

William Penn Newsletter

Best wishes from all at William Penn

This is the last newsletter of the term, and indeed this year so please accept our best wishes for the festive season. We hope that you all find time to relax and enjoy the company of your families. We look forward to seeing you again when term begins on **Tuesday 2nd January 2024**.

Christmas Concert

It was lovely to see so many of you on Wednesday at Christ Hospital. It was great for the children to be able to showcase their talent, having worked so hard in the run up. Read some of the positive feedback from the parents so far. They have really identified what makes the evening so magical:



"All children were included and looked to be having great fun!"

"The songs were very jolly and not your 'normal' nativity songs. Great performance all round."

"The kids really seemed to enjoy it and lovely for the parents too."

"All the children did so well, and a glorious setting."

"Venue was stunning. Great view from wherever you sat and not ticketed so family and friends could come along if wanted. Children were involved in practically every song with nice sweet narratives in between. Everyone got involved. My daughter loved the songs which were modern and fun."

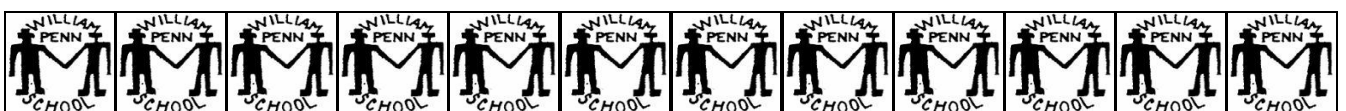
"Seeing the children perform what they have been practicing for weeks was just adorable."

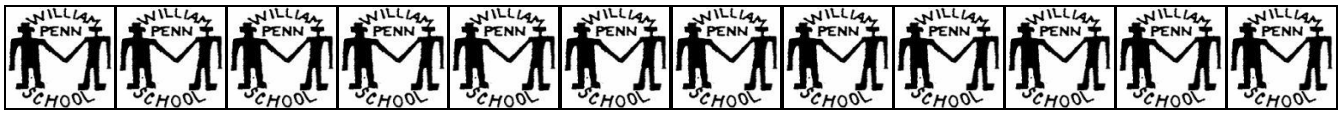
"I loved the mixture of instruments and singing."

"I enjoyed each and every performance of all kids." Shaluja

"Fantastic opportunity for all of our children to show case what a talented bunch they are! We loved that all the children were involved, there were lots of different songs and it was a jammed packed hour with lots of variety. Younger audience members were even mesmerised! The older children narrated and did so confidently in front of an audience in a beautiful but daunting Chapel. What a fabulous achievement and experience! A thoroughly enjoyable evening, thank you William Penn." The Kerry family.

Thank you for taking the time to give us feedback. There were some really good suggestions for how to make it even better, which we will definitely be using next year.





VE Day Celebrations

On Friday 8th December, JBB held a VE Day celebration for the end of their topic on World War II. The party included showcasing poetry, songs and dancing. The adults thoroughly enjoyed the event.

For Linda: "It was very good. I liked the singing, dancing, poems and a lovely tea."



"It was a fantastic VE day party with lots of tea and cake. There was also lots of horrible dad dancing." Ben.

Harriet: "It was fantastic to see and hear about all you have been learning in JBB.

Wonderful atmosphere and so lovely to be invited into school to share this experience with the children. Thank you so much Miss Dolan for organising this."

For Natalie it was lovely to see the children dancing. Dan's favourite was Owen, Rufus and Alfie's song.

Angela said, "Great poems and a nice get together." The children and adults really enjoyed the afternoon.



Recycling Bins

The children attended an assembly on Tuesday morning with Carrie Cort the founder of Sussex Green Living.

Carrie launched this charity the year her son Adam started in Cadbury Class. The William Penn School was the first drop off location for especially hard to recycling plastics, one of the environmental services the charity offers. They now have 28 village and town locations with drop off locations, [as seen here](#).



In the assembly, the children learnt what these single use plastics are made of. Jonny, in Year 5, gave an impressive impromptu and very scientific explanation. Plastic is made from crude oil, which is animals and plants that died billions of years ago and formed into crude oil deep down in Planet Earth. The problem is that the journey of these materials with huge volumes being transported all over the world, again using fossil fuel, is causing global warming. We all know about the problems of plastics getting into our oceans, fish and sealife. If these plastics are not recycled through Sussex Green Living and a company called TerraCycle, they can go to the big supermarkets but it is uncertain whether they are incinerated or recycled. This recycling raises money for the school, Sussex Green Living and the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance.

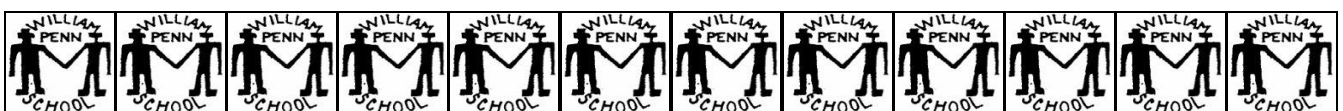


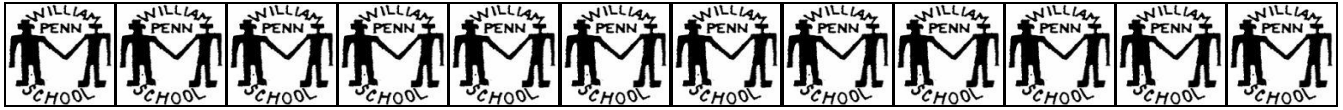
Since Carrie's son has left the school, the bins have been positioned behind the wooden fence by the gate and gradually the recycling contributions have reduced. This assembly was to relaunch a small way we can all help by diverting these materials from landfill or incineration. You can donate many single use plastics in the bins outside the William Penn school gates. [Learn more here](#) and print a copy of the attached list to display in your kitchen as a reminder. In an effort to not overwhelm you with the different recyclables through this scheme we want you to collect these materials over the next month and going forward. In January the school council will introduce another type of waste resource which you can start collecting through these bins.

