



This half term we are focussing on: Responsibility

William Ransom Weekly

Good Morning Parents and Carers,

It has been another action-packed week at the school this week with a [Year 3 Synagogue Trip](#) (which you can read more about by clicking on the blue text) and the Year 5 K'nex Challenge starting the week off. The latter ended with some fantastic working models being created, as our engineers of tomorrow had the opportunity to put their skills to the test! Tuesday was all about the [House Pancake Race](#) (which you can read more about by clicking on the blue text) with lots of fun and excitement for all involved and for everyone watching!

This was followed by a terrific assembly from Willow Class on Wednesday, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in the audience and, more importantly, by everyone in Willow Class!

Thursday then saw World Book Day taking place with a sea of costumes and colour right across the school! The day finished with family members from all year groups coming in to share a book with their child in their child's classroom, putting across the message that reading books and sharing books together is something that is valued in school and at home. It also highlights just how much we value reading in our school and how, in this age of digital technology, it has never been more important to find five minutes each day to enjoy a book with your child. You can read more about [World Book Day in Hazel Class](#) by clicking on the blue text. Thank you to everyone who came in and to the efforts that you all went to in putting together your child's outfit for this year's World Book Day. I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Sunday.

Mr Plunkett

Sky Arts Competition

Does your child love superheroes? Do they love the arts? If so we need their help! Sky Arts are running a competition to win an exclusive masterclass with legendary Marvel artist, Will Sliney! We need children to create their own superhero with special artistic powers. Maybe your superhero can freeze time with a camera or put villains to sleep with music? We'll be sending home information on Monday and ask that all entries be returned to your child's class teacher as soon as completed or by latest Friday 28th March. All returned art work will be entered into the competition. We can't wait to see some brilliant, creative designs.



Coming Up...

Wednesday

- 9:15am Maple Class Assembly
- 10am - Science Week Assembly - Parents Coming in to discuss Science Careers

Thursday

- County Dance Show
- Yr 4 Trip to Science Museum

Musicians Needed For assemblies

If your child is learning to play a musical instrument, and would like to showcase their talent for the rest of KS2 as they come into our Thursday morning assembly, we would really like to hear from them.

Please ask them to speak to their class teacher, Mr Plunkett directly, or you can make contact with the school office.



Times Tables Rockstars Club

TTRS (Times Tables Rockstars) is a great resource that it is used in school and at home to support our children's continued development and recall of multiplication facts.

Years 4-6 have further access to this resource during school time this year through the use of our new Chromebooks and we are now in the process of further developing our break time provision, and utilising our new Chromebooks, by introducing a TTRS club. This has initially been aimed at specific children in Year 4 and some parents will already have received further information on this.

However, we are aware that some children in Year 4 might not be able to access this resource as fully as possible at home due to not having a suitable device and we encourage anyone in this situation to make contact with the School Office (admin@wransom.herts.sch.uk) or with me directly so that they can be included as well. Thank you!

Mrs Wheat



Why is signing the SFC pact so important?

By signing the Smartphone Free Childhood pact, parents/carers are mutually helping other like-minded families to know that their child will not be the 'odd one out' if they delay giving them a smartphone until they are older.

On Tuesday, Year 6 children found out which secondary school they will be attending from September. The pact relating to a specific school can be signed as soon as places have been confirmed. Families who do not want their child to have a smartphone until they're older are encouraged to sign the pact relating to their child's allocated secondary school asap to help spread that important sense of solidarity.

If you are in support, pacts relating to all Hitchin schools can be found at:

<https://bit.ly/sfcpact>



Comedy Night - a night to remember!

Over 120 people were treated to a fantastically fun night on Friday at the school's first Comedy Night. BBC comedy writer (and Y3 Dad) Adrian Poynton hosted the evening, opening the event and keeping the laughter flowing between the three brilliant acts. Wendy Wason was first out, followed by Howard Read and his daughter Mabel (a new and rising star on the comedy scene) with Steve Hall closing the night. A huge thank you to everyone involved, including the comedians - who all performed for free, the volunteers who organised and ran the event, and every single person who came along to join in with the laughter. The event has been a fantastic fundraiser (total tbc soon!) that will benefit all the children in school as well as being a hugely enjoyable night out for many members of the school community. Events like this are run by the SPA committee - a small group of parents who volunteer alongside their busy day jobs and family lives. Sadly, a few committee members - including the chair and secretary - will be leaving at the end of this academic year. New committee members (in particular a new chair and secretary!) are desperately needed in order to continue raising as much for the school as we have in recent years. To find out more, please speak to any member of the SPA committee or email williamransomspa@gmail.com



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