



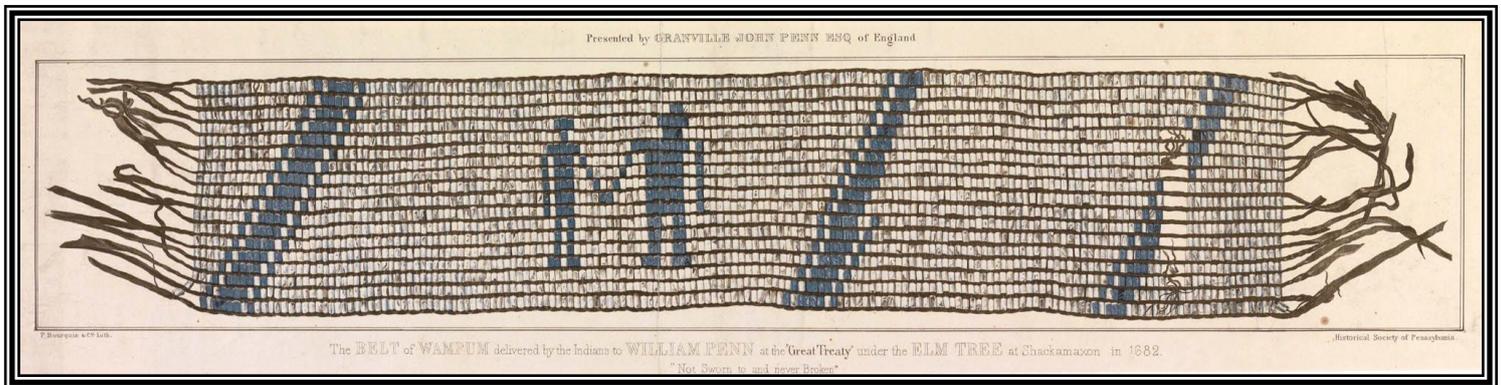
William Penn Newsletter 10th January 2020

Where did our school emblem come from?

Some of you may have wondered where the school emblem originated. It dates back to the time of William Penn himself.

William Penn was granted complete ownership of land in North America which we now know as Pennsylvania. However, as a man of integrity, he believed it necessary to purchase the land from its original inhabitants. Both in person and through agents, Penn made a series of treaties with the Native Americans, forbidding European settlement on any land until its ownership was secured from the Indians.

Tradition has it the the two figures on the school logo are William Penn and a Native American meeting to exchange gifts of peace. The figures are depicted on a Wampum Belt which is made from small shells and used as currency.

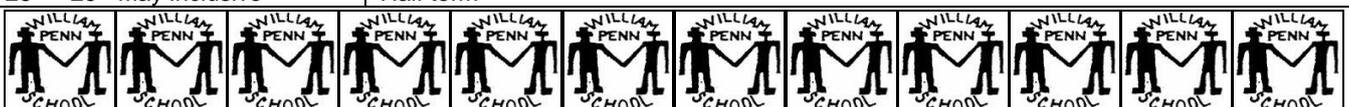


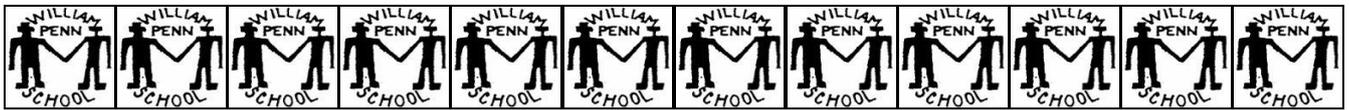
Dropping off children in the morning to Cadbury Class

Our Reception children have settled in to school very quickly this year and are growing in independence every day. As part of this process, we feel that they are ready to be dropped at the gate to the Key Stage One area in the mornings rather than being brought in to the classroom – just like children in Years 1 and 2. Please support us in helping your child to grow in independence. We will be around to help them pick up the routines with coats and bags etc. Thank you

Dates for 2020

January 2020	
6 th	Spring Term commences
22 nd	Open Day for parents to visit school
February 2020	
14 th	INSET – school closed to pupils
17 th – 21 st inclusive	Half term
March 2020	
31 st and 2 nd	Parent Consultation Evenings 3.15pm-6pm
April 2020	
31 st and 2 nd	Parent Consultation Evenings 3.15pm-6pm
3 rd	Last day of Spring Term and Parents' Assembly 2.15pm
20 th	Summer Term commences
May 2020	
8 th	Bank Holiday
w/o 11 th	Test Week for Years 5&6
22 nd	May Day Celebration 1.30pm
25 th – 29 th May inclusive	Half term





June 2020	
5 th	May Day Celebration Rain Off 1.30pm
10 th	Open Day for parents to visit school
10 th	Welcome Meeting for new parents 7pm
11 th (pm) and 16 th (am)	New intake taster sessions and school transition times
22 nd	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
26 th	Parents' Assembly at 2.15pm
July 2020	
3 rd	Sports Day 1.30pm
10 th	Sports Day Rain Off 1.30pm
13 th	Annual Pupil Reports to Parents
w/o 13 th July	Bikeability
15 th	Parent Consultation Evening 3.15pm-6pm
TBC	Years 6 Visit to the Blue Idol
17 th	William Penn End of Year Leavers' Assembly – last day of term for pupils
20 th	INSET – school closed to pupils

Lions Poster for Peace Competition – ‘A World of Peace’

The Billingshurst Lions want you to design a poster promoting peace in the world. The theme is ‘A World of Peace’. The best poster in each class will win a £10 token to be spent in WH Smith, plus a certificate. The runner-up in each class will get a certificate, too. The best poster from each class will also be sent to the South East Headquarters of the Lions Clubs, where it will be entered for another competition. The prizes will be:

- 1st - a £30 art voucher + £100 for the School
- 2nd - a £25 art voucher + £50 for the School
- 3rd - a £20 art voucher + £50 for the School



Rules:

The theme is ‘Kindness Matters’. Art work must be no larger than A3 and no smaller than A4. The name, class, year group and school of the child must be written on the back of the poster.

Artwork should be done on flexible material, so that it can be rolled for posting: Don't fold it! Do not laminate artwork; however, fixative spray may be used.

Artwork must be original and the effort of just one child. Children entering the competition must be aged 8 to 10 years old on 31 August 2020 (ie currently in Years 3, 4 & 5).

The deadline for entries is Thursday the 12th of March 2020: The Lions will collect all entries from the School on Friday 13th of March.

Safeguarding Update – Start of Term Reminders

Please be reminded that in the interest of pupil safety, we would ask parents not to turn at the entrance to the school gates and that dropping off children/picking up children there is only by arrangement with the school. We would also ask that parents of pupils in Fry and JBB do not go to the classrooms without making an arrangement at the school office. Children dropping children to Cadbury and Fox should do so at the external classroom doors only. Thank you

Pupil Achievements

Congratulations to Dylan F who has recently received a football man of the match trophy.

In addition, he has passed a Kung Fu grading receiving a further black stripe. Lucas G has also been a man of the match and has passed his first stripe on his black belt in Kung Fu. Isabelle C has been awarded most improved swimmer whilst taking lessons at Billingshurst Leisure Centre.

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

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