Let's start with:

Sweet biscuit, savoury cracker and cake wrappers

Crisps (small & multipack) and snack packets, nuts, pretzels, popcorn & pork scratching packets





Amazing attendance

Congratulations to Reception for coming in at 96% attendance. In second place was Year 5 with 95% closely followed by Year 4 with 94%. It's been a tough term with lots of winter bugs. Well done to the children who managed 100% attendance. They have been awarded a golden certificate. Look out for it in their bookbags.

Queen of the Dojos

Congratulations to Ava D for receiving the most dojos this year. She is such a resilient learning who is highly independent in all her endeavours. Ava never misses her homework deadlines and always has the correct equipment ready to learn. She completes her work with pride and is respectful and kind to everyone at William Penn. She is such an asset to Fry Class. What a super star!

Friday Golden Assembly Awards 8.12.23

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden	Oscar For being absolutely fantastic in our Nativity rehearsals. He has had a big smile on his face the whole time. He also tries his best with the signing. Brilliant job Oscar!	Ava For showing such perseverance and resilience during our maths learning challenges this week. She has practiced addition and subtraction using the number line. Keep it up Ava!	Elana For being such an excellent friend and classmate to everyone in Fox class. She always looks out for others and makes them smile with her infectious smile. Thank you Elana.	Fabien For being a truly wonderful member of Fry class. He brings his "best" to school every day. He makes everyone laugh, he never leaves people out and he is a brilliant friend. Well done Fabo!	William For writing a funny, yet informative and factual letter during our writing assessment this week. He used his success criteria and teacher feedback to make it a fantastic read! Well done William!	Jaya For always doing her best and being so helpful towards her peers and adults around the school. A fantastic effort, well done Jaya.	Owen For showing a positive and mature attitude towards our assessments this week. His commitment to his learning is admirable. Well done Owen and Mikey.
Star Writer	Ellie For writing a fantastic list to Santa. She was able to form her letters clearly and remembered her finger spaces. Beautiful work Ellie.	Jessica For really focusing on her presentation this week. She always makes sure her writing is perfectly presented and encourages others to follow suit. Well done Jessica.	Harry O For his fantastic independent write this week. He wrote an interesting letter in role to Granny Sylvie, another character from our book. Well done Harry.	Layla S For being such a kind and supportive friend. You are the first to try and cheer people up, you have a wonderfully caring nature and you have a brilliant sense of humour that brings a smile to everyone's faces. Well done Layla!	Jac For having a focused and mature attitude towards assessments this week. You have worked hard and persevered throughout. Well done Jac!	Sophie For showing great resilience during test week. She has shown determination and a positive attitude. Well done Sophie.	Mikey For showing a positive and mature attitude towards our assessments this week. His commitment to his learning is admirable. Well done Owen and Mikey.

Friday Golden Assembly Awards 15.12.23

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Dojo Winner	Archer He has had such a great start to school. He tries his hardest all of the time, with a big smile on his face. Not only does he do so well in his lessons but he is also the kindest friend. We are so lucky to have him as part of our Cadbury family. Superstar!	Max For always setting an incredibly high standard of behaviour. He is so enthusiastic about every single thing he sets his mind to. An awesome effort, well done Max!	Marnie M For being such a splendid role model in Fox class. Many of her peers admire her due to her outstanding attitude towards school. Well done Marnie.	Layla S For being such a wonderful role model and integral part of Fry class. She works hard every day and it is an absolute pleasure to teach her. Well done Layla!	Jac He works so hard in all lessons. His behaviour is exemplary. He is kind, helpful and considerate to others. We are very lucky to have him in Fry class. Well done Jac!	Rory He always goes over and above. He is determined, resilient and incredibly helpful. Well done Rory.	Rufus His outstanding work across the curriculum is exemplary. His effort every day is awesome. Well done Rufus.
Presentation	Evie She has come so far this term. Her presentation is always exceptional. Beautiful letters that have turned into outstanding words, allowing her to write brilliant sentences. Well done you super star!	Elena For always taking such effort and consideration with her writing. All her pieces of writing are beautifully presented and she encourages others to do the same. Well done Elena.	Pippa For her outstanding presentation in every single piece of work. She really sets the standard for others to look up to. Thank you for such an exceptional effort to your learning. Well done Pippa!	James His presentation since starting in Fry has been amazing. He takes his time to make sure his work is at a Key Stage 2 level. Well done James!	William His work is always beautifully presented. He takes time to layout his work correctly and he never fails to make sure his content is always at the very highest standard. Well done William!	Oscar It is lovely to see the pride he takes in his work. His handwriting is amazing and his books are presented beautifully. Well done Oscar.	Emerson His work is always beautifully presented and he takes care in every subject producing wonderful pieces of work. Well done Emerson.

Pupil Achievements Outside of School

Jimmy – for getting a medal for climbing to the top of Ben Nevis with his father and brother. An amazing 1,345 metres! If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail office@williampenn.co.uk.

