

## William Penn Newsletter March 7<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Weald Book Awards By Stanley and Isla

*On Tuesday, 18th February 2023, William Penn pupils went to the Weald Book Awards. Eleven schools took part in the competition and they all did extremely well. The pupils and parents met the 5 authors of the books that they had been focusing their work on. The most exciting part was that the children got to meet Clare Weze in person - the author of 'The Lightning Catcher'.*

*It was great experience to meet the authors of all the different books and to question them on the books. Once two authors had spoken, and questions had been asked, it was time for the first set of winners.*

*The children that won awards from William Penn were:*  
Rory-photo

*Esme-alternative book cover*

*Isla-another character*

*Lola, Ruben and Shannessa-poem*

*Then for the big Oscar award for the trailer - the winners were.... Rory, Ruben, Lucas and Riley helping! Everyone was in shock, and the boys decided to give it to the school for memories. It was a great evening, and we are forever grateful for Ms Robertson, (the host).*



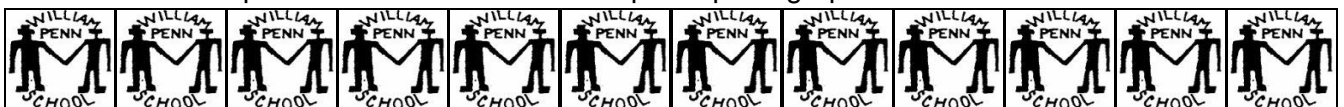
### World Book Day

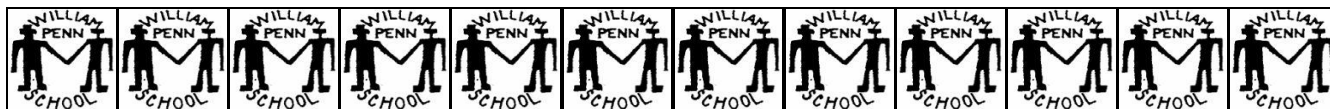


Last Thursday, being World Book Day, saw a huge variety of characters in school. The pupils enjoyed many books and reading themed activities. For a special treat from Mrs Anderson took assembly in character as the Granny in 'Jack and the Flum Flum Tree' by Julia Donaldson.

### New Look School Website

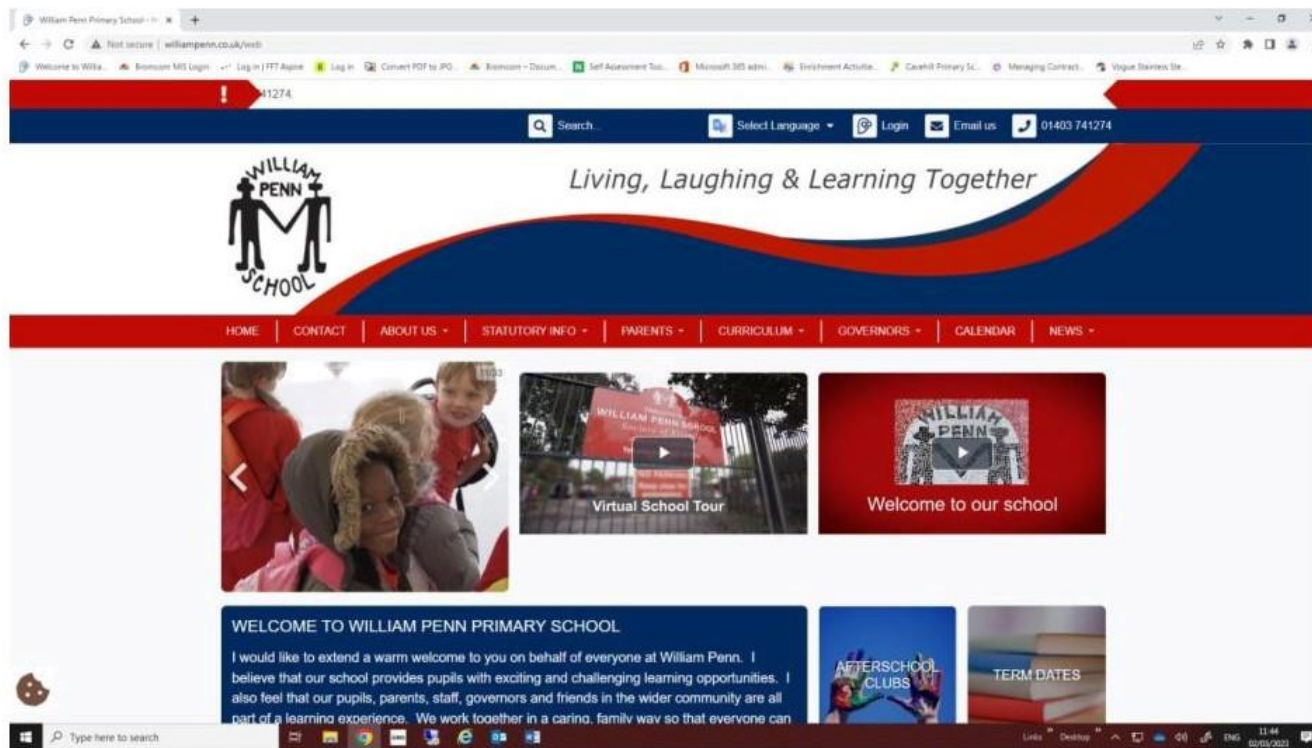
When you next view the school website, you will notice that there have been some changes. Whilst there are some obvious differences, such as the design and layout, the main differences will be improved functionality. We are taking this opportunity to streamline the content. This means that the number of tabs has been reduced. Our next step is to edit each section and update photographs. Please bear with us whilst this





