

William Penn Newsletter 7th October 2022

Starting School in 2023

The process of applying for school places for September 2023, has already begun.

We are very keen to welcome existing families and new families to William Penn.

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about your child starting school with us, please get in touch via the school office on 01403 741274 or office@williampenn.co.uk

Free School Meals Eligibility

Please consider whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals. Obviously the purpose of this fund is to provide meals for pupils. However, non identifying data is also used to allocate additional funding to the school and eligible **parents should register whether their children receive a meal because they are in Key Stage 1 or not.**

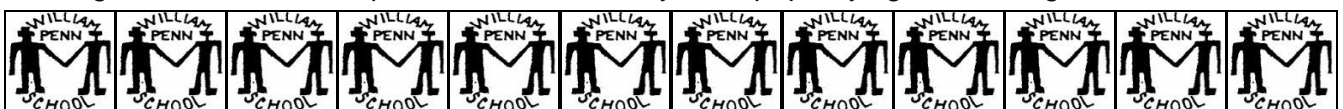
West Sussex County Council has an application form for parents to check Free School Meal Eligibility. In order to make this process easier the County Council has updated the Free School Meals page on the West Sussex County Council website and revised the application form that enables the council to check parents' eligibility for free school meals.

Here is the link to the website and the revised application form:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

**Was your child born
between 1 September 2018
and 31 August 2019?**

If so they are eligible to start school
in September 2023

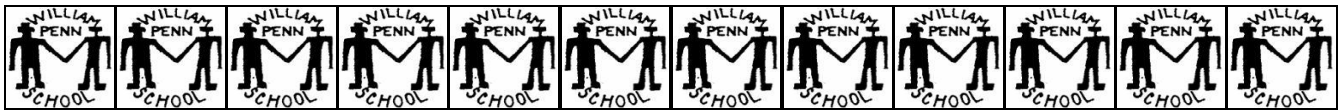
Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline,
your chance of securing a place at one of your
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 3 October 2022.
If you would like further advice or
information, phone: 03330 142 903.

Deadline: Sunday 15 January 2023

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.

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- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

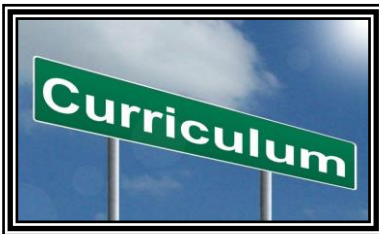
Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

School Grounds – Can You Help?

We have some soil that has been added to the horse shoe mound outside the Key Stage 1 area. We are hoping to spread this out and rake it ready for seeding, so that the children can enjoy playing on it, telling stories etc in the spring. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact the school office. Your help would be much appreciated.

Curriculum Update - Topic Webs and Week by Week Overview Sheets



The latest webs and overviews are available on the school website. Please remember that they are working

documents and subject to change, especially during such unpredictable times. We have a new 'Curriculum' section under development at the moment, some pages of which are already 'live'. In time, it is likely that aspects of the Teaching and Learning section will become part of 'Curriculum'.



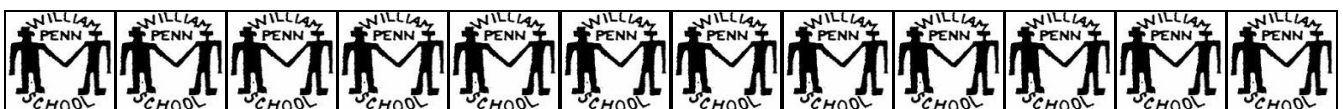
Please find the link below for the topic webs and overviews:

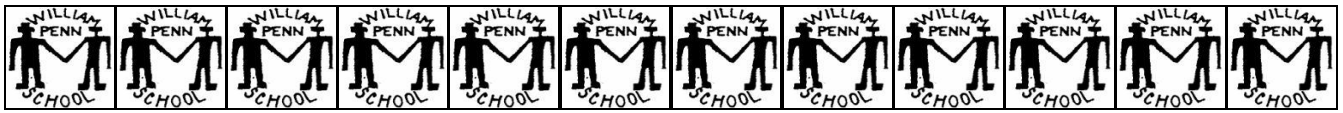
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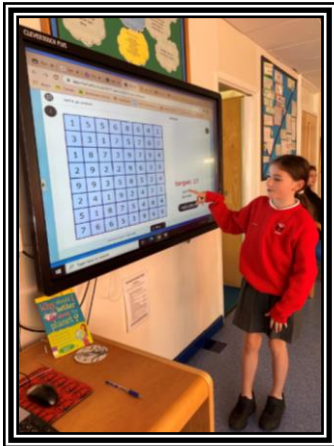
Woodlands

Our Year 6 Leavers kindly donated a hedgehog house to the school at the end of the Summer Term. The School Council took some time this week to look for the perfect place to put the house. They decided on a quiet sheltered area in the Woodlands. We hope that the hedgehog house along with the bug house will start to encourage a range of wildlife to our peaceful Woodlands.





