

**Message from Mr. Martinson**

The assembly theme from Monday was about World Smile Day. We decided that this would be a smiling week. We looked at the Mona Lisa by Leonardo Da Vinci, (NOT Dicaprio as I mistakenly said in assembly) and discussed whether we thought she was smiling or not. We spoke about how smiling is infectious and that it is a good way of spreading happiness around the school. Have your children managed it this week?

Attendance

As we are in school with less restrictions, we are monitoring attendance very closely. I am pleased to say that on Wednesday we only had seven children off in the entire school! The other days weren't as good but if we could have every day like Wednesday then it would be amazing!

Head Boy and Girl

I managed to make two children smile. Year 6 were invited to write to me and explain why they would make excellent School Ambassadors. Two of these letters were so good, I decided to make them Head Boy and Head Girl. Head Boy is Charlie Yeoman and Head Girl is Elvina Thompson. They will both help me interview and choose School Ambassadors.

We gave the children in the Reception classes an option of exploring outside of their play area this week. This was supervised by some sensible year 6 children. The rule was, they could leave their area but the older children weren't allowed in, giving them sanctuary if they needed it. It was great to see some of them choose to explore the grounds.

You may have heard staff talk about OPAL. This stands for Outdoor Play and Learning. We are keen to recreate for the whole school, the wonderful and imaginative play that the children in the early years enjoy. We will be introducing more and more equipment over the following weeks and only have two rules;

Keep Yourself Safe

Keep Others Safe

The children are free to play and create new ways of playing with equipment in imaginative ways. This week

we have introduced plastic crates and cable reels. It has been marvelous watching the children rolling and stepping on the reels, pulling each other along or stacking and climbing the crates, giving them an alternative to football.

New Parent Tours

I have had the pleasure of showing parents around for the September 22 intake. I am doing more of these tours on Friday 15th October at 9:15 and 2pm. It has been great to see the school in action and parents have been pleased with the working atmosphere and seeing the practical lessons that we do here at William Read.



One such lesson that we stumbled upon

was in year 4. We walked into 4P and the smell hit us. They were using the chemical reaction of Bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to inflate balloons, or as I was told 'hearts'!

Harvest

As you are aware, I posted an invite to our Harvest celebrations as St Nic's church. Here's the letter.

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The celebrations will take place on Tuesday 12th October in two parts. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 will start at 9:30 and Years 3 to 6 will start at 2pm. All are welcome.

Mathletics

Our award winners for last week are:

Bronze - Jimmy-Lee Glover, Alana Lavery, William Lowe, Isabella Reed and Charlotte Watts

Silver - William Lowe



Headteacher Awards

Our award winners this week are:

1/2DF	Theo Randall
1/2K	Ryder Jones
3R	Sydney Blake
3T	Jessica Coltman
4P	Kelsie Harris
4R	Harry Pickett
5B	Taylor Bowman
5C	Whole Class
6FR	Tobias Gamble
6PR	Bailey Tratt



Our Dojo Champions this week are:

Nursery	Nova Herbert
RCP	Harry Milner and Sophie Gainey
RR	Sophia Hollaway
1/2DF	Millie Johnson
1/2K	Spenser Monk
3R	Jamie Brodie
3T	Lenny Chatterton
4P	Millie-Anne Butler
5B	Mia Murphin
5C	Bobby Lavery
6FR	Rose Hart
6PR	Hayley Snazel



The following children have achieved these certificates this week.

Bronze Certificate - Jayden Howe 1/2DF, Ellie-Harper Martin 1/2K, Millie Milner 1/2K, Spenser Monk 1/2K, Gio Awidikian 3T, Lenny Chatterton 3T, Marlie-Rose Wright 3T, Lacey-Mai Sinclair 4R and Bobby-Lee Anderson 6PR.

Silver Certificate - Nieve Pollard 3R

The table below shows our top readers so far this year:

Eligiusz Szczepanek	4R	207,465
Lara Garrett	6FR	153,782
Toby Amey	5B	26,488
Claudia Vaux-Jackson	6FR	125,301
Ava Nicholls-Cain	6FR	93,619
Phoebe Huggins	5B	78,674
Jack McGrath	6PR	71,148
Tyler Leonard	6PR	59,186
Kieran Biffen	6FR	50,592

AR HOME CONNECT

All children in years 1-6 have brought a letter home with information for you to log on to AR Home Connect. By logging on to the website you will be able to access your child's AR account, allowing you to see what quizzes have been taken, their score and how close they are to their target etc. You will also be able to set up an email notification for every time your child quizzes and their results.

Reading is a very important life skill. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible.

Absences

We still have a number of children that are not attending school for minor ailments including stomach aches and headaches. Your child/children do not have to be absent from school for these reasons. Parents/carers are able to come to the school office to administer medicines ie. Calpol, during the school day. Please note attendance is regularly monitored.

Parentpay

We still have 31% of our parents/carers that have not activated their accounts. Please log in with the username and password that was sent home with your child/ren at the beginning of the academic year. Breakfast, dinners and Epic club along with any future school trips etc, will need to be paid on Parentpay to encourage a 'cashless' school. Thank you.



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Secondary School Admissions

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Friday 10th September 2021, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2022.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2021. Applications can be made online via

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>