process is underway. As ever, if you are looking for information and can't see it on the website, you are welcome to contact the school office.

Here is the link to the website: <http://www.williampenn.co.uk/web>



## Fry Class – Ancient Egyptian Day

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, Fry class were transported to Ancient Egypt! The children dressed up in their best Egyptian outfits in preparation for their day of learning about the Ancient Egyptians. With the help from Horsham Museum, the class became archaeologists finding out about daily life. The hands-on workshops allowed the children to work like detectives and look for evidence from a range of genuine artefacts found in tombs! The Egyptian Mummification Workshop brought their English and history lessons to life as they role played the gruesome process. The children were also tasked with decoding hieroglyphics and performed a song about the amazing Egyptians. Fry Class can view more photos and videos on Google Classroom.

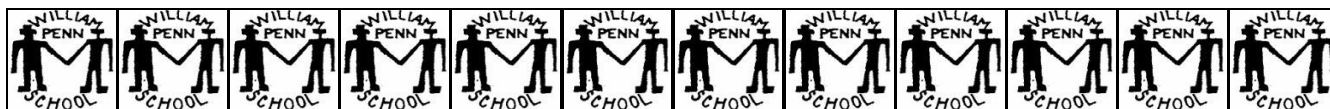
"I really enjoyed learning about the different clothes they wore and the materials they used to make jewellery." Bethany, Year 3.

"I loved looking at the different artefacts and what we could find out about the Egyptians just from one artefact!" George, Year 4.

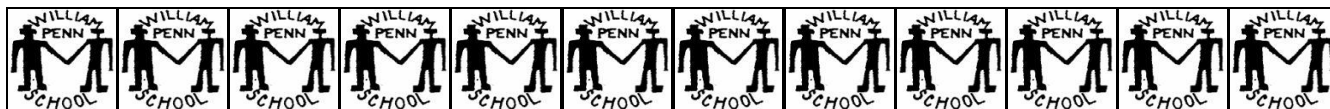
"I really enjoyed the Mummification Workshop because there were lots of parts for us to join in with." Andrew, Year 4.

"It was such a fun day. I loved having Horsham Museum visit us and learning about the artefacts." Jaya, Year 4.

"I loved listening to the experts speak. It brought my learning to life as I was able to act out parts of the Mummification process." Sophie, Year 4.

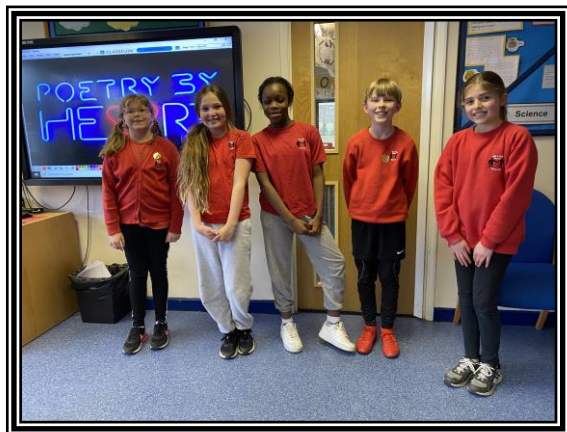






## Poetry by Heart

On Friday afternoon the children from the Poetry club took part in the school round of the Poetry by Heart X Factor. Each child who took part of the lunchtime poetry club learnt two poems from an online anthology. They chose their own two poems to learn off by heart. They performed to the rest of the school and the teachers chose a top three.