Key Stage 2 Present Games and Apps to Explore at Home



We currently subscribe to three fantastic educational and entertaining sites: **Purple Mash**, **Mymaths** and **TTRS** (Times Tables Rock Stars). During the last fortnight, in assemblies, children from Key Stage 2 have been showcasing exciting games and apps that children can use at home. All children will have been sent home with a login for these sites.

Shannessa focused on the Purple Mash game, **2Race** which is fantastic for number fluency; Isabelle C showcased **Add it up**, a game on Mymaths that really allows children to perfect their number bonds. Esme gave a guided tour of TTRS showing games that are suited to both Key Stages like **Jamming and Sound check**. Great for cementing those times tables. Lola used **2DIY3D** to instantly create games online. Perfect for Fox and Fry. Emerson introduced us to **2Beat**, creating music using different rhythms and instruments. Michael introduced us to an amazing music app on Purple Mash that created electronic music called **Busy Beats**.

Don't forget **Serial Mash** in the reading section of **Purple Mash**. This contains an extensive library of books, some of which can actually be read to your child, like an audio book but with the words being lit up. Each chapters has a variety of games, activities and writing tasks to complete. These make a perfect complement to the reading scheme books that we use at school. So get exploring now!

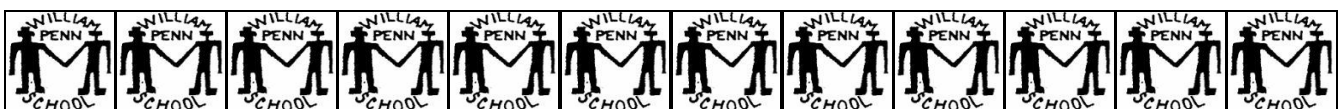
Fry Class - Celebrating Homework

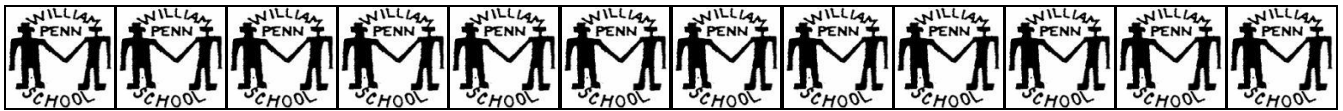
Fry Class have started their Ancient Ancestors topic by learning about The Stone Age. They would like to share with you some of their fantastic Stone Age homes they have created as part of their home learning. We would like to celebrate their fantastic hard work.



Meet the New School Council

Hello,
We would like to introduce ourselves as the new School Council for this year.





We are really looking forward to working on different projects throughout the year. We will work with children and staff to support the school. We will keep you up to date with the different activities we will be working on. The sports captains will also be involved in working alongside school council.

The School Council

Reception: Harry, Lilly
Year 1: Bella, Carson
Year 2: Layla S, Henry
Year 3: Clay, Claudia
Year 4: Jaya, Caleb
Year 5: Alfie, Connor
Year 6: Isabel WA, Ruben

Sports Captains:

Esme, Cherry, Shannessa, Stanley
Hattie, Lola, Jaiden, Lucas B (Deputy Sports Captains)

Sports Coaches:

Rory, Shayla



Safeguarding/Health and Safety/Wellbeing Update

Outdoor Gym

Please be reminded that, for health and safety reasons, the outdoor gym is not to be used after the end of the school day whilst picking up the children. Thank you



Nut Free School and Birthdays

William Penn is a nut free school. Whilst, most of us are very used to avoiding whole nuts in school, please be aware of products that contain nuts. Cereal bars, chocolate spread and satay sauces are just three examples of hidden nut additives. We do have children in school that can be seriously affected by breathing in air in the company of someone eating nuts, or from touching door handles etc that have been in contact with fingers that have touched nuts.



As a further precaution, we ask that no cakes or sweets are brought in to school when pupils celebrate their birthdays. You are, of course, welcome to distribute after collection, off site, so that parents can check that the treat is something that their child is able to eat.

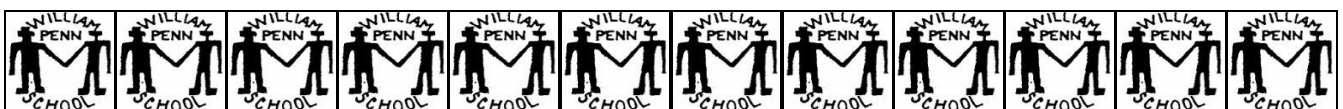
Half Term Activities

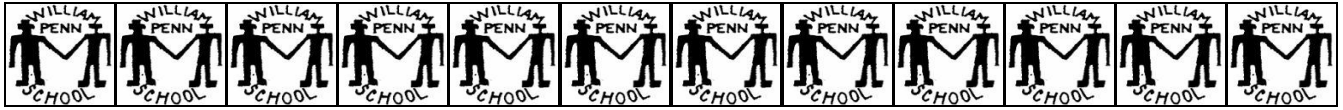
Football sessions during October Half Term – A Message from Brighton and Hove Albion

Brighton & Hove Albion Soccer Schools are back. We'll be holding fun games and exciting drills delivered by our qualified coaches – hours of football fun to make half term special for all children.

