

William Penn Newsletter 6th March 2018

Staff News

We are very pleased to announce that we have successfully recruited for the teaching assistant position which will arise as Mrs Carver retires at Easter. We were fortunate in having a field of capable candidates and Miss Wendy Lipscombe will be taking up the position. We are looking forward to working with Miss Lipscombe in the role of teaching assistant.

Open Day – Wednesday 7th March Reminder

This term's Open Day, an informal opportunity for parents/friends and visitors to visit the school, will take place on Wednesday 7th March. 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 7th. 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.

School Council: Rights Respecting Schools Award update

We recently received our 'Recognition of Commitment: Bronze' certificate of the Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA) and are now on our journey to achieve the Level 1 'Silver: Rights Aware' stage. The RRSA Committee is led by Mrs Peters and School Council. The purpose of our committee is to raise awareness of the rights of the child. We aim to make pupils more aware of the UN Conventions on the Rights of the Child and all its articles. There are 54 in total. 42 of the articles are for children, the rest are for adults to understand these rights and what their part is in making sure children around the world receive these rights.

As part of our work on becoming a Rights Respecting School we want to ensure that the articles from the 'Convention of the Rights of the Child' are beginning to become embedded in school life. Over the next few months we will continue to keep you updated with what is going on around the school to ensure all children are aware of their rights. We have included a child friendly version of the UN Convention rights for your information. School Council will introduce a different right every fortnight in assembly and children will have time to reflect and discuss the rights.

Fox class would like to share with you their learning from PSHE. They have currently been learning about Friendship and have had time to reflect and discuss article 15, whilst making friendship bracelets. Stanley B (Yr1) and Eden R (Yr2) would like to share their friendship recipe.



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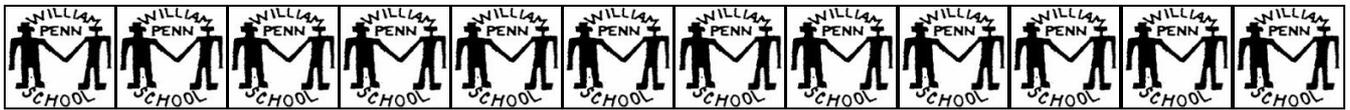
Article 15

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

Friendship Recipe

1. A cookie jar of hugs.
2. A sprinkle of happiness.
3. 100g of laughter.
4. A handful of kindness.
5. 50g of smiles.
6. 2 heaped tablespoons of cheerfulness.





Method

Mix all these together to make the perfect friend ☺

World Book Day 1st March 2018

World Book Day 2018 was celebrated in style at William Penn School! From Gangsta Granny to the Very Hungry Caterpillar, the school had it all! The children had a chance to share their own favourite books and show off their splendid costumes. Book tokens were also awarded to the best fancy dress costumes from both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, with Dylan and Stella taking home first place awards.



Sport Relief – A message from the school Council

We are writing to let you know we are going to have a 'Sport Relief' day on Tuesday 20th March, to raise money for Comic Relief projects in the UK and around the world. We would like everyone to wear something sporty (as sporty as you like) and in return to give a donation. This year the Sports Captains would also like to hold mini multi-skills activities at lunch time.

Thank you for helping us.

The Sports Captains:

Leo M, Toby L, Iris R, Elizabeth F



Safeguarding Update

Our pupils are learning more about the UN Rights of the Child as mentioned above. Please take another opportunity to have a look at these as many refer to the principles behind our systems for keeping children safe.



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Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Lucas Granby who has passed his Level One grading and Dylan Fernandes who has passed his orange belt – both in Kung Fu.

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

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