These top three will go on to work with Ms Passfield and Mrs Constable to perfect their performances ready to record in front of a green screen to send to the Poetry by Heart judges. We will then all have a tense wait whilst the judges decide the winners from all the entries. Schools across the country enter, so the competition is tough.

The teachers also chose a freestyle poem where the performance is especially dramatic!

The winners of the classic poems were Esme Bellas, Isla Dixon and Rory Owen. The freestyle winners were Shannessa Nyadzo and Lola Hugget.

If one of the children is chosen as a winner by the judges this could result in us going to an awards day at the Globe Theatre in London!

We are so proud of all the children involved who gave up their lunchtimes and time at home to learn their poems. They all did a fantastic job!

Fox class were also inspired by the Key Stage 2 pupils and performed a poem to the rest of the school! Well done Fox!

## Safeguarding/Health and Safety/Wellbeing Update

### Parking

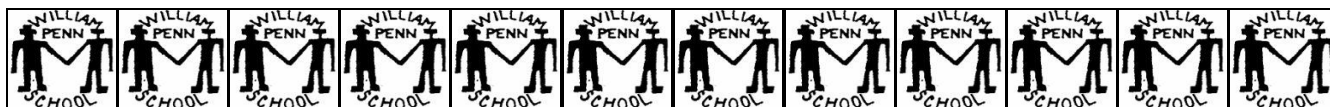
Please do not park on the yellow zig-zags outside the entrance to the school. These markings are part of our School Safety Zone.

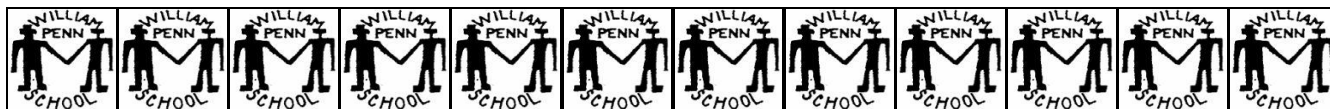
*A School Safety Zone (SSZ) is an area close to the school gate which aims to improve safety in the area while attempting to improve traffic conditions.*

*When approaching SSZs, drivers see the combination of signs and lines and should immediately recognise their meaning and react accordingly.*



Whilst the school has no jurisdiction regarding parking, it is possible that drivers breaching the School Safety Zone can be subject to a penalty notice which we believe to be £130.





## Pupil Achievements Outside of School

Congratulations to Indie L, who has been awarded star of the week at football. Well done Fabien L who has made great progress in his dance class.

If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail the office:

[office@williampenn.co.uk](mailto:office@williampenn.co.uk)



## Friday Golden Assembly Awards 03.03.2023

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden	<b>Sonny</b> For being such a positive, happy member of Cadbury class. You put a smile on everyone's face and brighten all of our days.	<b>William</b> For really expressing his thoughts and ideas with the rest of the class this week. He has been so engaged with the class reader, and enjoyed sharing his knowledge of the subject area with his class mates. Well done William!	<b>Henry</b> For being so enthusiastic about all of his learning this week. He has inspired his friends to really extend themselves in terms of challenge by sharing his fantastic work with them. Well done Henry!	<b>Oliver</b> For having such a positive attitude towards your school work recently. You have been trying your best in all subjects. Well done Oliver!	<b>Kumudh</b> For settling in really well to William Penn. You have had a great first week and it is lovely to have you as a member of Fry Class!	<b>Owen</b> For making a fantastic friend with his mature attitude, embodying our Quaker values. He is able to work well with everyone in the classroom.	<b>Isabelle C</b> For being so confident and asking different probing questions of the authors at the Weald Book Awards. Super proud!
Star Reader	<b>William</b> For writing a fantastic frog fact book. It is filled with such interesting facts and so beautifully written. Well done William!	<b>Elana</b> For becoming such a confident and avid reader. She is always so keen to share her books, especially her choice for World Book Day! Well done Elana.	<b>Charlie S</b> For his excitement and passion for reading books about his favourite subject: football! He enjoys the challenge the longer books bring. Well done Charlie.	<b>Zack</b> For being a keen and enthusiastic reader. You always have a book on the go. Reading has really helped develop your vocabulary in your writing. Well done Zack.	<b>Caleb</b> For sharing your passion of reading with your peers. You really enjoy books, particularly by David Walliams. It is lovely to see what a keen reader you are!	<b>Rufus</b> For being such an avid reader. He always helps us to understand the class readers with his amazing inference skills.	<b>Stanley</b> For engaging with all the texts read for the Weald Book Awards. He is always keen to gather what other people think about the characters and plots.

