



William Penn Newsletter 7th June 2016

Poetry Xfactor

Mrs Constable has organised a Poetry Xfactor competition. She has asked the children to find a poem that they love and to then learn it ready to perform to the class, practising it with friends and family. The aim is to bring the poem to life and make it as expressive as possible. The children are allowed to include props in the performance. The guidance is to speak clearly and slowly so that the audience can hear and enjoy every word. The winning children from each year will then perform to the whole school in front of a panel of judges including Mr Kear, Mrs Peters, Mrs Waters and Mrs Constable. Who will be the Poetry Star of the year?

Moving Canopies at School – Strong Helpers Needed

Last year, we moved two of the school canopies at the front of the school with fantastic help from parents and extended family members. In preparation for our improvements to the school buildings, we now need to move the rear canopies and would be grateful for offers of help in order to make this possible. If you are available on Saturday June 11th at 9am, please let Mrs Jackson know. Thank you in anticipation of your help as we can't do this without sufficient volunteers.

Music Festival

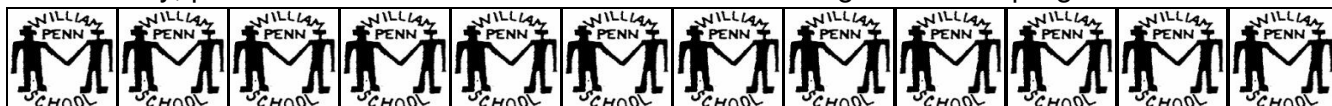
Over thirty children took part in the Weald Schools' Music Festival on Monday 23rd May performing on the professional stage at the Hawth. The children had worked very hard for a term and a half learning the songs in the lunch time choir club at school with Mrs Kear, and had only two rehearsals with all the other schools taking part! Kayleigh, Isabelle and Annie performed and read their narrators' parts clearly and confidently, having researched the 'Tale of the Two Mules' and putting together a script themselves – how lovely to have keen, hardworking, reliable children who take extra interest in their learning. The children really rose to the singing challenges too and



were great representatives of William Penn School at both the busy dress rehearsal and the performance itself. Mrs Kear would like to thank the children for their enthusiasm, their commitment and all the hard work they put in to make the Music Festival a great success. Thanks also go to Mrs Sutton and Mrs Stephenson for supporting the children at the evening performance.

Fry Class Ukulele Performance

If your child has not yet directed you to the school website to watch an example of their work in music lessons recently, please take the time to have a look. It is amazing how much progress the children have





made since the start of the ukulele learning challenge! Not only are they all playing the chords on their ukuleles and following a particular rhythm strumming pattern, they are also singing in two part harmony. This is the first year that the children at William Penn School have had the opportunity to learn the ukulele – and it certainly has proved very popular with the children – and other members of staff too! Well done to all the children in Fry class – and keep up the good work, practising at home!

Better Bins Competition

Pedro's Green Club has been busy running and participating in recycling competitions. In the week commencing 23rd May they ran a Better Bins Inter-Class Competition, at assembly they reminded the school what should go in the two classroom bins and then daily two members from the Green Club acted as assessors giving penalty points for any wrong items put in bins. On Friday 27th the winning class was announced.

Pedro's Green Club Go on Air with a Public Recycling Competition for the New Build

On Thursday 26th May Green Club members and Mrs Cort took over Mr Kear's office and participated in a Spirit FM pre-recorded radio interview with News Reporter Simon Fielding. They explained how, with the help of parents, staff and the general public the school might be able to win £500 towards the school building project by competing in the Febreeze Freshness Rewards Contest. The contest is part of a recycling fundraising initiative called the Febreeze Air and Home Care Recycling Programme, which enables any brand of air freshener and home care products and packaging to be recycled for the first time (see below).

Please collect any brand of plastic air fresheners and the packaging they come in, trigger heads and flip caps from the likes of bathroom and kitchen cleaner and washing up liquid and flexible plastic cleaning wipes packs. Put them in the bin in the school playground and we could be in with a chance of winning £500! Otherwise these items will needlessly go to landfill wasting resources instead of being recycled into new items. The recycling bins in the playground are for the public during school hours, so do encourage your community and other family members to collect too. The full list of waste resources you can recycle to raise money for the school can be found here <http://www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/SGL-recycling-list-less-ink.pdf.pdf>

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Joshua Bernardi who has achieved his Stage 4 Water Skills swimming award. Also, Elliott Evans has been awarded 'Players' Player' in the Royal United under 9 football team. Isabelle Spicer has won silver and bronze swimming medals at a recent swimming gala. During half term, the William Penn Buskers (Charlie, Arabella and Adam) made their debut. In an amazing performance on the stage in the Human Nature Garden, they played their ukuleles and sang two songs raising £40 towards the New Build.

Well done everyone.

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

