

William Harding School

HARDING HERALD NEWSLETTER



Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is **97%!!** This is a fantastic given the current situation we find ourselves in. Next term we will be introducing a variety of attendance incentives across this school, more information on this will be communicated with families and pupils at the beginning of next term.

Hello Yellow

We are pleased to advise you that we raised **£352** during our Hello Yellow day at school, this money will go to the Hello Yellow campaign for young people's mental health.

Thank you for your support and help in raising money.

House team and points

House points for this half term;

Nightingale 1466

Guttman 1347

Hampden 1402

Rothschild 1480

Well done Rothschild!

School Values, SMSC & BV

This half term we have been focusing on ensuring the pupils know what BV means and why it is important. BV stands for **British Values** and the pupils have been learning about how Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect, Tolerance & Liberty are linked 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 **RESPECT** as our school value.

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

House Captain News:

Congratulations to our new house captains in Year 6! Due to the circumstances, we were not able to ask the children who wanted to put themselves forward to speak in assembly, so instead the children made videos of their speeches which we shared with the rest of the school. The videos were all of an exceptionally high standard and the children had a really difficult task to choose who they felt would best represent their houses. After counting up the votes we are pleased to have our new William Harding House Captains.

Nut free school

Please remember we are a nut free school.

Please do not send in Nutella or similar products.

If in doubt please ask Matron.

Thank you.

Pupil leaders and Pupil Voice

We are excited to continue to have our Pupil Leaders as Lunch time monitors this half term.

Amy, Jia, Isla and Lily from Cliveden have demonstrated our school value of responsibility excellently this half term during their time as lunchtime monitors. They have been acting as role models and ensuring that children are moving around the school sensibly and appropriately at lunchtime.

All children have shared they have enjoyed having this job and Amy gave particular praise to the Year 3s.

House Captains;

Nightingale: Joleen P (Lead), Erin C (vice), Jack W (vice)

Guttman: Abigail S (Lead), Charlie C (vice), Brayden W (vice)

Hampden: Jakub K (Lead), Robyn M (vice), Cadence T (vice)

Rothschild: Harry H (Lead), Ethan P (vice), Chenai M (vice), Haseeb R (assistant vice)

PE & Sport at William Harding

Dance has been the theme of the term and we have been learning all about rhythm and beat. The children have taken to the unit brilliantly and it's been so much fun developing our routines and performing to our peers.

The start of the year has also brought with it the launch of [real Foundations](#) within our pre-school and reception learning environments. It has been wonderful witnessing the staff and children learning through active play and starting their journey to a life-long love for being active.

From half-term, parents across Early Years and KS1 will also be able to access high quality home access to online PE resources via [real play](#).

We are extremely excited inform you that we will be launching the [Active Globe](#) inter-school playground challenge after half term. This will encourage our pupils to show resolve and resilience to run for a total of 10 minutes a day, split over breaktime and lunchtime to try and 'travel' around the world virtually.

Miss Timberlake and I are very delighted to inform you that the PE department have been nominated for a Proud of Bucks Award. We'd like to let you know that we are honoured by this nomination and it is wonderful that the community appreciates the efforts we've all have made to keeping active.

We are pleased to see many of you still following our twitter feed @schoolhardingPE keep looking out for new weekly challenges and ideas to keep active over the half term period and beyond #letsgetWHActive.

PTA at William Harding

Welcome to the William Harding School Parent Teacher Association.

We are still around but as I am sure everyone can appreciate, it is not possible to hold the normal PTA events at the moment. We are working on some new ideas to help raise funds and will send out communications as soon as we can, watch out for an announcement for a Christmas themed mufti (non uniform) day

We are always looking for volunteers to help with fundraising/events so if you would like to join us, please email us on pta@williamharding.school.

We have a Facebook page which we use to announce new events, etc. Please join William Harding School PTA.

There is also a page on the school website, which has more details about the PTA.

www.williamhardingschool.co.uk/pta.

We hope that you will share our enthusiasm and support the PTA where you can.

Lyn, Natalie and Jane



Pre-school News

This half term has flown by so quickly, we have been amazed by how well all our children have settled in. We have enjoyed getting to know them and see friendships blossom.

This term Poppies and Daisies have been focusing on all about me. We have been looking at our families and drawing pictures of them and discussing what makes us all different. We have been using playdough to make faces and exploring different textures in soap flakes, gloop, paint, shaving foam and pumpkins.

