



William Gilpin School

Newsletter



Summer Term - Number 4 - Monday 17th June 2024

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

I am writing this update whilst the final setup for the Summer Fete is taking place, unfortunately the weather has curtailed plans for the usual outside event, but the Frowgs team have done a terrific job in adapting and the 'inside' Summer Fete will soon be underway! So much has taken place since the last newsletter, the marvellous William Gilpin 300th celebrations are captured on pages 2 & 3, an event which the school played a significant part in and really underlined our core value of 'community'. We've been very proud of our Year 4 and Year 1 pupils, who have taken their multiplication tables checks and phonics screening checks, and today enjoyed another parent celebration worship (during which our amazing new bench was presented - see page 3) and a visit from Youth Options who held a 'showcase' event for pupils and parents to demonstrate the forest school learning from earlier this year. There should be time to add in a few photos from the fete, which I'm sure will be another enjoyable community event. Thank you, as ever, for all of your support,

Simon Croutear

Year 5 Beach School

As part of our collaboration with other local schools this year, we have had the opportunity to send groups of William Gilpin pupils to a variety of enrichment afternoons. Last week, a group of our Year 5 pupils met up with others from Brockenhurst, South Baddesley and Milford at the Lighthouse restaurant for an exciting Beach School Session. The session included crabbing, shell collection and identification and Bird Watching at Sturt Pond Bird Hide with Milford Conservation Volunteers. They were blessed with good weather and the pupils all really enjoyed learning about the coastal environment and spending time in each other's company.



New Park competition

On Monday, we were visited by Jo & Peter from the New Forest Show, and Sarah from the Hampshire Forest Partnership, who invited pupils to take part in an exciting competition to design a mini-forest. An area of land at New Park, Brockenhurst, has been set aside for this project. We learnt about how to plant and maintain a mini-forest and pupils have been given a design sheet to complete. The deadline is the end of next week, and the hope is that elements of several pupils' designs will be chosen, with New Forest Show tickets offered as prizes!



Year R visit to Pilley Shop!

Year R walked to Pilley shop on Wednesday 5th June to buy a stamp and a healthy snack. They looked around the shop to give them some ideas for the role play shop that they have since made in their classroom. On the way home they posted a surprise letter to families in the post box by school. A big thank you to the lovely staff at the shop who had gone out of their way to accommodate them. Thanks also to the parents who came to help.



SPORTS DAY + 'mini-fete'!

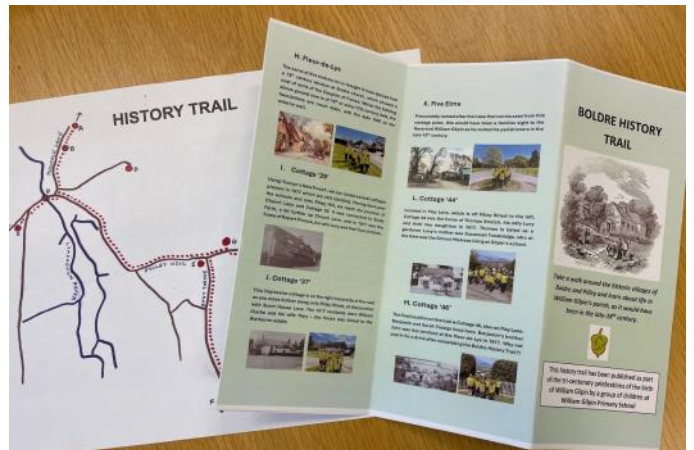
Monday 24th June is Sports Day, with the gate opening at 1.00pm for a 1.15pm start. Frowgs have just decided to run a 'mini-fete' immediately after the races end (from approx. 2.45pm) until 4.30pm. A chance to enjoy some of the activities not possible last Saturday, including Mad4Animals and several games. Let's hope for sunshine!



