



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Autumn Term - Number 4 - Friday 20th October 2023

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

The first half of the Autumn Term has drawn to a close and I hope that this week's parents evenings have given you a good insight into how your child has settled and their targets for the rest of the year. Thank you for completing the surveys handed out - these are being analysed and will be used to help inform the focus of the Whole School Conference in the Spring Term. Working in close partnership with parents is a key focus for us this year and it has been really positive seeing so many of you in school recently, at events such as the KS1 storytime and the Harvest Festival. Wishing everyone an enjoyable half-term,

Simon Croutear

Open Morning

The second of our open days for prospective 2024 Year R parents is on Wednesday 1st November at 11.00am. Please spread the word!

Flu vaccinations

Please contact the school office if your child missed their 'flu vaccination at school today.

Harvest Festival

This week's Harvest Festival was a lovely whole-school event in which our new vicar, Terence, visited us for the first time and left us with some important messages. A group of pupils helped her to spell the word HARVEST and then create several other words from these letters, such as 'share' and 'eat'. Thank you so much for the donations which were collected by the New Forest Basics bank yesterday - they were so grateful, commenting on their social media that they *'are blown away by all the incredible support for our food bank...today we welcomed wonderful Harvest Festival food donations from the William Gilpin school in Pilly'*.



Paintpots

Our pupils and staff have really enjoyed recent visits to Paintpots Pre-School - Mrs Doggett's art activities and storytimes have been very popular and some of our Year 6 pupils have been leading sports and games with pre-schoolers. We visit Paintpots every Wednesday afternoon.

School Social!

Traditionally we hold an annual social evening for the parents of our new Year R parents but this year we would like to invite **all** William Gilpin parents to an informal 'school social' in the hall on **Thursday 2nd November at 7pm**. Frowgs will be running a bar selling drinks and snacks and we would love to see you there!



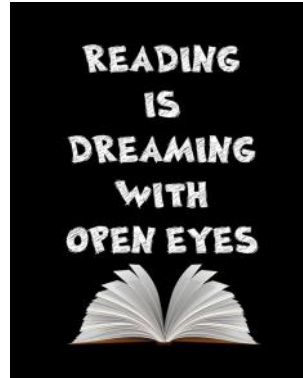
Dancing success!

Congratulations to Fenella, who achieved a 6th place finish in a national under-6 disco dancing competition! We like to celebrate success outside of school, so please do send in such news to the school office.



Inspired by reading

It was great to see these photos of Rosie, who has been truly inspired by the book 'The Jolly Postman', which Year 2 have been studying!



Wear-it-green for Oakhaven

The school was a sea of green today as we supported the Oakhaven Hospice appeal 'Oaktober' - thank you for your donations to this wonderful local charity, we raised £90.



Requests

Can we request that pupils do not bring in treats (e.g. sweets, chocolates) for their classmates on their birthday (or at anytime). Whilst this is a well-meaning gesture, we do need to be respectful of some parents' wishes that their children are not given such sweet treats.

Please also remember that pupils are not permitted to wear make-up / lipstick / nail varnish to school.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

After-School Club

Please do remember that we require pupils to be booked into After-School Club in advance of sessions to ensure that we have correct ratios for supervision and can plan for sessions involving baking or craft.

Celebration

Headteacher's Awards this week went to:

KS1 - Eric C, Cici B & Megan H

Beech - Ava D

Pine - Sean R

Oak - Harry W



Top Table

Isla G, Milan J, Katelyn S & Zoryan B (KS1)

Lucy P, Sean R & Archie D (KS2)

Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance last week was an excellent 97% and we have celebrated our first 100% of the school year, with Willow Class taking the Attendance Cup!

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October	HALF-TERM
Wednesday 1st November	OPEN MORNING (11.00am)
Thursday 2nd November	School Social, 7.00pm
Friday 3rd November	Forest School Pine/Oak
Tuesday 14th November	Book Fair starts (one week)
Wednesday 29th November	Willow/Maple theatre trip - Stickman
Wednesday 6th December	KS2 theatre trip - Terrible Tudors
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Monday 11th December	KS1 Nativity performances (2pm & 5.30pm)
Friday 15th December	Church Christmas Service (9.15am) FINAL DAY OF TERM