



William Penn Newsletter 1st March 2016

Gifted And Talented Choral Day Hits A High Note!



On Friday 12th February pupils from Year 5 at both William Penn Primary School and Southwater Junior Academy, attended a one-day Choral Workshop at Christ's Hospital, designed to enthuse and inspire Gifted and Talented young singers.

Children from twenty-two different schools across the County experienced a fun and exciting day, under the guidance of Andrew Cleary (Director of Music at Christ's Hospital) and David Lawrence (Associate Director of the City of Birmingham Chorus and Director of Young Voices). They worked on 4 songs – all of which were sung in parts – 'Double Trouble', 'Street Seller', 'The Friends You Cannot See' and a complex gospel medley which contained extracts from 11 different songs and then split into 3 parts at the end.

Under the baton of David Lawrence, and accompanied on the piano by Alex Hughes (music teacher at Christ's Hospital), approximately 175 children, all aged 9 and 10, worked together incredibly well to create a

fantastic sound.

The children were also treated to a performance from Christ's Hospital Schola Choir, a performance on the organ in the Chapel, watched the famous Band Parade and had lunch in the magnificent dining hall. 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 both William Penn Primary School and Southwater Junior Academy) said that the children thrived on such a musical day – both through their singing involvement and through being enthused by the Schola Chamber Choir, the organ recital and the Band Parade. Isabelle from William Penn commented... "We have had such fun learning today – we don't want the day to end!"



Parents' Meeting Reminder and Assessment Addition

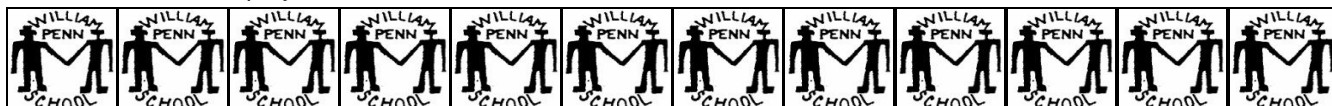
It is not too late to sign up for the parents' workshop on homework and calculation methods in mathematics. In addition to the topics above, we will be spending some time clarifying the latest developments in school assessment. Please use the slip below to indicate attendance.

Easter Egg Hunt Non-Uniform Day

This year the PTA are organising the children's Easter Egg Hunt as usual. In preparation for this, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 18th March in return for small eggs etc for the hunt. Thank you

Sports Update

On Friday 26th February, 18 teams played at Tanbridge House School for second tournament of the Horsham District Primary School's Hockey League. It was another cold evening but yet again the team played exceptional well. Results will be confirmed and displayed soon.





On Thursday 25th February, Isabelle, Priya, Bella, Annie and Kayliegh represented William Penn for a friendly netball match against St Mary's in Pulborough. The girls played really well although they were playing against a very confident and experienced team. Lots of valuable tactics were learnt and we hope to welcome them to William Penn soon for a match on home ground. We would like to thank Mrs Carver, for supporting and supplying the refreshments.

Book Day Reminder

On Thursday the 3rd of March 2016, the School Council would like to invite all the children and teachers to take part in World Book Day. Please come dressed as your favourite book character from your favourite book. The best dressed in each class will receive a prize. If you would like to wear your own clothes that day, please feel free to do so. Have fun
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Summer Fete Change of Date – 18th June 2016

Please make sure that you have the correct date for this year's Summer Fete in your diaries. In a change to the original date the event will take place on 18th June. More details will follow.

Textile Recycling for School Funds – March 8th

Your child should have brought home a textile bag which we hope you will fill and return to school on March 8th. You are welcome to use a standard 'black bag' if you have too much for one. We are also able to store some bags ahead of March 8th if it helps with logistics of bring bags in to school. Thank you

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

Parents' Workshop – Spring 2016

Name of Child: _____ Class: _____

Number of people attending: _____

