



William Gilpin School

Newsletter

Autumn Term - Number 2 - Friday 22nd September 2023

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

The autumn term is well underway and so much has happened since our first newsletter of the school year. Oak Class have enjoyed the annual Calshot residential, our new Year R pupils have been settling in to full-time school and all classes have been engaging well with our new SCARF P.S.H.E. Curriculum. I have been really impressed with pupils' efforts and behaviour as I have visiting classrooms, from bug-hunting and water play in the Willow garden, to fantastic story-writing in Pine Class. We are really looking forward to the second William Gilpin Food Festival which takes place on the field this Sunday, from 12-3pm, another Frowgs community event which promises to be a real show-stopper and of course raises money to benefit our pupils. See you there!

Simon Croutear

WILLIAM GILPIN FOOD FESTIVAL!

The second William Gilpin Food Festival takes place on **Sunday, 12 - 3pm**. Last year's event was a roaring success and the festival is back with even more food trucks and a live D.J.! Please come along and enjoy this community event.



Parents in school

Another polite reminder that parents are **not** permitted to enter the school building in the mornings (other than the admin office). We are encouraging our pupils to be independent and say goodbye to parents either at the gate or the cloakroom doors. Thank you for your support.

Willow/Maple Shared Storytime

As part of our commitment to increasing and improving parental engagement, Willow & Maple parents will be invited in for regular 'shared storytimes'. The first takes place at **2.45pm on Monday 9th October**. Please do come along and enjoy this special end to the school day with your children.



Footwear

We have had a few questions about footwear and would like to remind parents that the school uniform policy states that pupils should wear black/brown school shoes (or trainers on a P.E. day). On Forest School days, pupils can wear sturdier footwear, but otherwise boots should not be worn. Thank you for your support.



Calshot residential

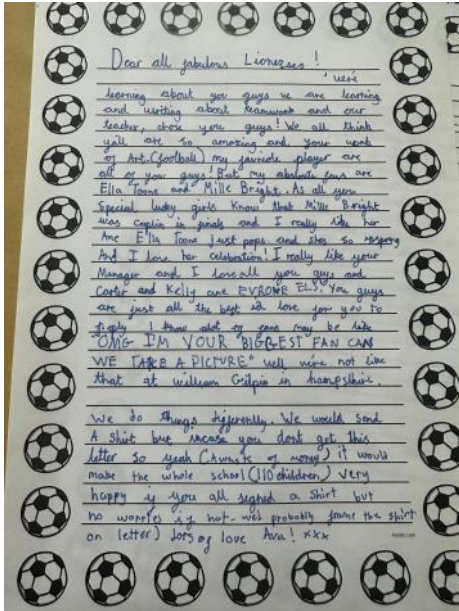
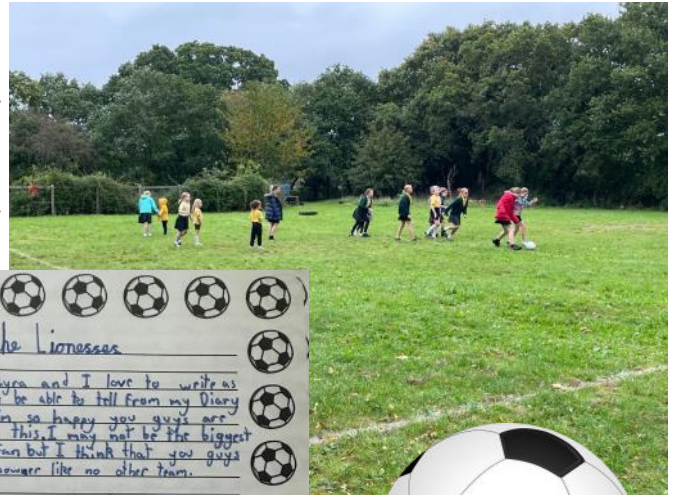
Our Year 6 pupils had a terrific time last week on their residential at Calshot - it was a memorable week packed with activities on the water, the ski-slope, the velodrome and the climbing walls! A huge thank you to Mrs Granger and Miss Crossen (who celebrated her birthday with the class whilst away!), giving up a whole week of their time to support the pupils. Thank you also to the many parents who have sent in messages of gratitude, they are always much appreciated.





