



William Penn Newsletter 7th June 2019

Open Day

This term's Open Day will take place on Tuesday 11th June. You are warmly invited to join us in school at a time of your choice and for as long or short a time as is convenient to you. We would just ask you to be mindful that the teachers will be teaching and unable to discuss your child's progress with you on this day. If you find that a lot of parents are in one class, it would be appreciated if you could spread your attendance out so that the children can carry on with their learning with minimal disruption. Having said this, we are thoroughly looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on the 11th. Please enter the school via the front office and ensure that the gate is closed when entering or leaving the site. If you have time, we would welcome your comments in our Visitors' Book which is available in the office.

Twitter

Our William Penn Twitter account is now live. Please do follow us.

Week By Week Overviews and Topic Webs on the Website

This term's week by week overview sheets and topic webs are now available on the school website. These sheets will give you a much better idea about what is happening in your child's class on any given week. They are working documents and subject to change but will help you to support your child's learning. The documents can be found under the Teaching and Learning tab.



Andrew Murphy

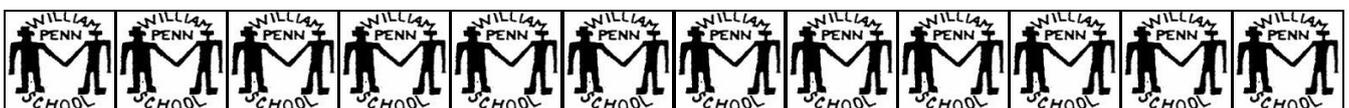
Visit from Andrew Murphy, professor of Political Science, to William Penn School,
By Seraphina and Phoebe, Year 5

Andrew Murphy (a teacher at Rutgers University in America) came to William Penn Primary School to talk about William Penn, the Quaker, on 3rd May 2019. Although Mr Murphy is a teacher, he is also a world expert on William Penn. Mr Murphy started writing a book about William Penn's life in 2009 and finished it this year. First, he took an assembly to discuss the Quakers travels. He then paid JBB (Year 5 and 6) a visit and answered every question about William Penn and his era. They were astonished by the amount he knew about him.

"We asked so many questions, but he could answer them all," stated Stella, a 5 pupil. The children found it really interesting, with all the information they learnt.

Summer Cream Tea

Please remember that the Summer Cream Tea is on Saturday June 15th from 1pm-4pm. Please remember that Friday June 14th is a non-uniform day for which we would gladly receive cakes (no nuts please) and plants. In addition, we will be collecting jam jars filled with wrapped sweets all week. Should any parents wish





to help in the running of a stall on the day, for as much or as little time as available, please contact the School Office.

Whole School Poetry Competition

On Wednesday 17th July, we will be holding a whole school poetry competition at William Penn. This is a really popular event. It allows the children to showcase their performance skills, whilst entertaining the pupils and staff across both key stages. To prepare for this, I would like all children over the half term to find a poem they would be interested in learning, ready to take part at the end of the term. This could be an old classic or a newer poem. There will be winners from both Key Stages. Their performances will be recorded in front of the green screen, then uploaded onto the school website.

This is not only a great opportunity for children to experience a range of poetry but it also allows them to focus on their performance; practising pitch, voice inflection and volume control. Try these free resources online to find the perfect poem:

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/learn/children>

<https://www.poetry4kids.com/>

Please ask if you have any questions,
Mrs Constable

Music Festival Tickets on Sale (Reminder)

Tickets are on sale for 'Make Your Own Kind of Music' at The Hawth on June 17th 2019, with 46% already sold so please don't delay booking your The Music Festival is an extremely enjoyable performance of popular music made special through the collaboration of the majority of children from locality schools. This event is self-funding and it's future is dependent on parental support in terms of ticket sales.



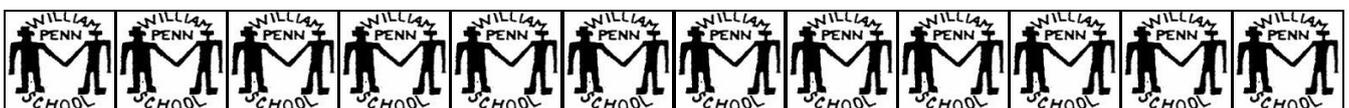
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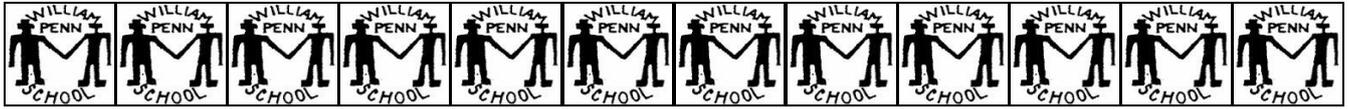
All tickets are available only through the Hawth Theatre Box Office and the following link gives information on purchasing options:

<https://www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/The-Hawth/Show/b80d82d5-aa6b-e911-a991-e4b78015cdca/make-your-own-kind-of-music>

Less CO2

We have recently completed a program called Less CO2 with the aim of reducing the school's carbon footprint and saving money and resources. Mrs Cort has been working with the pupils to put various measures in place in school and pass on valuable life skills to the pupils.





NSPCC

Dear Parent/Carer,

As your child may have told you, the NSPCC visited our school this week and delivered their **Speak out. Stay safe.** assembly to share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries.

It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country, and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone.

You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/parents



Safeguarding Update – NSPCC (see above) and Road Safety

In addition to the above information about our NSPCC visit, we would like to remind parents to be vigilant when dropping off and picking up children. We have received a report regarding a child who was accompanying his mother to collect a William Penn pupil, who was bruised when a parent did a three point turn in the road, thus overhanging the pavement. **Please be reminded that children may not be visible from a reversing car and that three point turns in the road are thus potentially very dangerous at pick up and drop off times. We would also ask that parents do not drop children or turn in the entrance to the school as this is also potentially dangerous. Many thanks for your cooperation.**

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Ethan D-A for achieving his 25 metre swimming badge.

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

