



William Gilpin School

Newsletter



Summer Term - Number 1 - Friday 26th April 2024

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

The summer term has begun with a flourish, with lots going on during these first two weeks. We are very much looking forward to our annual Popstars Day next Friday, there has been much practising of class songs and we hope to raise as much as we can for the Cash for Kids appeal. Thank you as ever for your continued support and I hope everybody has a fun weekend,

Simon Croutear

Baby news!

We were delighted to hear news this week that Mrs Rogers and her husband Scott welcomed the arrival of their baby daughter Zara Grace, who was born last Sunday. Congratulations Mrs Rogers!

CSV Group Art Sale

Our Church School Vision group, who work with Mel to strengthen our church-school ethos, held a fantastic art sale after school on Wednesday to raise money for the Toilet Twinning charity which they have chosen to support. The group appealed to pupils to donate pieces of art for the sale and then invited parents to browse the gallery and make purchases. It was a very well supported event and the CSV were delighted to raise a total of £122. Many thanks for helping them to achieve this!



STEM sessions

This week, pupils in KS1 and Pine Class have enjoyed learning about wind turbines. Mr Hoogenboom works in this renewable-energy industry and has been teaching pupils all about his work, and helping pupils to make their own 'mini-turbines'! Beech & Oak class are looking forward to their sessions next week.



St George's Day

We marked St George's day on Tuesday with a special worship, during which we learnt about the legend of our country's patron saint, and also the real Roman soldier upon which his story was based. This person certainly demonstrated one of our core school values - courage - when standing up to a Roman Emperor with his belief in the Christian faith (which cost him his life). We learnt the meaning of the words 'martyr' and 'relic', before hoisting the St. George's flag whilst singing the National Anthem.





Summer Sun!

Pupils have been enjoying the outside during this first two weeks of term, with the sun shining for Year 6 Bikeability training and lunchtime football. Pupils were also excited this week to see the new line marking on the field for rounders and the running track. Keen athletes have already been practising for those sports day races!



Forest School

Forest school has made a great start to the Summer Term with classes (mostly) enjoying sunny weather and the area has certainly dried out since last term! There has been some excellent bush craft on show, interesting finds in the pond and tasty treats cooked on the campfire. Some pupils have also been taking part in the morning 're-wilding' sessions with Lou & Claudia and next week we welcome our new Year R starters for their first experience of William Gilpin forest school!



After School Club

Last week in After School Club we celebrated International Bat Appreciation Day. We made pom pom bats and individual homes for them. The children were very creative and even made furniture and food / water bowls etc for their bats

This week we have been making wooden spoon dragons in honour of St Georges day.

Here is a sneaky peak at our forth coming activities.

Monday 29th April – Stain glass Window Biscuits Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 30th April – Earth Day door hanger Tuesday 7th May – WW2 Spitfire for VE Day

Wednesday 1st May – Bead Butterflies Wednesday 8th May – VE Day Craft

Thursday 2nd May –Pizzas Thursday 9th May – Stain glass window biscuits

Friday 3rd May – Film night with Crisps Friday 10th May – 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





LYMINGTON Join our **Kidical Mass Bike Ride!**

A free family Pedalling Celebration around Lymington.
Join us for a gentle bicycle ride. Approx' 2 miles on flat roads.
All welcome! BYO bubble machine and funky bike (optional)



Sunday 28th April 2024

1.45pm ride gathers

2pm leave from the Town Hall car park

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

We'll have ride marshalls and all ride together in a big crowd.

email: hallgrace@gmail.com

Kidical Mass is a worldwide movement. Cyclists from 0 to 99 years old cycle together on the streets to reclaim the road space in colourful, friendly bicycle demonstrations. The format focuses on children and sustainable mobility.



Popstars Day!

Next Friday (3rd May) is our annual Popstars Day, in aid of the Cash for Kids appeal (Greatest Hits Radio). As usual, pupils are invited to dress as their favourite popstar (or just wear non-uniform) and donations can be made via our fundraising page [link](#).



This year, our pop concert is open to parents and families, please enter via the top door from 8.40am for a 9.05am start!

Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd May	Willow/Oak forest school
Friday 3rd May	Cash4Kids POPSTARS Day!
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 9th May	Maple/Beech forest school
Monday 13th - Friday 17th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 20th - Friday 24th May	ARTS WEEK
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	HALF-TERM
Tuesday 4th June	William Gilpin 300th Anniversary celebration day
Saturday 15th June	FROWGS Summer Fete
Thursday 20th June	Year 6 Winchester Cathedral visit
Tuesday 9th July	Year 6 Priestlands Intake Day
Friday 19th July	Church Service (1.30pm) Final day of term
Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July	INSET Days

Celebration

Headteacher's Awards this week went to:

Year R - Zoryan and George P

KS1 - Harry G and Archie M

Beech - Evie S

Pine - Poppy L

Oak - Robby M



Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance last week was 96.7% (up from last week) and **Willow Class** retained the Cup with 99.4% (to add to last week's perfect 100%). Well done Willow!

House Points

Wilverley House won the House Point trophy this week and have now taken the lead overall for the year with 7 victories!