The Violet children have been keeping busy exploring various activities such as pouring and filling with water, playdough-hiding conkers and making shells and painting Autumn pictures. Outside we have been keeping active with the climbing frame, bikes and stilts.

The children have also loved getting to know Teddy our pet rabbit who has been enjoying all the extra cuddles and strokes he has been getting from everyone, the children have been helping feed and take care of him with us.

We are now using Tapestry to use as our online learning journey we do for each child, please log in to see what your child has been up to. Did you know you can also share photos for us to see? We would love to see what you get up to at home or whilst you are out. We also have a pre-school twitter page where we share photos of what we have been up to, give us a follow [@PreschoolIWH](https://twitter.com/PreschoolIWH)



Reception News

We have had a Wonderful first half term in Reception. All the children have really settled into their routines and are beginning to find their independence.

The children have loved exploring their areas and getting to know their new friends in their classes. Our topic this half term is "All about me!" and we have spent a lot of time talking about our families, who lives with us as well as our pets and all the things we like and dislike.

We have also had lots of fun learning about and celebrating Harvest by doing some vegetable printing and also celebrating DLD day where we talked about how we are all different and we need different things to help us learn. The children have spoken about how they are special and how they are different but we are all friends.

Thank you all for working so hard this half term!!



Year 1 News

Year One have had a fantastic and very busy first half term back at school! The children have learnt so much across the curriculum and have loved being back with their friends.

In English, we have been practicing how to write sentences using our sounds and answering questions about stories we have read. During Math's we have been learning all about the place value up to 20.

In Geography, we have learnt about maps and what they are used for. The children have loved experimenting with paint in Art. In Science we have been learning about the human body and exploring our senses.



Lots of children have said "I love being back at school" and "Year one is so much fun!" We have loved this half term and look forward to a fantastic Autumn 2!

Year 2 News

What a great start to the school year! Year 2 Have had a wonderful time learning about Maps and Atlas' in Geography.



The Human body is a complicated machine; however, the children have worked hard to learn about the different systems that keep us functioning and moving in Science.

In Art, the children have been focusing on making shape and colour choices to create texture, tint and shade.

The Year 2 team are so proud of how each child has tackled the challenge of learning the column method and have embraced learning their times tables in Maths.

Adding detail to writing is always tricky, however the children have persevered and have written some excellent newspaper articles, letters and instructions.

'I am proud that I can do more moves on my own and can do a backwards hopscotch (in PE)' By Zara

Keep up the great work, Year 2!

Year 3 News

This term we have been reading the book 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King. We have all thoroughly enjoyed reading all about Barney and how he meets a 'cave boy' Stig.



'I am enjoying 'Stig of the Dump' because Barney and Stig became friends, its lovely that they always play together'. By Ayat.

Year 3 have also looked at their special environment, including learning the 8 points of a compass.

Ruby said 'I have learnt that symbols tell you what things are and we can also tell where we are by grid references'.

During our science topics, we have learnt about our body; all about our bones, muscles and nervous system. All of Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the human body. During Computing we have looked at the difference in hardware and software. While doing this we created our own computers out of paper with all the different parts to it.

We learn to be safe, it helps us grow, it's fun and teaches us good sounds, we learn new things and find out things by ourselves if we can.

Year 1 Pupil Voice Autumn 1 2020

Teachers make us do great and interesting work. We get to learn new things every day.

Year 4 Pupil Voice Autumn 1 2020

Year 4 News

This term, Year 4 have been busy bees. We have focused on 'Bill's New Frock' and 'Voices in the Park' and 'Window' as our novel studies in English.

We have looked at the different features within different genres of writing, for example character descriptions and persuasive letters. Within these we have been including a range of conjunctions, including subordinate clauses, different sentence types and even adverbials.

In Maths we began consolidating place value then we looked at problems using addition and subtraction up to four-digit numbers using formal column methods with exchanging and carrying.



In science, we learnt about the process of digestion through a demonstration showing what happens to food after it enters our mouth. We loved seeing how the food changed throughout.

"This was one of my favourite lessons I have ever done!" Skye

In geography, we focused on spatial sense including identify lines of latitude and longitude.

We have made an amazing start to the year and had lots of fun!

