



# William Gilpin School

## Newsletter

Spring Term - Number 5 - Friday 15th March 2024

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Another very full newsletter to share today - it was lovely to welcome so many parents and grandparents to our celebration worship this morning. We have now scheduled regular dates throughout the summer term to do this again (see page 4), so please do put them on your calendar and join us if you can. I look forward to seeing you at our parents evenings next week. As ever, thank you for your support and I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend,

*Simon Croutear*

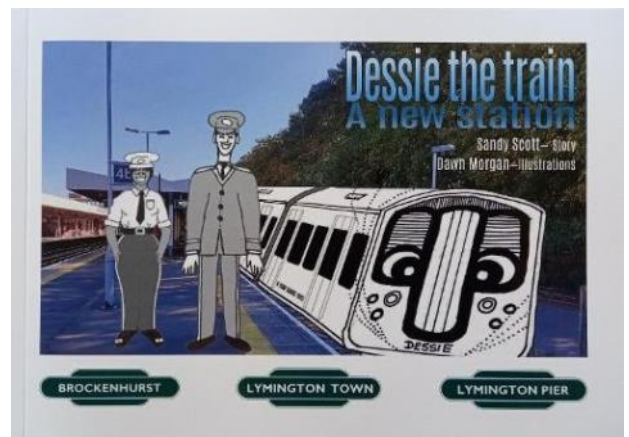
### Spring Crafternoon!

The recent Frowgs Spring 'Crafternoon' was a well-supported event and it was nice to see so many children and families enjoying the range of craft activities, from both William Gilpin and the wider community. A huge thank you to the army of volunteers who gave up their Sunday afternoons to run this much-loved annual event.



### Worship update

As well as focusing on rehearsing our songs and hymns for the Easter church service, we had a very informative assembly this week from Harriet & Jett, our Junior Road Safety Officers. After focusing on the 'be bright, be seen' message during the winter months, our JRSOs will be delivering a series of 'stay safe' assemblies over the rest of the school year. They started with railway safety, sharing the charming story 'Dessie the train - a new station' (Sandy Scott), before reminding the school about how to behave near railway lines, at train crossings and at train stations. The next JRSO 'stay safe' assemblies will be on the topics of cycling, the forest, the green-cross code, staying safe when out playing and beach/water safety.



### New Milton music festival

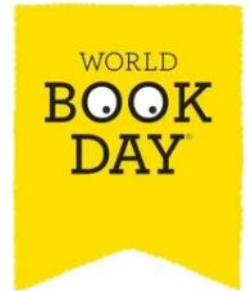
On Saturday 9th March, Mr Thomas went to Durlston Court with a selection of our guitarists to take part in the New Milton Music Festival. It was adjudicated by guitarist Peter Nuttall, author of the 'Guitarist's Way' series of tutor books. With strong competition from guitarists from other local primary schools and Priestlands, our musicians did very well, with India Rose awarded 1st place Gold for 'Song of the Mountains' and Freddie Gregory gaining a Gold in the Grade 1 class for 'Havana Good Time'. There were also excellent performances by Arthur Mudge ('La Bergamasca'), and Lucy Plucknett & Karenza Foy ('Study'). Congratulations to all who took part!





## WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

What a tremendous day we had last Friday as we marked World Book Day 2024 at William Gilpin! Author Simon Chadwick spent the day with us, hosting a whole-school assembly and carrying out a workshop with each class and leaving them with their very own 'mythical creature' drawing. We had exciting clay workshops from Frowgs, a visit from Lymington's Imaginarium bookshop, shared class reading-time and the great book-swap! It was a memorable day and we must thank Becci from Frowgs for all of her hard work in making the day what it was.





## After School Club

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. Here is a sneaky peak at our forthcoming activities.

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Biscuits

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> March – Decorate an Egg Cup

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March – Pom Pom Bunnies

Thu 21<sup>st</sup> March – Chocolate Crispy Cakes

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Film night with Snacks

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March – Chocolate Crispy Cakes

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> March – Decopatch Easter Eggs

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Chocolate

Thu 28<sup>th</sup> March – Inset Day

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Holidays

Don't forget to book via Scopay or the school office.

