

William Penn Newsletter – 9th February 2024

INSET and half term holiday

Today is the last day before our half term holiday. We wish you all a relaxing break. We will welcome your children back on **Tuesday 20th February** (Monday is an INSET day). Below are the diary dates for the next half term.

February 2024	
6 th	Safer Internet Day
12 th – 16 th	Half term holiday
19 th	INSET DAY school closed to pupils
March 2024	
7 th	World Book Day
11 th – 13 th	Science Week
19 th and 21 st	Parent Consultation Evenings 3.30pm-6pm
28 th	Last day of Spring Term and Parents' Assembly (Rock Concert) 2.15pm
April 2024	
15 th	Summer Term commences



Mr Toogood meets with the School Council

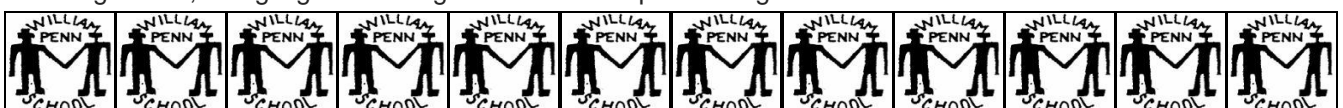
This was my first time attending a School Council meeting and the first thing I noticed was how well organised it was. There was an Agenda, notes from the previous meeting to inform the discussions and even an action tracker to show progress being made. This time, Josh took the notes but it was great to see how organised the other members were in taking their own notes as a record of the meeting.

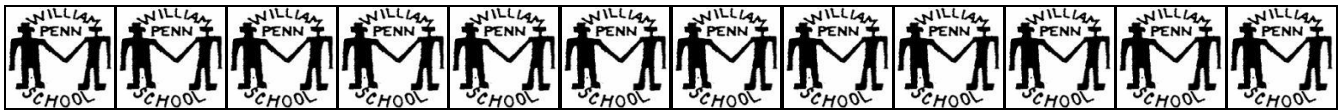


It really came across how seriously the children take their role on the School Council, how important it is to School life at William Penn and how proud they are to uphold the school values, whilst also representing their views and those of their classmates on matters that affect them.

We took time to discuss the importance of the School Council in promoting and upholding the values of the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools initiative and the group agreed to update the posters around the school which raise awareness of children's rights. In particular, the group discussed each child's right to have a say in the things that affect them and for their views to be taken seriously. What better way to promote this than through discussion and action at a School Council meeting?

The School Council is committed to protecting the environment and promoting health, safety and wellbeing and (as I am the Governor responsible for Premises and Health and Safety) members were very keen to take me on a tour of the School and grounds, to highlight what might be done to improve things.





I want to thank all members of the School Council for welcoming me to their meeting and for the work that they do all year round. I will be reporting the details of my visit to the Governing Body and I'm sure we will discuss how we continue to engage with the School Council in the future.' Mr Toogood.

Josh, School Council writes:

Last Wednesday, the School Council walked around the perimeter with the Governor, Mr Toogood, making sure our playgrounds and field are safe so that the children can play and learn safely. We learnt that over time, wood rots and metal rods need to be used to make the fence secure and sturdy so it doesn't wobble. On our journey round the grounds, we also looked for things that could be a trip hazard, for example the uneven ground around the exercise gym, could be an easy hazard for children on the front playground. Another interesting topic was the importance of lanyards. If visitors enter the premises, they must wear a red (staff), blue (visitors) or black (governors) lanyard as a sign they are allowed to be on site and have signed in with the office. Safety is our main priority and patrolling the grounds is really important as it keeps our students (your children) safe whilst they are here at William Penn.

Young People's Trust for the Environment

Fox and JBB took part in a zoom meeting last week with Peter Littlewood from Young People's Trust for the Environment. Peter's insightful presentation taught us lots about climate change and its causes. After looking at what contributes to global warming, we looked at how we can reduce our impact on the world. Here are Fox class's top tips to help the environment:

1. Grow food at home
2. Buy fewer new things
3. Eat less meat
4. Recycle your old clothes
5. Avoid single use items

Peter presented a really interesting and engaging talk which left the children enthused about caring for our environment.



