

William Penn Newsletter 13th October 2023

Starting School in 2024

The process of applying for school places for September 2024, has already begun. We are very keen to welcome existing families and new families to William Penn.

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about your child starting school with us, please get in touch via the school office on 01403 741274 or office@williampenn.co.uk

JBB's World War II Day:

Rufus (Year 6) writes:

On Tuesday, JBB had a World War II styled day. Children were allowed to dress up as any type of person from the 1940's. Everyone had a great time in each sector of the day. Before the school's first break, Year 5 and 6 had a lesson from very knowledgeable people from the Horsham Museum.



They taught JBB about children's life during World War II. They shared information with the children about rationing, the difficulties of being an evacuee and more. JBB were split up into 3 groups to carefully handle objects from the era.

JBB then made slideshows about women's role in the war. Year 5 and 6 also performed - reading out some letters from our class reader. These were recorded in front of the Green Screen. In the afternoon JBB continued to perform the letters and write their slideshows. Finally, the class completed a "boot camp" style P.E lesson. They were split into groups (red, blue and green) to do an exciting lesson with Matt. They did two different relay races and reaction activities.

Owen said: "I think it was quite scary but we all had lots of fun." For Sophie: "It was fun dressing up in costumes and handling the old equipment they used to use." George liked, "P.E when we did a boot camp." Jonny said: "I really liked trying on the different RAF and army uniforms."

A special thank you goes to Sara Nicholl, who has kindly donated an amazing array of historical artefacts from World War II, that really help to bring the topic to life for JBB children.



National Poetry Day

Oliver, in Fry, wrote this beautiful poem which was shared in school on Thursday 5th October, National Poetry Day.

I wish every day I could work in a tree instead of sitting in a chair.

Yet here I am doing my homework in a tree.

Up here I feel relaxed and free.

From here I can see my house, my garden, a field with cows.

I can hear the birds cheeping, leaves rustling in the tree, an aeroplane flying high above my head.

I can concentrate in my tree, I am happy!

Upcoming Harvest Festival Concert

Please join us to enjoy a selection of Harvest themed songs, performed by the children on Thursday 19th October. This will hopefully take place at 2:15pm on the playground. If the weather is wet, we will record these songs for you and upload them onto Google Classroom. Remember, the school will be closed to children on Friday 20th October as it is an INSET Day.

School Photographer

Our school photographer will be visiting the school on Tuesday 31st October. This is the first day children return after the half term holiday as Monday 30th October is an INSET day. On this day, we would ask that all children wear school uniform. If they have PE in the afternoon (JBB and Fry), please bring a PE kit in to change into prior to the lesson. Please see the attached flyer about how to view and purchase your photos online.

Safeguarding/Health and Safety/Wellbeing Update: Outdoor Gym and Car Parking

Please be reminded that, for health and safety reasons, the outdoor gym is not to be used after the end of the school day whilst picking up the children. Also, please refrain from parking on the zig zags outside as this may obstruct visibility for parents and children trying to cross the road and is highly dangerous. Thank you.



Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Was your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

If so they are eligible to start school in September 2024

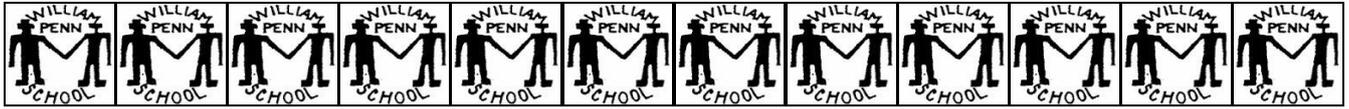
Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving. If your application is reviewed after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from Monday 2 October 2023. If you would like further advice or information, phone: 01323 142 903.

Deadline: Monday 15 January 2024

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.





Nut Free School and Birthdays

William Penn is trying to be a nut free school. Whilst most of us are very used to avoiding whole nuts in school, please be aware of products that contain nuts. Cereal bars, chocolate spread and satay sauces are just three examples of hidden nut additives. We do have children in school that can be affected by breathing in air in the company of someone eating nuts, or from touching door handles etc that have been in contact with fingers that have touched nuts.

As a further precaution, we ask that no cakes or sweets are brought in to school when pupils celebrate their birthdays. You are, of course, welcome to distribute after collection, off site, so that parents can check that the treat is something that their child is able to eat.

Meet the new Sports Captains:



Connor, Alfie, Rufus and Mikey will work alongside the School Council when organising projects this year. They will also help to run Sports Day as well as being involved in supporting teachers to deliver PE lessons.

