



William Harding School

Harding Herald Newsletter



House Captains

Our House Captains are responsible for keeping track of house points and sharing the totals with the rest of the school each week. They also support the teachers with inter-house competitions and encourage the children to cheer for and celebrate their house's achievements.

We have a democratic process where the children who would like to be House captains all apply for the position and the other pupils in the house vote for their captains and vice captains.

House team and points

Nightingale 8023

Rothschild 6813

Guttman 6698

Hampden 6259

Well done Nightingale!

School Values, SMSC & BV

In all parts of our learning the pupils reflect on BV and how it is shown, BV stands for **British Values** and the pupils have been learning about how Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect, Tolerance & Liberty link to our curriculum. If you wish to find out more about how we show BV at WH then please go on our website. <http://www.williamhardingschool.co.uk/british-values-and-smsc>

School Value; our pupils have been fantastic at showing **Collaboration** as our school value.

Next half term our School Value will be **Inclusion**.

William Harding Attendance Cup

The winners of the William Harding Attendance Cup for the second half of the Spring Term were Cherry Class in in KS1 with 95.45% and Willow class in KS2 with 96.93%. Not only were they awarded the Cup but they have also got a special Mufti Day just for their classes.

Well done to both classes. I wonder who will be the winners for this half term?

Mrs Bicknell – Family Liaison Officer

PE and Sport at William Harding

KS1 has been learning cricket this term and have really enjoyed learning lots of different skills. The children seemed to love batting (not a surprise). Early years have made the most of the nice weather and have been outside practicing for sports day!

This term KS2 have been learning rounders and gymnastics. In gymnastics they have learnt a variety of skills to make some fantastic routines. Rounders has been a lot of fun this term! The children have loved competing against the other classes in intra-school competitions.

After school provision

The children have really enjoyed a variety of different sporting clubs. Lots of children have had the opportunity to experience a variety of different sports. Next term we will be offering a variety of different sporting clubs that will go out in a separate email so please make sure to sign up.

Sports clubs

The year 5/6 boys A and B football team have continued their fine form with some closely contested games against some fantastic opposition.

The years 3/4 and 5/6 girls football team got the opportunity of a lifetime and got to meet the one and only ELLEN WHITE, which they really enjoyed. Also they might be on Sky Sports!!

Mr Rayner – Sports Coach



Premises News

What's coming up?

You will have noticed that we now have our secure access automated gates installed. This has dramatically improved the security of the school and allows us to better protect our pupils, staff and visitors.

Together with our Eco Warriors, we have planted 120 tree and hedge saplings across the grounds as part of a Woodland Trust initiative to help schools develop greener atmospheres and grounds for the pupils. The Eco Warriors are in charge of looking after them following the guidelines from the Woodland Trust.

We have been busy working with outside space designers to create a new plan for our field. Over the summer holidays we have a new trim trail track being installed which is an all-weather track around the perimeter of the KS2 field. This will provide children with a unique opportunity to keep active by walking, running or skipping round the track each day.

We are also extending our current astro pitch so that the children have more access to non-muddy surfaces during bad weather.

We have also had confirmation that we are having another phase of our windows replaced. This will see the windows in KS2 along the front of the building replaced, improving ventilation and warmth in the rooms when needed.

We will also be looking to start work on a sensory garden in our courtyard shortly.

Lastly we are also having another phase of lighting replaced in the KS2 block. This replaces the old fittings with new allowing us to have more environmentally friendly LED bulbs moving forwards.

Miss Judge – Business Support Manager

Animal Advocates

Our animal advocates continue to take great care of all the animals this Spring.

Our chickens are laying plenty of eggs! If you would like to have some for a small donation please contact the office.