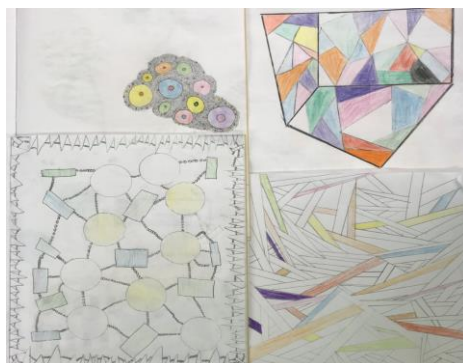
Year 5 News

Year 5 have had a successful start to the year - we've all been so impressed with the way they have settled back into life at William Harding, even if it is a little stranger.

The children have got stuck into their learning and have particularly enjoyed reading Michael Morpurgo's 'The Butterfly Lion' and 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' during their SQUIRT sessions and have produced some wonderful work inspired by these stories.

During our Maths lessons, the children have secured their knowledge of place value and have been working hard to develop their written and mental addition and subtraction strategies.

'While learning about modernist art, we learnt that abstract art can be simple or detailed. This style of art is unique and it doesn't have to look like anything in particular. When we created our own designs, we loved using our imagination as well taking inspiration from other people'.



Year 6 news

Year 6 have had an excellent first half term back. The children have settled in superbly and it seems as if they haven't had a single moment off from school.

This half term we have been reading 'The Clockwork Sparrow' by Catherine Woodfine and have focused many of our English lessons around our focused text.

In Maths, we have focused on place value, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and fractions. We have looked at our spatial sense topic for Geography, Victorian art and architecture for Art and the Human body for science.

Our last two weeks have involved assessment week which children have worked hard in and theme week too where we have explored different topics.

'I have loved being back at school and seeing all of my friends this term!'

Make sure you have a restful half term and are ready for our Autumn 2 term.



We have also announced our house and vice house captains which all Year 6's found incredibly exciting.

HARVEST

Although we were unable to celebrate harvest with our usual harvest festival and food collection, the children still enjoyed celebrating harvest and learning about the tradition. Harvest is usually a time that we can share the celebration with our families, so please enjoy looking at a few photographs from last week's harvest celebrations.

Reception children used fruits and vegetables to create some harvest prints and patterns.
Year 1 worked collaboratively in their bubbles to create some harvest themed artwork.
Year 2 wrote and performed harvest poems.



Head Teachers News

It has been a very busy start to the school year and for some it brought about anxiety and worry about returning. As a school we have tried hard to welcome everyone back and make the school as welcoming and as safe as possible. Thank you to you all for your support and positive comments regarding our return and for your understanding in how challenging it has been for all.

I am incredibly proud of the pupils, staff and community for working together to return in such a positive way – it is such a joy to see the school full of happy pupils and staff.

I have had the joy of talking to every class this term through Pupil Voice and I have been very impressed with how the pupils articulate their thoughts and views. It is reassuring to know the pupils feel safe and enjoy being back at William Harding. All of the year group Pupil Voice can be found on our website, I hope you enjoy reading the comments as much as I enjoyed speaking to the pupils. <http://www.williamhardingschool.co.uk/pupil-voice>

We have continued celebrating success this half term in the classroom bubbles with Star of the Week Certificates, Be Kind awards, Year 6 WH Trustee badges and the awarding of House and Vice Captains. Star of the Half term will be awarded after the half term.

We are currently working on how to ensure that we can continue some of our important events such as Parents evening, Come and Read and possible assemblies for next half term can take place virtually, we will of course keep you updated.

Due to the challenges of our location and size, we have been liaising with the Council, Highways and the Police in attempt to find solutions to the congestion outside the school. As always, I remind you to speak with staff respectfully as we all work together for our pupils. If you know anyone who may be interested in volunteering as a lollipop person please contact the office.

As always, a reminder about who you can speak with, the 'Who to Contact sheet' is on our website at the top of the 'Communications and Letters' page for your ease. <http://www.williamhardingschool.co.uk/communications-letters>

If it important that you speak with the class teacher in the first instance as they know your child.

We work hard and we have to stay focused, we speed up in our writing, we ask a partner or the teacher or use displays to help us.

Year 4 Pupil Voice Autumn 1 2020

It's the best place to learn, it is fun, make lots of new friends, brilliant place to be, we welcome friends and there are lots of nice people here.

Year 2 Pupil Voice Autumn 1 2020