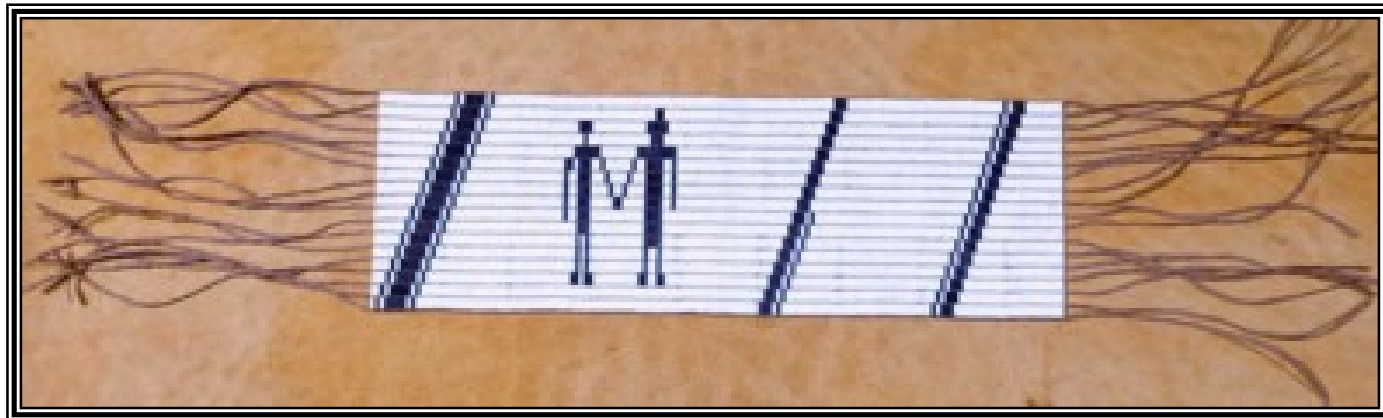


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William Penn – Origins of the Emblem



Our school has been selected to represent this political constituency in creating a flag design for the Houses of Parliament. Please see below:

2015 flag project (KS2, age 7-11)

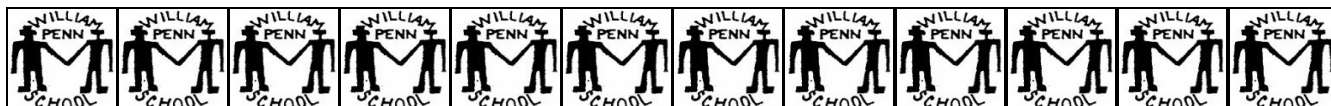
To coincide with the Simon de Montfort anniversary, and on the theme of representation, Parliament is currently working with selected schools across the UK to produce designs for flags. The project aims to connect young students with the complex story of the De Montfort Parliament by introducing the concept of local representation through the act of designing and flying a flag to represent their local community or area. In late March 2015, to coincide with a special Parliamentary event, flags from the selected schools across the UK will 'fly' online via a digital exhibition and a limited number will be stitched into large flags to fly in Parliament Square. The project will then be rolled out as a national opportunity for all schools to join in, with a free flag-making kit launched online. It is envisaged that schools will then be able to make their own flags to celebrate local 2015 events and fly at local places of note or their own school.

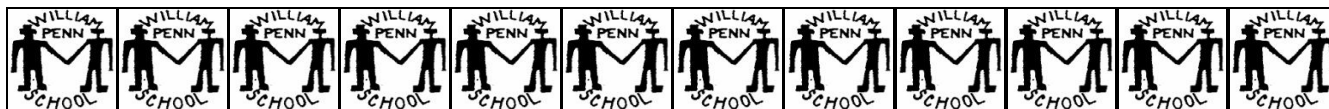
As part of our work for this project, led by Mrs Crane and The School Council, the children have been looking at flags and emblems. In an assembly, we discussed the school emblem and its origins and have included some details below for your interest.

- The school emblem is taken from a representation of William Penn meeting with Native Americans found on a Wampum Belt.
- The Wampum Belt was said to be given to William Penn by the Lenape tribe at the time of a treaty signed in 1682.
- The belt is on show at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.
- It is made from shell beads with two figures holding hands as a sign of friendship and peace.
- The shell beads are made of clam and whelk shells and were used as memory aids and to commemorate important events such as engagements, marriages and funerals.
- The belts were also used as currency.

Keeping Children Safe – a message from PC Keeley (Neighbourhood Schools Officer)

Being out and about especially in the hours of darkness can mean that you are more vulnerable without even knowing it. Follow these guidelines to help keep safe.





- Avoid being out alone and always let people know where you are. Make travel plans beforehand and try to arrange a lift from someone you know.
- If you need to walk alone, travel confidently and be aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid displaying/using personal music player or mobile phones
- If carrying a bag, wear it with the flap facing you and with the strap over your arm and head
- Let a parent/trusted adult know that you have arrived at your destination safely. Let them know how long you are likely to be and who you are with.
- On public transport, sit close to the driver or guard and also near to CCTV. Avoid empty areas and if you feel unsafe contact a member of staff.
- If you have no choice but to walk, never walk along dark shortcuts and always face oncoming traffic. Wearing bright or light coloured clothing will aid drivers to see you.
- Tell a parent, teacher or trusted adult if something or someone makes you feel uncomfortable or afraid.

Clothing Collection

£141.40 was raised through the last textile collection. Bags of Support say a big thank you to everyone who donated. The children at the orphanages also received lots of lovely soft toys! We would like to thank Mrs Cort and the PTA for arranging the collection.

William Penn Christmas Fayre – Thursday 13th November 6.30pm – 8.30pm (Reminder)

Come along to William Penn School's Christmas Fayre in Coolham and enjoy a relaxing evening of festive food, refreshments and an assortment of sparkling stalls to get you in the Christmas spirit. The Christmas Fayre is the perfect evening for the entire family, featuring a 'kids only' room where children can buy a present for their parents/grandparents and have it gift wrapped at just £3 for one present or £5 for two gifts. Parents can then take some precious time out to unwind and enjoy a relaxing neck massage whilst they savour a glass of mulled wine. There will also be the ever popular Tree of Fortune, Raffle and Bottle Tombola plus a great selection of stalls brimming with Christmas treats. Stall holders will be selling hand crafted jewellery, children's toys, handmade sweets and beauty products, with Phonex cards, Usbourne books and Alan Wright photography also in attendance along with a unique Eco stand. Taking place at William Penn Primary School, Brooks Green Road, Coolham on Thursday 13th November from 6:30pm until 8:30pm, entrance is just £2 for adults and free for children. Admission includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie for the adults and a cup of squash and mince pie for the children.

William Penn PTA

Please be reminded that Thursday 13th November is a non-uniform day and in return children are asked to bring in items for the produce stall such as cakes, pies, biscuits and other homemade food items including chutneys.

Children in Need – a message from the School Council (Reminder)

Hello everyone! We are writing to you to let you know that we are going to have a Pudsey Bear day on Friday 14th November, to help raise money for Children in Need. We would like everyone to wear something spotty (as much or as little as you want) and in return to give a donation. We will then send this to Children in Need. This year school council have arranged some afternoon Pudsey related activities. You are welcome to bring in a soft toy that can also be involved in these activities. Thank you for helping us. The School Council

Pupil Achievements

Gracie Bell and Alice White, members of the Shipley Cubs pack, have been awarded a Chief Scout's Silver Award - the highest award available in the Cub Scout Section. The award is given once the cub has completed his or her challenges in the following categories: Creative, Community, Fitness, Global, Outdoor and Promise. If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail the office:

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