WILLIAM GILPIN 300th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The school helped the community of Pilley and Boldre mark the 300th anniversary of our founder, the Reverend William Gilpin, over the final weekend of the half-term holiday and on Tuesday 4th June, Gilpin's 300th birthday. Our 'Open Hall' event was attended by people from across the local community (as well as some ex-William Gilpin pupils from as far afield as London and France), who enjoyed viewing the children's Gilpin-inspired landscape artwork and watching the film 'Gilpin's Boldre', made by our pupil history group. The group also created a 'history trail' around the village, charting places which Gilpin would have known in his Boldre days. The film in particular was very well-received, with visitors congratulating the children's efforts. It can be watched [here](#) via the school website.

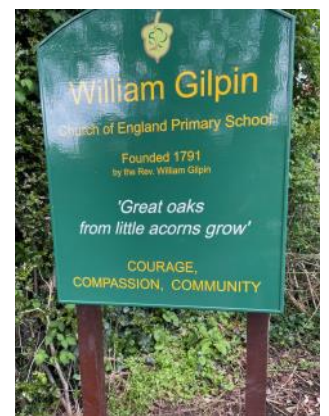
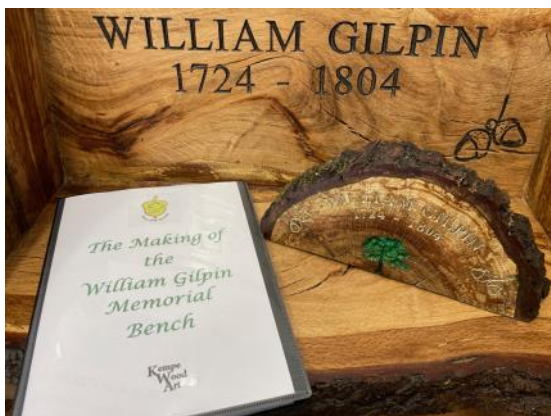
On 4th June, the KS2 members of the history group and the Church-School Vision group took part in the memorial service for William Gilpin at St. John's church, laying flowers on his tomb, in what was a very poignant occasion. We also had class photos taken that morning, as well as a special whole-school photo under the Gilpin oak tree. In the afternoon, we invited parents and families in for a presentation, sang happy birthday to Mr Gilpin and enjoyed a picnic on the field. William Gilpin would no doubt be very proud of what his legacy is today!





William Gilpin oak bench

Just over two years ago, we arrived at school on a Monday morning, following a wet and stormy weekend, to find our William Gilpin oak tree had shed a large branch. This was removed from the field and some of the wood stored to dry out. Patrick Kempe, chair of the Boldre History Society and good friend of the school, offered to put his incredible carpentry skills to use and make for us a beautiful bench from the fallen wood. This was on display at the memorial hall during the #Gilpin300 celebrations and on Friday, Patrick presented the bench to the school. We are very grateful for his kindness in making this, knowing that it will be enjoyed by many children at our school both now and in the future.



We are also very pleased with our new school sign, which was installed over the half-term break. It looks very smart in Gilpin green & gold, displaying our school values, founding year and our much-loved motto 'Great oaks from little acorns grow'. The sign will be officially 'opened' in early July by the Mayor of Lymington and a few other guests, including the people whose kind donations made it possible.



Youth Options forest school

Earlier this year, a group of KS1 and KS2 pupils enjoyed a six-week programme of outdoor learning at New Park, Brockenhurst, with the Youth Options team.

Youth Options is an organisation committed to developing young people's social and emotional skills to help them to maximise future opportunities.

This 'forest-school' style provision was hugely popular with the children and on Friday, Youth Options came to the school to 'showcase' some of the learning. Parents were also invited and it was a really enjoyable end to the programme.



Pine Class 'Talk4Writing'

Pine Class have been trialling a new approach in English lessons, called 'Talk4Writing'. This approach involves immersion in a 'model-text' with an exciting hook - in this case the appearance of a Dalek in the classroom and a discussion text: 'Should the Daleks be allowed to stay on Earth?!' During 'imitation week', pupils learned to recite the text off-by-heart, then co-constructed a class 'innovation', using the same structure but a different discussion ('Should Doctor Who give up being a timelord?').