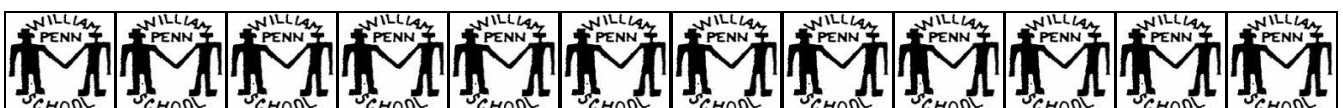
Internet Safety Day

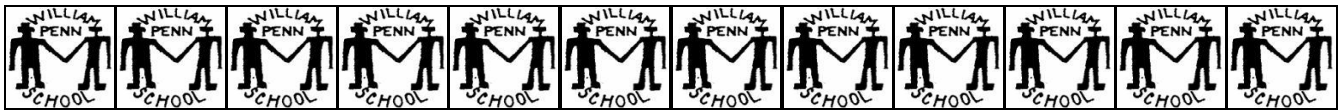
Safer Internet Day 2024 took place on the 6th February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'.

The Digital Leaders took charge and prepared a brilliant assembly for the school. In preparation for this assembly they researched what Safer Internet Day was about and how we can be safe online. They then prepared a slideshow and a script which they tirelessly rehearsed before doing a brilliant job of presenting it to the school. Well done Bethany, Owen, Josh, Kumudh, Rufus, Ava and Jonny.

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year they cover an online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day focused on change online, this included covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline





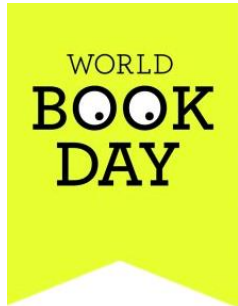
Anti-bullying assemblies lead by Millais Year 8 Drama Students

Yesterday, William Penn students enjoyed interactive and informative assemblies on anti-bullying, delivered by a selection of talented Millais drama students. After spending hours preparing their presentations, the girls actively involved our pupils, as they relayed messages on the importance of being kind. They explored the best solutions for dealing with conflict and bullying through drama and role-play. Owen enjoyed, "seeing the different solutions they gave to stop bullying."

Rufus was impressed with, "How they presented the different dilemmas." Their overarching message was that kindness always makes things better. This tied in to the work we are currently doing with our own Quaker values.



World Book Day



World Book Day will be held at William Penn Primary on Thursday 7th March and to celebrate we are holding some special events in school on this day.

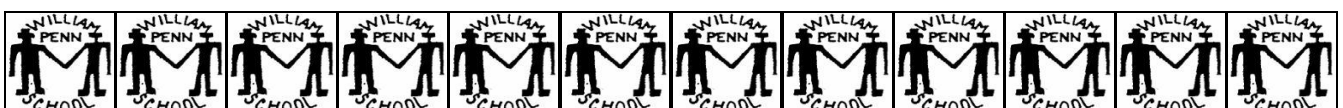
As usual, some of the staff will be dressing up as one of their favourite book characters. Please can we ask that all children come dressed up too and bring along the accompanying book for their character, if you have this.

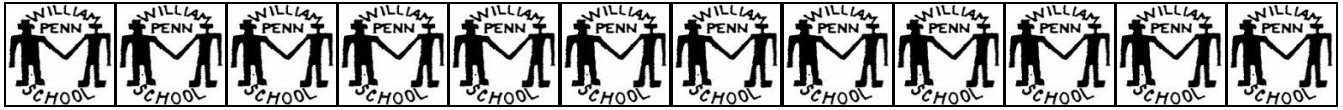
There will also be a bring and buy book sale, held at the end of the day. For this to be a success, we would appreciate your donations of a used book (or as many books as you would like to donate) to be brought into school on the Thursday morning. They will be on sale under the canopy from 3:15pm. There will be no fixed price, allowing people to decide themselves what they would like to donate in exchange for their book. All proceeds will go towards buying furniture for the library. Thank

you for your continued support.

