

William Penn Newsletter 25th January 2019

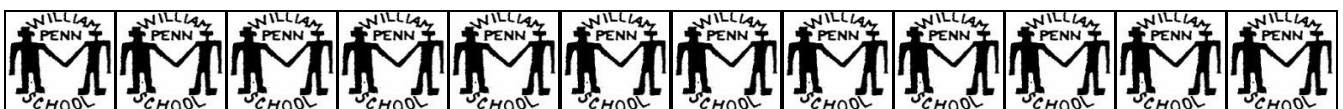
Peaceful Schools Award

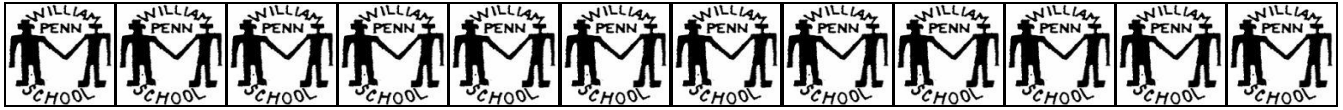
We are very proud to have been recognised with a Peaceful Schools Project award for our work on introducing Restorative Practice to enhance the effectiveness of our behaviour management in school. Currently, our pupils are writing a guide for parents and visitors to give additional information as to how this looks in school and how it works! Anna Lubelska, the founder of the Peaceful Schools Movements heard about our work through Vanessa Young, one of our Quaker Foundation Governors who was instrumental in bringing the project to William Penn with the support of the Blue Idol Friends' Meeting. Anna has included some information on the Peaceful Schools website which you can see via this link: www.peacefulschools.org.uk Anna will be back to visit on our next Parents' Assembly date which is April 5th, when the children will be illustrating how Restorative Practice works at William Penn.



Fry Egyptian Museum Visit

Ancient Egyptian Day in Fry Class
Sebby (Year 3), Eden (Year 3), Elizabeth (Year 4) and Imogen (Year 4) write:
On the 22nd of January, Fry Class in William Penn Primary School had an Ancient Egyptian day. They got to meet very knowledgeable people called Petra and Lucy from Horsham Museum as well as create tomb art with Mr and Mrs Bellas. In the morning, Mr Bellas taught the children how to do carbon printing of beetles. The Egyptians believed that beetles were a sign of new life in Ancient Egypt. After break, Petra and Lucy came to show the children a range of amazing artefacts but first Fry had to figure out what their names were as they were in hieroglyphics. In the afternoon, the children had to mummify a dead princess as they didn't want her to rot. Each child had a go at taking part. (This is pretend).





For the last session, Mrs Bellas showed the children how to create mummies using masking tape and charcoal pencils to make it look old.

Josh, Year 3, explained, "I learnt more about the ancient Egyptians than I ever knew before and I now know how the Egyptians took care of their bodies."

For Florence, Year 3, the whole day was absolutely fabulous. "I loved it as I learnt so much. It's a day I will never forget."

Email Contacts

We believe that all our parents with email access are now able to receive electronic communication. However, if this is not the case – either regarding your own access or someone you know – please contact Mrs Stephenson so that she can liaise with the provider to reach a resolution for you.

School Uniform – Message from Mrs Cort

I have run the sales of the school second hand uniform sales since 2012 and as my son Adam is in Year 6, I am keen to find a new parent or grandparent who would like to take over the management and sales - ideally a Cadbury or Fox parent. There are two big plastic boxes of uniform, the majority being suitable for Cadbury and Fox pupils. Please contact me cort@sussexgreenliving.co.uk or 07768 212833 if you can help.

The Giving Machine

Please be reminded that if you shop through the Giving Machine funds are raised for William Penn School. It costs you no more and generates cash donations for the school.

Simply go to http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/go_shopping.php and choose from any one of the 741 shops. Please ask at the school office if you need further information.

Late Attendance at School

We would like to thank parents for ensuring that their children are in school on time as this has been proven to add significant impact to learning for your children. If, for any reason, there comes a time when punctuality becomes a problem, could you please discuss with

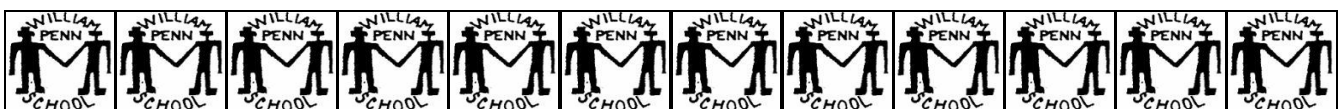
Staff News

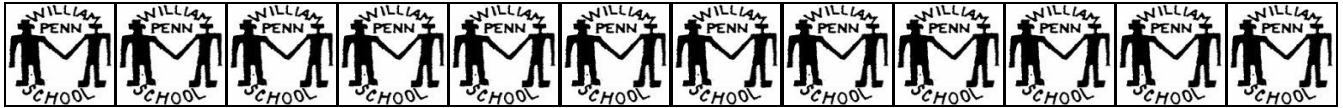
This week and next week, we say goodbye to Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Carver. We would like to thank them both for their work at William Penn and in Mrs Carver's case for temporarily coming out of retirement! We are currently advertising for a teaching assistant position to cover the total of the hours available and this can be found on the West Sussex County Council Website via the following link:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs/>

Topic Webs and Week by Week Planners on 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.





Safeguarding Update – Keeping Children Safe Online and How You Can Help

Alison Strange works for e-safe, an organisation that we use at William Penn to protect learners from risks to safety. She is coming into William Penn to run workshops for Key Stage 2 on Thursday 28th February in the afternoon and will then be running a parent work shop in the afternoon that will cover the following:

- How we all use the internet and how it has transformed our lives
- Awareness of apps which are currently causing concern (understanding the risks)
- Online gaming (content and contact) and PEGI ratings
- Being share aware (sexting and the sharing of images online).
- Things you should NEVER share online
- Looking after your digital footprint
- Ways to protect your child through both restriction (ie blocking) and education (ie talking) and how to help them develop their digital resilience
- How you can report a problem and get support if you need it (through the DSL at school or third parties such as CEOP)
- Q&A

Pupil Achievements

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