Pine pupils were then asked to plan their own 'invention' texts, a discussion text based on something they are interested in. We've had all sorts of ideas, including whether mobile phones should be allowed in schools, whether 5-year olds should be allowed in make-up shops and which footballer is better - Messi or Ronaldo?!





After School Club

This week in After School Club we concentrated on making Father's Day gifts. We made peg notice boards and chocolate bark. We also tried a new recipe for Abbey Biscuits. They were very yummy, but I must confess that I burnt the first batch we baked! (The first time I have burnt something in all the years I have been doing ASC!). It was easily remedied with a replacement batch though!



Note Boards



Chocolate Bark



Abbey Biscuits

Over the next few weeks, ASC will be working on entries for the Boldre Produce Show taking place on Saturday 13th July. We will be working on both the School Class – 'An Olympic Scene in a tray', as well as the potential individual entries in the children classes. Programmes for the Boldre Produce Show can be obtained from the Village Shop if you are interested in taking part yourself.

During the next two weeks we will be making:

Monday 17th June – Rock cakes

Monday 24th June – Cheese & Tomato Pinwheels

Tuesday 18th June – Hama Beads

Tuesday 25th June – Recycling

Wednesday 19th June – Hama Beads

Wednesday 26th June – Recycling

Thursday 20th June – Cheese & Tomato

Thursday 27th June – Rock Cakes

Pinwheels

Friday 21st June – Film night with Crisps

Friday 28th June – Film Night with crisps

After school club is open Monday to Friday 3.10 to 6pm. We offer two session choices: Option 1 from 3.10 to 4.30pm (£6.00) and Option 2 from 3.10 to 6pm (£12.50). After 4.30pm we do activities, such as cooking and craft. Don't forget to book via Scopay or the school office.

With blessings *Mrs Harding*



SUMMER FETE 2024

Despite the weather, the Summer Fete was a great success and very well supported. A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's event happen, and everybody who came and spent money to benefit our pupils.





Considerate parking

Can we please remind parents to be considerate to our neighbours when dropping and collecting. In particular, the residents who live opposite the school need access to their driveways **at all times** - please do not block these, or use private driveways for turning. If the dropzone is full and there is limited space over the road, please do park further up in the village - parents have permission to use the memorial hall carpark. Please also remember that the school carpark should not be used for drop-off, collection, unless prior permission from school has been obtained. Thank you for your understanding.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 18th June	Reading Challenge assembly
Wednesday 19th June	SCARF Workshops
Thursday 20th June	Year 6 Winchester Cathedral Willow/Beech forest school
Monday 24th - Friday 28th June	ASSESSMENT WEEK (Y1-5)
Monday 24th June	Sports Day (1.00) & Frowgs 'mini-fete' (2.45-4.30)
Thursday 27th June	Oak/Pine forest school
Friday 28th June	Celebration Worship (parents welcome), 9.05
Thursday 4th July	Maple/Beech forest school
Monday 8th July	Willow/Maple 'Meet the Teacher', 3.30 KS2 Production, 6.30
Tuesday 9th July	'Moving Up' day Oak 'Meet the Teacher', 3.30
Wednesday 10th July	'Moving Up' day Beech 'Meet the Teacher', 3.30
Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th July	'Moving Up' days KS2 Production (6.30)
Friday 12th July	Celebration Worship (parents welcome), 9.05 End of year reports home
Friday 19th July	Music concert (9.05) Church Service (1.30pm) (Final day of term)
Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July	INSET Days

Celebration

Headteacher's Awards last week went to:

Year R - George P & Maddie S

KS1 - Rueben M-B & Milan J

Beech - Bertie B

Pine - Sophie S

Oak - Jessie T



Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance last week was 94.6% with the class cup awarded again to **Beech Class** with an excellent 98.4%!

House Points

Ipley House ended the recent domination of Wilvelery, taking the House Cup for last week.