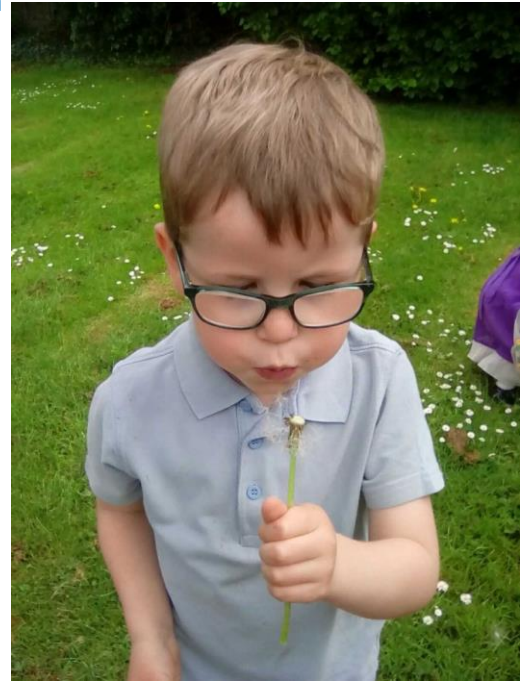


Pre School News

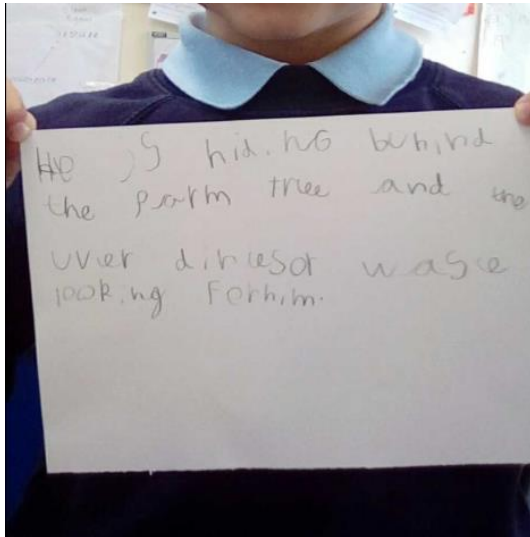
This half term we have been exploring simple experiments from colour mixing, mentos and coke, slime, static balloons and making foam with soap flakes as part of our crazy scientist topic.

We have also been practicing for our Sports Day in June, we are getting to be professionals at throwing, jumping and kicking - make sure to keep an eye on the school website for preschool communications, they are updated every Friday. If the letters/events say for WHOLE SCHOOL then it will include Preschool too, we have a few more events in the next half term.

We held another successful Come and Read event this half term too, thank you to all of our families that came, it really is so lovely to build relationships with our families as well as having some normality back to be able to hold parental events again.



Reception News



'I am a hero because I keep trying and trying. That is perseverance'

In reception this half term, the children have been learning about 'Dinosaurs'. The children have learnt about herbivores, carnivores and all of the different kinds of dinosaurs!

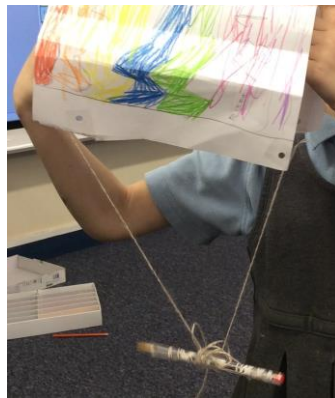
In English, we have been reading lots of dinosaur themed books and have been writing sentences about them. We have been challenging the children to include adjectives and conjunctions. In maths, we have been thinking about doubling, sharing, addition, subtraction and number bonds to 10. This half term we have been learning about fossil and dinosaur bones, learning lots of dinosaur facts and sharing all of these through our dinosaur museum!

The children are excited to continue their learning next half term through our topic of 'Pirates'!

Year 1 News

It has been a short but productive half term in Year 1. In Maths we have been identifying 2D and 3D shapes, learning about British money and practising telling the time to the hour and half hour. Our English work has focussed on writing stories, using adjectives, openers and similes, in addition to practising our inference and retrieval skills.

In Geography this half term we have learning about the continents of the world, considering their climates, physical features and human features. In Science we have learnt about different materials, considering their properties and experimenting with magnets. In Art we have been investigating architecture, decorating pillars and creating gargoyles from clay. We've also prioritised practising phonics, ensuring we know all of the set 1, 2 and 3 sounds and are able to use them to read both real and alien words.



'Gravity pulls us into the Earth'- Charlie, Foxglove class

Year 2 News

What an eventful half term! The children all worked incredibly hard this half term and the team are proud of all the children have achieved. In English, we have read *Amazing Grace*, *Tuesday* and *My First Baking Book* to underpin all the learning we have done. We have been working on conjunctions, descriptive language, apostrophes for possession and contraction and sustaining tenses. The children have written some excellent instructions, diary entries, reviews, letters and newspaper reports. In Maths, we have been learning to measure in different units, solved fractions, learned to tell the time and consolidated out learning on multiplication and division. Our Science unit focussed on the properties of materials and the children thoroughly enjoyed conducting experiments. We have been learning about Mediterranean Europe in Geography. This has included learning about what Mediterranean means in Latin and the countries that make up Mediterranean Europe. Well done, Year 2!

