



Wilden VA Primary School



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The mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.

Matthew: 13, v 32

Dates for your Diary 2020

February

Monday 17th - Fri 21st HALF TERM

Monday 24th - Parents Evening

April

Monday 6th - Fri 17th April **Easter Holidays**

Monday 20th Staff Training Day

Golden Notebook Nominations

Week ending 7th February

Jackson, Laurence, George, Amirah,
 Leigh, James, David, Zak, all the
 Squirrel girls and all the Muntjacs!



Value Nominations

Oliver

Well done to everyone

Message from Mrs Hutchinson

I cannot believe we only have one week left before half-term - time has flown! Again, it has been another busy week. Thank you to Mrs Byrne who organised two afternoons of PE activities led by Mr Blunt. Squirrels enjoyed team games and Otters and Muntjacs took part in an archery competition and then used their maths skills to add up the scores and generate graphs.

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and in collective worship, I spoke to the children about finding their 'brave'. I was so impressed with their answers about what bravery means, examples of bravery and the links made with courage and resilience. The children also spoke about being brave by taking a test.

It has also been assessment week in the main school; I am really pleased with the way the children have applied themselves. By now, you should have received the details about parents' evening on Monday 24th February; please make an appointment as outlined in the letter. We look forward to meeting with you on that evening and updating you on your child's progress.

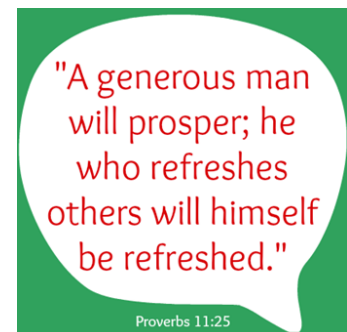
Next Friday - 14th February, parents and carers and children are invited to St. Valentine's Family Breakfast which will take place in the school hall from 8.00 until 8.40am. We will serve a continental breakfast; the cost will be £3 per family. Please reply using the slip on the next page.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Hutchinson

Weekly Attendance

<i>Hedgehog Class:</i>	100%
<i>Squirrel Class:</i>	96.03%
<i>Otter Class:</i>	96.91%
<i>Muntjac Class:</i>	95.06%
<i>Our overall attendance for this week:</i>	96.69%

Our value of the month is **Generosity**



Squirrel Class Blog:

This week Mr Blunt came in to school to help practise target throwing. It was really fun. We did skittles, chuck it in the bucket, bean bag slide and hoopla. We had to use our maths skills to add up all our scores! On Wednesday we chose library books from the school library. Mrs Briscoe has arranged the books really well and we all enjoyed choosing reading and books and books from the

non fiction section. We have used the learning from last week's planetarium to write about the different planets in our solar system.



A huge thank you to Mr Blunt who came in to school this week and provided target practice for KS1 and archery for KS2. