

William Penn Newsletter 30th March 2017

'Voices for Freedom' Concert

On Friday 10th March, pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 at William Penn Primary School took part in a 'Voices for Freedom' choral workshop and performance at Chichester Cathedral.

The children worked incredibly hard to put together songs sung in unison, in harmony, in canon, songs sung in Latin, songs which involved singing, beat-boxing and body percussion all at the same time. The repertoire came from a selection of hymns, chants, canons with modern day additions. The children performed with enthusiasm, confidence and skill. Mrs Kear, Advanced Skills Teacher for Primary Music, at William Penn Primary School would like to thank the children for all their enthusiasm and hard work, and the parents for their praise following on

from their children taking part in this event. At school, we would also like to thank Mrs Kear for organising and rehearsing the children so that they were able to benefit from such a special experience.

Gifted And Talented Choral Day Hits A High Note!

On Friday 17th March pupils from Year 5 at William Penn Primary School attended a one-day Choral Workshop at Christ's Hospital, designed to enthuse and inspire Gifted and Talented young singers. Children from twenty-four different schools across the County experienced a fun and exciting day, under the guidance of David Lawrence (Director of Young Voices).

Approximately 200 children, all aged 9 and 10, worked together incredibly well to create a fantastic sound. All children were thoroughly engaged in the challenges of the day and enjoyed performing their work to parents, family and friends in Christ's Hospital Chapel at the end of the afternoon. Mrs Tina Kear, Advanced Skills Teacher for Primary Music at William Penn Primary School, said that the children thrived on such a musical day. The pupils told their parents that the day had been an amazing experience, and that they had all absolutely loved it. Thank you again to Mrs Kear for leading this event and to Mrs Carver and Mrs Sutton for joining the children at Christ's Hospital.

Red Nose Day

We would like to thank everyone that supported the Red Nose Day fundraising last week. We will be forwarding on a total of £137.67 to support the worthy causes.







Parents' Assembly – this Friday March 31st

Please be reminded that this term, Parents' Assembly will take place on Friday 31st March at 2.15pm in the school hall. Owing to pressures of space, we will be starting with Cadbury and Fox and then we will swap round and end with Fry and JBB.

Recycling Bins at William Penn

You may have noticed that the recycling bins have been relocated to the car park for the time being. This is a temporary situation whilst a more permanent home is found for them. Please be assured that they are still very much in operation and waiting to receive your items for recycling.

GCSE Examinations May/June 2017 - Readers and Scribes for The Weald School

The Weald - Learning Support Centre

We have been extremely grateful to the team of volunteers who have given of their time in previous years, to support our Year 11 students who are entitled to a reader and/or a scribe. In the forthcoming exam period (May/June 2017) we have an unusually large amount of students needing this support.

This support is quite straightforward, but we are offering training sessions for those who feel they would like to help but need to know exactly what is required. If you are interested in learning more about this rewarding work, please contact us to advise us of the session you would like to attend (you need attend only one).

Monday 24th April 1.45 - 2.30pm Wednesday 26th April 9.30 - 10.15am Friday 28th April 11.15 - 12.00 noon

If you are interested but unable to attend any of these sessions please let us know.

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Textile Recycling to Raise Money for the School

Our next textile collection to raise funds for the school will take place on 4th May with bags being distributed on 24th/25th April. You are welcome to use extra bin bags if you want to.

Between collections please feel free to bring in any unwanted textiles, shoes or bags and either place them in the Bags of Support bin in the car park.

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