Friday Golden Assembly Awards 2.2.24

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden	<p>Oliver For being such a helpful, kind and enthusiastic member of Cadbury class. He enjoys helping all his classmates as well as all the adults in the class. Thank you, Oliver!</p>	<p>Jessica For applying herself in every lesson. She made a delicious looking pizza this week, making sure she followed her excellent design. Fantastic attitude Jessica!</p>	<p>Marnie L For being a responsible and thoughtful member of Fox class. She always looks out for her friends and enjoys supporting her classmates during maths, showing them how to use the column method. Thank you for all your effort, Marnie!</p>	<p>Betsy For working so brilliantly in your maths this week. You have risen to the challenge of working more independently alongside your peers. Great example of growth-mindset and determination. Well done Betsy!</p>	<p>Ollie J For a fantastic French lesson yesterday. You dazzled us with your French vocabulary and accent. You produced some great looking work alongside. Well done Ollie! Super attitude to learning!</p>	<p>Grace Thank you for being an outstanding member of JBB. You always try your best and go over and above in everything you do. You are a legend and we will miss you Grace!</p>	<p>Mikey For your positive and mature attitude. You are a role model to your peers and your effort in all areas of the curriculum shines through. Well done Mikey.</p>
Star Writer	<p>Henry For doing so well in our phonics lessons. You have really applied yourself and have reaped the rewards by acing sounding out all the words in all our sentence writing this week. Well done Henry.</p>	<p>Harry B For his engaging and well-thought through persuasive piece of writing, deciding whether we should let the story's main character stay or leave. Keep it up Harry!</p>	<p>Elana For her outstanding piece of persuasive writing. Her passion for each side of the argument really came through, as did her unique writing style. Wonderful effort Elana, well done!</p>	<p>Charlie For having an improved confidence to take more pride in your work. You are taking your time to think about your presentation. You should feel very proud of how great your books are looking. Well done Charlie!</p>	<p>Zack For a renewed approach towards the importance of style as well as substance. You are thinking about up levelling your content of your work and ensuring the presentation matches. Well done Zack!</p>	<p>Jeremy For 'showing not telling' when describing feelings during English yesterday. He described feeling nervous and excited as 'having butterflies in his stomach'. Great effort Jeremy.</p>	<p>Kacey-Rose For using more adventurous vocabulary in her writing to describe an event from our book from a different perspective. Well done Kacey!</p>





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Golden	<p>Kingsley For having such a great term. You have been brilliant all year, in every aspect of Cadbury. What a fantastic way to end this half term. Well done Kingsley!</p>	<p>Lola-Rose For always having such a positive attitude towards everything and anything at school. You embrace the challenges in the lesson and really support your friends at break and lunch times. Superb effort Lola!</p>	<p>Violet For always having a 'can do' perspective on all aspects of her learning. She strives to achieve in every single lesson and even continues her learning when she gets home. Well done Violet!</p>	<p>Arlo For being determined to tackle the tricky learning this week. You are really focusing on having a positive mindset. Let's keep up the hard work Arlo!</p>	<p>Bethany For being such a kind, generous and helpful member of Fry class. You are the first one to offer support to your peers or help to adults. You should feel incredibly proud of what a great asset to William Penn you are!</p>	<p>Andrew For being an excellent leader this week when JBB were practising to perform the poems that they wrote. He was calm and helped the other members of his group to learn their parts. Great effort, Andrew!</p>	<p>Alfie For showing respect. He has a positive attitude and always tries his hardest in all areas of the curriculum. His work is consistently of a high standard. Well done Alfie!</p>
Star Writer	<p>Oscar For writing the most fantastic sentences this week. Both in his postcard to Puffin Peter, writing lots of ideas on how to cheer him up. Also writing amazing sentences describing what Puffin Peter looks like, so that we all can find him. Amazing work. Well done Oscar!</p>	<p>Jackson For writing such an action-packed story about our book character 'Leaf' and how he landed on the mysterious island inhabited with lots of strange creatures. Keep up the great effort with your handwriting too, Jackson!</p>	<p>Maxwell For becoming so passionate about writing this week. Your love of reading is evident throughout your writing, pinching ideas from some of your favourite authors and putting your own spin on them. Splendid effort Maxwell!</p>	<p>James For taking pride in your presentation this week. You have been confident in your own judgment to decide if your work is the very best it can be. Very mature attitude to learning. Well done James!</p>	<p>Oliver B For persevering with his write up yesterday. You didn't give up. You were determined to make your work look amazing. Super proud. Well done Oliver!</p>	<p>Oliver For joining in with our shared write and contributing great ideas for our class poem this week. It is really great to hear your ideas. Well done Oliver!</p>	<p>Rufus For his amazing descriptions when writing his own verse of a poem called 'The Magic of the Brain'. He used the pattern of the original poem to show his own ideas about the senses. Well done Rufus.</p>

Pupil Achievements Outside of School

Well done to Ellie in Cadbury, who was awarded a trophy for being the best player at her football club. Congratulations to Marnie M who has earned her Science, Teamwork and Hike badges at Beavers. Excellent effort from Sonny and Marnie L who both received medals from their gymnastic club.

If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail office@williampenn.co.uk.

