardens to grow to provide a feast for pollinators, tackle pollution, reduce urban heat extremes and lock away atmospheric carbon below ground. Visit the website above to find out more.

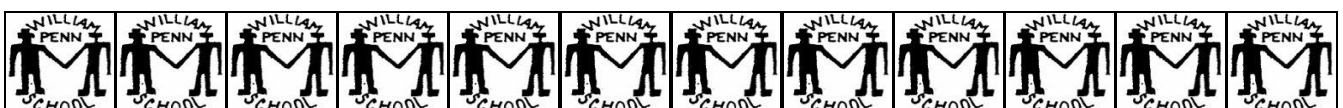
### Pupil Achievements Outside of School

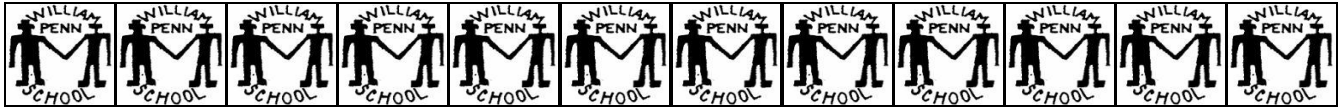
Congratulations to Arlo for winning a trophy for being Star of the Week at Football for Kids.

Well done to Layla Sanders who has completed her Stage 1 Flute.

Excellent sportsmanship for Max B, who won a Coaches' Player of the Season trophy in rugby.

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 03.05.24

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Children	<b>Bear</b> For really trying his hardest with his reading. He shows a very good understanding by answering comprehension questions about his books.	<b>Lilly</b> For really applying herself to all her work this week. She has also listened to and followed the expectations this week, so keep up the excellent effort! Well done Lilly!	<b>Glen</b> For being so focused and engaged in our lessons this week, offering interesting ideas and asking questions to further your learning. Well done Glen.	<b>Fabien</b> For being so enthusiastic and engaged in our Dejmbe drum lesson yesterday. It was lovely to see you getting so much enjoyment from music. Well done Fabo!	<b>Jenson</b> For always being ready to learn. You have such a mature attitude to learning, no matter what the subject. It is great to see your passion for History and your willingness to give everything a go. Well done Jenson!	<b>Spencer</b> For being so focused in lessons this week. He was able to use his inference skills to understand the characters motives. Excellent effort! Keep it up Spencer.	<b>Maisie</b> For having so many ideas to contribute to class discussions this week. She was able to identify how the author made things feel dangerous in the text. Well done Maisie!
Presentation Star	<b>Ellie</b> For giving it your all this week in our writing, having a finger space between each word and every letter written beautifully. Also, independently writing brilliant sentences about what interests you. Well done Ellie!	<b>William W</b> For trying your absolute hardest in phonics this week. You have remembered to start each new line by the margin and making sure you have a finger space between each word. Keep it up William!	<b>Carson</b> For using your growth mindset to help you really focus on your presentation, especially when attempting to spell some rather difficult words! You should feel very proud of your efforts in English recently, well done.	<b>Layla S</b> Even when writing a draft version of your mythical story, you still presented it beautifully. You considered your layout of your page and remembered to indent your paragraphs. Well done Layla S!	<b>Bethany</b> For having a great attitude towards your presentation. You always want to know how to make your work even better. An admirable attitude Beth. Well done!	<b>Andrew</b> For taking his time to produce neatly presented work in English this week. He continues to focus on joining his writing to make sure it is clear whilst also ensuring the content is of a high standard.	<b>Emerson</b> For taking real pride in his work. He is able to produce well thought out responses to text that are incredibly well laid out and handwriting is always consistent in size.

### Friday Golden Assembly Awards 10.05.24

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Golden Children	<b>Oscar</b> For trying your best in maths, as you always do. We have been counting back from 20 and it is very tricky, but you have done so well all week. You have tried your hardest and persevere showing a great growth mind-set.	<b>Harry</b> For really persevering with your learning this week. Multiplication is not an easy topic to grasp, but you have shown determination and resilience to complete all your work. Well done!	<b>Marnie L</b> For being an absolute superstar in Fox class. You always lead by example and lots of other children look up to you, so thank you for all your marvellous efforts – they certainly don't go unnoticed. Thank you Marnie!	<b>James</b> For showing such enthusiasm for our Greek topic. It is great to see your love of history shine through in lessons. Well done James!	<b>Ava</b> For being so determined to participate in all things at school recently. You have got a wonderful growth mindset and this shows in all your lessons. Well done Ava!	<b>Sophie</b> For being such a delight to teach in JBB this week. You are so attentive and take such time and consideration to ensure your work is completed to the highest level. Fantastic effort Sophie!	<b>Kacey-Rose</b> For being so focused and driven during maths. You have worked incredibly hard interpreting pie charts and have thoroughly followed the expectations. Thank you for your hard work.
Presentation Star	<b>Evie</b> For writing a brilliant wanted poster for the Evil Pea, because of your beautiful presentation we all now know what the Evil Pea looks like, so we can keep an eye out.	<b>Sasha</b> For really applying yourself with your presentation in English. You have taken the time to ensure your letters are formed correctly. You should feel very proud of all your efforts this week. Well done!	<b>Maisy</b> For working extremely hard on your animal story. You have included lots of interesting detail and made the story flow nicely. Keep up the amazing effort Maisy!	<b>Theo</b> For working so hard on your story this week. You have taken the time to think about your presentation. Well done Theo!	<b>Ollie J</b> For taking such pride in your story this week. You really thought about your presentation and have produced an amazing book. Well done Ollie!	<b>Oscar</b> For making well-presented notes during every single grammar session this week. You have made them so easy to follow that when you come to revise from them, you will find it much easier. Well done Oscar!	<b>Flo</b> For participating so actively during our maths and grammar sessions this week. You have taken time to really think about some difficult topics and have enjoyed the challenge. Super effort Flo!