Our disability football camp returns for the autumn and will take place on 25 and 26 October. Check out all the details below.

People can book any of our sessions at: <https://bookings.albioninthecommunity.org.uk/>





Horsham

Venue: Holbrook Primary School, Holbrook School Lane, Horsham RH12 5PP.

Dates: 27 and 28 October, 9.45am - 3pm.

BOOK NOW

Girls-only

Venue: American Express Elite Football Performance Centre, 60 Mash Barn Ln, Lancing BN15 9FP.

Dates: 24 October, 10am - 3pm.

BOOK NOW

Disability football camp

We provide inclusive football sessions for players with a disability all across Sussex. These sessions are open to anyone with a disability who is aged five and over who wants to play regular football.

Our next disability football camp is coming up during October half term. You can see the details below:

- Dates: 25 and 26 October.

- Time: 10am - 2pm

Venue: Community pitch – American Express Elite Football Performance Centre, 60 Mash Barn Ln, Lancing BN15 9FP.

BOOK
FOOTBALL
CAMP

Pupil Achievements Outside of School

Congratulations to Dylan F who came second place in his group in the Billingshurst Aquathlon.

Well done to Indie L who was awarded star player this week at her football club!

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

office@williampenn.co.uk

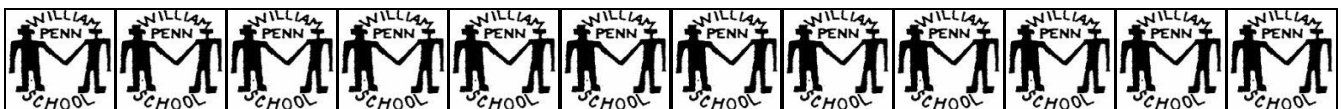


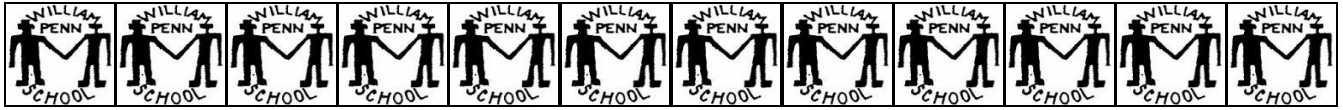
Friday Golden Assembly Awards 07.10.2022

Please see the full list on the following page.

In addition, Lola H, Shayla A, and Cherry B received golden stickers for being such excellent tour guides during Open Day on Wednesday.

Furthermore, Grace L in Reception, received a golden sticker for being so kind and caring when comforting another child.





	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden	<p>Jackson For following our Cadbury rules so well and being kind to friends. You are also sure to always try your hardest across all of your learning. You are such a pleasure to have in Cadbury.</p>	<p>Pippa For becoming a role model so quickly after settling into Fox class. Her desire and passion for learning is admirable and she always strives to succeed. Well done Pippa.</p>	<p>Betsy A For being such a helpful and enthusiastic member of Fox class. She enjoys helping all her classmates as well as all the adults in the class. Thank you Betsy!</p>	<p>Ava For quietly getting on with her work and rising to challenges to produce more work in her book.</p>	<p>Jeremy For enthusiastically taking part in class discussions and always having a go at the meaning of words when we discuss vocabulary.</p>	<p>Lucas G For his kind and caring nature, he is always prepared to help others in class too.</p>	<p>Lucinda For her positivity, she is never daunted by any task, always ready to take risks with her learning. She also makes a lovely friend, always ready to listen to others.</p>
Star Writer	<p>Lola-Rose For writing absolutely beautiful words during our word time phonics lessons. You were able to sound out all the words and put the sounds in the correct places.</p>	<p>Carson For perseverance when faced with a writing task and using his Growth Mindset when faced with tricky challenges.</p>	<p>Harper For her observational writing about Julian (the main character from our class reading book), and sharing her ideas with her classmates.</p>	<p>Grace W For working hard on her Skara Brae information text; pulling information together to make an interesting read.</p>	<p>Violet For some super work on her information text this week; writing lots of facts on Neolithic settlements which should make an interesting final read.</p>	<p>Josh For his descriptive diary entry when writing in role as Alfie. He really got into character and used well-chosen adjectives.</p>	<p>Isabelle C For her emotive writing in role, she was able to use different sentence lengths to really create drama in her work.</p>