Girls football!

Inspired by the Lionesses summer exploits, we have re-introduced 'girls football' on Wednesdays, which is proving very popular! Before they went to Calshot, Oak Class wrote to the Lionesses telling the players all about the diary entries they had written from their perspective about their amazing World Cup journey!



Beech dig

Beech Class were inspired by their very own archaeological dig to begin their history topic about the Romans! All sorts of artefacts were uncovered, including coins, pottery and Roman figurines!



New vicar!

We have been waiting patiently for our new vicar since we said goodbye to Andrew at Christmas and we are very much looking forward to welcoming Reverend Terence to William Gilpin! She has recently moved into the vicarage and officially starts after her licensing ceremony on **Tuesday 26th September**. This takes place at 7pm at **St. Mary's church, South Baddesley**, and also an hour later at St. John's. The 7pm ceremony has been designed to be very child-friendly (with balloons and magic flowers!) and William Gilpin pupils are very welcome.



Quiz night

The Silver Hind in Sway are supporting FROWGS with their Quiz Night on **Wednesday 27th September (8pm)**. A WG staff team are competing! Do book a table and join us - £15 for a curry/pizza & drink, quiz £2 entry. 01590 683900.



Creative additions!



We are grateful again to the talented Mrs Clapcott, who has painted a wonderful William Gilpin oak tree mural in the hall and made us a fabulous 'Harold the giraffe' - the mascot for our new SCARF curriculum!

Last week, Miss Dalton introduced the first of the SCARF letters in assembly, 'S' for SAFETY. We have been thinking about the different ways we can help to keep ourselves SAFE in and around school, remembering our important STAY SAFE CODE and adding our ideas to our new SCARF display (under watchful eye of the newly-positioned Harold). Next week, Mrs Doggett's assembly will focus on 'C' for CARING.



Celebration

Friday 15th September

KS1 - Josh L-M & Harry C

Beech - Cromarty H

Pine - Albie D

SCARF certificates

KS1 - Josh L-M, Archie M, Suzie S

Beech - Evie S & Flynn B

Pine - Sean R & Lillian S

Top Table

Harry C, Harry G, Suzie S & Alyssa B (KS1)

Ava D, Owen H & Jack P (KS2)

Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance last week was a pleasing 96.8%, with **Beech Class** taking the cup again with an amazing **99.5%**!

Friday 22nd September

KS1 - George P, Sol & Rosie W

Beech - Luca H

Pine - Lillian S

Oak - Lyra J

SCARF certificates

KS1 - Josh L-M, Archie M, Suzie S

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Top Table

Olly K, Fenella T, Sophia M & Vittorio R (KS1)

Daisy W, Ava H & Lyra J (KS2)

Attendance Cup

Whole-school attendance this week was down to 94.5%, with **Willow Class** winning the cup with **96.6%**! Well done to our youngest pupils!



Diary Dates

Sunday 24th September	FROWGS Food Festival, 12 - 3pm
Tuesday 26th September	Licensing of Reverend Terence at St. Mary's church, 7pm
Wednesday 27th September	Quiz Night at the Silver Hind, Sway - in support of Frowgs, 8pm
Thursday 28th September	Priestlands School open evening, 6pm
Tuesday 3rd October	Pickleball taster Afternoon!
Wednesday 4th October	Tudor House 'Medicine Women' visit to KS1
Friday 6th October	Willow / Oak Forest School
Monday 9th October	Willow/Maple Shared Storytime (parents welcome), 2.45pm
Tuesday 10th October	OPEN MORNING (9.15am)
Friday 13th October	Maple / Beech Forest School
Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th October	PARENTS EVENINGS (3.30-6.30pm)
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October	HALF-TERM