' Leonardo De Vinci was from Mediterranean Europe! ' Charlie, Year 2 pupil



Year 3 News

Year 3 have had a fantastic half term, it has been wonderful to see the year 3 children consistently showing our current school value of collaboration. We are so proud of how year 3 have continued to shine.

We have all thoroughly enjoyed reading 'The Beast Quest' by Adam Blade in English, we have loved learning about Tom's adventures and how he defeated Ferno the fire dragon.

Our science topic this half term has been great, looking at rocks and fossils and how they are formed.

In Art, we have focused on drawing characters and scenes from Theseus and the Minotaur based on either Picasso or Sarah Young. We used charcoal to create some scary minotaurs!

In maths, during our shape topic we have constructed our own 3D shapes out of spaghetti and raisins, turns out it is trickier than we thought!



Year 4 News

We have had a superb start to our Summer term in Year 4. In English, we have read Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. We wrote from the perspective of the character about being stranded on an island and created some great stories, diaries and letters.

In Maths, we have been counting our money and spent time on telling the time in both analogue and digital.

In Science, we have learnt about the water cycle including creating information leaflets about each stage (precipitation, collection, evaporation, condensation).

In Geography, we had a very interesting journey to see places of interest in Northern Ireland. We travelled to the Giant's Causeway, the Titanic museum and many more wonders.

Also, some of us have had the pleasure of learning recorder and we all took part in a choral workshop and a day with an artist. In PE, we have had great fun using collaboration in team games and have been playing rounders.

'the choral workshop is really fun because you are doing singing and doing actions'
Lucy. Ascott class.



Year 5 News

Although it has been a short half term, Year 5 have learnt lots. During Maths lessons, they have learnt how to use a protractor to measure and draw angles; it was fantastic to see them get to grips with this new skill. Within English, we have focused on developing our inference with the use of appropriate evidence and the children have been developing their writing by learning how to add detail by using a range of techniques. In Geography, the children have learnt about Europe and enjoyed finding out about the trades each country is known for! During their art lessons, the children have enjoyed learning about Chinese art and used their creativity to design their own pieces of Chinese-inspired porcelain. Science has seemed to be a favourite subject this half term and the children have really enjoyed learning about Space and our solar system. They really enjoyed drawing the different phases of the moon outside using chalk!

"I've enjoyed learning about angles and how to use a protractor for the first time!" Charley

"It's fun being a librarian because I get to sort out all the books and make sure it's tidy and in the right place" Evie

"I like being a librarian it because the books I pick out help people learn about the world." Summer



Year 6 News

Year 6 have worked exceptionally hard this half term and have really impressed not only the teachers but also senior leadership as well. In the run up to the SATs week, they spent some extra time concentrating on English and Maths skills to make sure that they were as ready as possible to show off everything they have learnt at primary school. During the assessments themselves, the children worked very well and we were pleased with their behaviour and maturity throughout. We were able to celebrate all of their hard work with a pizza party on the Friday afternoon which was enjoyed by the children and the staff alike. We are now looking forwards to the pupils' final half term as primary school students and preparing for their exciting transition to secondary school and all of the changes that will bring.



"We have been using watercolours in art which has been exciting." Laila

Head Teacher News

Dear parents and families,

This half term has arrived so quickly. It has been a very exciting few weeks with lots of fun activities and learning in classrooms. There has been so much activity around school and included events where we could open the doors and welcome parents and families into school again. Thank you to everyone who came to Come and Read, the children really enjoyed sharing books with you. We are looking forward to seeing you again on 10th June for our Jubilee picnic.

We are also looking forward to seeing you again on sports day and we are hoping for good weather!

We have been so lucky to be able to welcome Sky Sports film crew to film Sue Smith interview our very own Ellen White. This was such a huge opportunity for our year 3, 4, 5 and 6 girls' teams to ask a very accomplished female footballer some questions about her career and interests.

We look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Monday 6th June.

Thank you as always for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Best wishes

Miss Cotchin
Head Teacher