



William Penn Newsletter 15th December 2015

Happy Christmas

Happy Christmas and best wishes for the new year from everyone here at William Penn School. We open again on January 4th 2016 and look forward to seeing you then.

William Penn Christmas Carol Service – 14th December at Christ's Hospital – Thank you

We would like to thank everyone that joined us for our Christmas service at Christ's Hospital. The children performed wonderfully and the occasion was definitely a great success.



William Penn pupils celebrate the recording of their own CD!

On Friday 11th December, all pupils at William Penn Primary School became recording artists for the day. They were very excited to hear the news that they would be recording their own CD, and have been working very hard to perfect the challenges they have been set.

Under the careful guidance of their music teacher, Tina Kear (Advanced Skills Teacher for Primary Music) the children have worked hard on their singing and instrumental skills, their understanding of music, their confidence and abilities with great enthusiasm. Packed with songs from different styles, some were sung in unison, others in two part harmony and some with duet, trio and group parts.



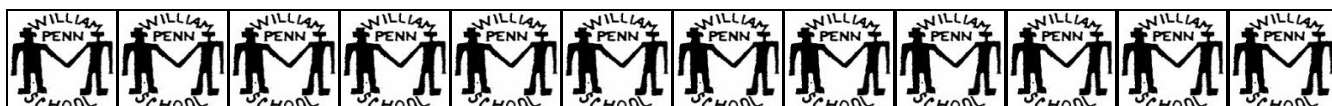
Pupils in Key Stage 2 were also given the chance to show off their developing musical skills by working on different instruments to produce three instrumental recordings: 'Silent Night' performed in two part harmony played by the able musicians in recorder club; 'Away In A Manger' played by children in Years 5 and 6 with the melody on glockenspiels, the accompaniment played on chime bar chords and the pupils in Years 3 and 4 recorded their own fun version of 'Jingle Bells' accompanying themselves on the ukulele.

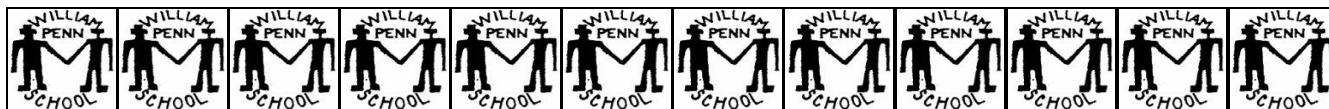
Mrs Anna Constable (ICT subject leader) created a fantastic video clip capturing the essence of the day itself, which can be viewed on the William Penn School website – <http://www.willampenn.w-sussex.sch.uk/website>

Bananagram Challenge

As a school, we have registered for the 2016 Banagrams Challenge. Banagrams is a fun and easy to play game along the lines of scrabble but much simpler and with no board etc required. Playing the game can really help children with spelling and extending vocabulary without even realising. As the school is taking part, all our pupils can purchase the game at a discount of 20% by going to:

<http://shop.winningmoves.co.uk/categorylist/banagrams/> and using the **20% discount code: BANANA5691**





Staff News

We are pleased to be joined in January by Virginia Stephenson. Mrs Stephenson is taking a teaching assistant position and we look forward to welcoming her to the school.

School Parties – Non Uniform Day

On Wednesday 16th December, which is the Christmas party lunch day at school, children are welcome to attend in non-uniform. However, please ensure that your children are warmly dressed and wearing sensible shoes.

School Disco Reminder

Please note that the school Christmas Disco will take place on Thursday 17th December. The KS1 disco will be from 5pm to 6pm and KS2 from 6pm to 7pm.

Latest Netball Results

TABLE AFTER MEETING 1

| POS' N | TEAM | PLAY ED | WO N | LOS T | DRA WN | GOA LS FOR | GOAL S AG'S T | POINT S |
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| 1 st | Castlewood | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 10 |
| 2 nd | Robert Southwell | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 10 |
| 3 rd | William Penn | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| 4 th | Greenway | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| 5 th | Jolesfield | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 2 |
| 6 th | Warnham | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 |

5 pts for a win

3 pts for a draw

2 pts for a loss where score 50% or more of opponent's score

1 pts for a loss where score less than 50% of opponent's score

0 pts for a no-show

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Alexandra Middlemas who has recently achieved a Stork 3 Award for Swimming at Bluecoats Christ's Hospital and Emilia Middlemas who has achieved a Puffin 1 Award for Swimming. Well done also to Alice White who has passed her Grade 1 Drum Exam and Megan Smale who has achieved her ASA Stage 9 diving certificate. 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