Wishing you a truly blessed Easter.

From Mrs Harding



## Parents Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Spring Term parents evenings next week. As usual, you will be able to look through your children's books and discuss their progress and targets with teachers. Do also look out for the 'parent hub' which will be setup in the hall - this is a place to give us your feedback about school, share ideas and to find out more about opportunities to further enhance our parent partnership and successful outcomes for children.

If you have not booked your appointment (Monday 18<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March), please contact the school office as soon as possible.

## Change of footwear

Hopefully some sustained sunny & dry weather is just around the corner, but in the meantime, it would be much appreciated if your child could have a change of footwear for inside/outside. We are now trying to use the field at first play as well as lunchtime but there is still a lot of mud and so either a pair of wellies/outdoor shoes for outside or a pair of slippers for inside would be helpful.



## Frowgs Film Night!

Our next Frowgs Film Night will take place on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30pm**. Tickets cost £3.50, to include a bag of popcorn and a drink of squash. There will also be a sweet tuck-shop running (£1.00 for a cone of sweets, allergy/vegan friendly). Tickets are available via Classlist as usual!



## Uniform reminders

We want our children to feel proud of themselves and their school and looking smart in our uniform is an important factor - please do ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform (or P.E. kit on relevant days). Information about the required uniform, including the permitted colour of P.E. kit, hair accessories, etc. can be found on the school [website](#). Please note that boots / platform shoes are not allowed. Uniform can be purchased via the school office or online at [Brigade](#). Please do remember to clearly name all items of uniform. Thank you for your support.



## One Way Ticket

The choir 'One Way Ticket' is looking for new members, in particular male voices. We are a fun and vibrant bunch of people who love to sing in harmonies with all sorts of songs. Some pop, some classical and some in-between! If you would like to try us and join, please contact Dita, the musical director, on her email at ditabosa@hotmail.co.uk for more details.



## Parent celebration worships

We would love to invite parents/families to our Friday celebration worships on the following dates over the rest of the school year:

- Friday 19th April
- Friday 3rd May
- Friday 24th May (Art Week special)
- Friday 14th June
- Friday 28th June
- Friday 12th July

All begin at 9.05am but the top door and hall will be open from 8.40am after drop-off, with tea/coffee available.



## Celebration

We really enjoyed celebrating this week's successes with parents/families in our special worship this morning!

Headteacher's Awards this week went to:

Year R - Maddie S & Dali T-H

KS1 - Rosie W, Milan J & Thomas Y

Beech - Oliver H & Archie B

Pine - Lucy P

Oak - Sofia C, Lyra J & Cai M



### Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance last week was a pleasing 95.1% and the cup was won by Willow Class, with a super 97.9%!

### House Points

Ipley House won the trophy with a fantastic 431 points to claim their 5th victory, just one behind Wilverley!

### Top Table

KS1 - Annie F, Zoryan B, Sophia M & Milan J

KS2 - Evelyn W, Freddie F & Cromarty H

## Diary Dates

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March	<b>PARENTS EVENINGS (3.30 - 6.30)</b>
Thursday 21st March	<b>Forest School Pine/Oak</b>
Friday 22nd March	<b>Music Concert (9.00)</b>
Tuesday 26th March	<b>Frowgs Film Night (3.30)</b>
Wednesday 27th March	<b>Easter Service at St. John's (9.05)</b>
Thursday 28th March	<b>INSET Day</b>
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th April	<b>Year 6 Bikeability</b>
Friday 19th April	<b>FROWGS Quiz Night</b>
Monday 6th May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 13th - Friday 17th May	<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>
Monday 20th - Friday 24th May	<b>ARTS WEEK</b>
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	<b>HALF-TERM</b>
Tuesday 4th June	<b>William Gilpin 300th Anniversary celebration day</b>
Saturday 15th June	<b>FROWGS Summer Fete</b>
Thursday 20th June	<b>Year 6 Winchester Cathedral visit</b>
Tuesday 9th July	<b>Year 6 Priestlands Intake Day</b>
Friday 19th July	<b>Church Service (1.30pm) Final day of term</b>
Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July	<b>INSET Days</b>