Pupil Achievements Outside of School

James, Grace and Bethany have completed the Barnes Green Run.
 Fraser for achieving his Exploring Together Gymnastic 1 award.
 Indie received a trophy from her football club for most improved player.
 William R is the newest Young Ambassador to join the Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex and has been busy raising money by taking part in the Hound Hike and he has managed to raise over £600. What a fantastic achievement!



If you have any pupil achievements that you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please e-mail office@williampenn.co.uk

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Golden Child	Oscar For following our Cadbury rules so well - to make the right decisions and to be kind to our friends. He also always tries his hardest across all of his learning. He is such a pleasure to have in Cadbury. Well done Oscar.	Zachary For adapting so well to the changes this week. He has worked well independently. Well done Zachary!	Marnie M For consistently following the class rules and working independently. Mrs Anderson wants to say a special thank you for supporting the year 1's in maths!	Layla B For working brilliantly in maths this week. She has worked independently and been able to check through her answers. She has had a great growth mindset throughout the tricky addition calculations this week. Well done Layla!	Dexter For having a very mature attitude to his learning this week. He also contributed some well thought out and grown up ideas in our RHE lesson on our similarities and differences. He was our shining star in our water cycle performance! Well done Dexter!	Jonny For being a fantastic 'Dragon' in our Roar Finals assembly last week. For asking great questions and taking the role very seriously. Well done Jonny.	Owen For being an absolute joy to teach and an excellent role model in JBB. His effort and commitment to his learning is always 100%. Well done Owen.
Star Writer	Oliver For writing absolutely beautiful words during our word time phonics lessons. He was able to sound out all the words and put the sounds in the correct places. Well done Oliver!	Lola-Rose For remembering her capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops in her Gingerbread man writing this week. She wrote a beautiful description. Well done Lola-Rose	Betsy-May For writing a well thought out and imaginative description of a gingerbread house this week. She used some brilliant adjectives. Well done Betsy-May	Arlo For writing a brilliant diary entry in the role of Oliver Crisp from our class text. He made it funny and really got into the characters mindset. He also read it out in front of the whole class! Amazing Arlo!	Oliver B For writing such a beautiful poem this week. It is lovely to see how much he is enjoying poetry and he was really brave to read his poem to everyone in assembly yesterday. Well done Oliver!	Rory For always trying his best. It is wonderful to see his confidence growing in his writing. He is joining in with class discussions with valid contributions and fabulous ideas. Well done Rory.	Josh For being an awesome writer. He always produces quality responses in all subjects and always tries his best. Well done Josh.

Friday Golden Assembly Awards 06.10.23

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Golden	Fitzgerald For showing admirable resilience towards anything he finds challenging. He will make sure nothing stops him and actually ends up having a great time. Fantastic attitude to have, well done Fitzgerald!	Beaux For always being so eager and enthusiastic to learn. Her positive attitude towards school is admirable and her desire to achieve commendable.	Glen For becoming an excellent role model to his peers. He is taking such consideration and pride in his presentation, which has inspired his friends to do the same with their work. Keep it up Glen!	Layla S For having an improved confidence in lessons. She has contributed some great ideas and dazzled us with her beautiful French speaking. Well done Layla!	William For retelling the main parts of Rama and Sita in RE this week. He used a wide range of punctuation and adjectives. He extended his own learning too! Great work William!	Lennon For a fantastic attitude to our tests this week. His positive mind-set has enabled him to do his very best with great results. Well done Lennon.	Kacey-Rose For having a positive attitude towards the tests. She was absent for the first three days but has smashed the tests to catch up. She has shown resilience and determination. Well done Kacey.
Star Writer	Kingsley For reading to the adults in such an imaginative way that engages anyone he reads to. I always look forwards to reading with you. Well done Kingsley.	William W For being so keen to read more challenging books and for wanting to whizz through the reading book bands. Well done William!	Marnie L For always developing her passion for reading when and where she can. She often takes chapter books home from the library and enjoys telling Mr Phillips all about the stories.	Betsy A For trying hard with her reading this week. She has focused on improving her comprehension skills. Well done!	Dexter For having a renewed sense of enjoyment for reading. He is reading well with adults in school and enjoying the different genres he has read! It is great to see. Keep it up Dexter!	Jeremy I remember when it was almost impossible to get this child to sit and read but now it's difficult to get him to stop! A fantastic attitude and a joy to watch the enjoyment that he gets from reading. Well done Jeremy.	Sam and Owen For their awesome dramatic performance of a letter from our class book. They took their time to learn all the words and really thought about how to portray the character. Great video, well done, Sam and Owen.

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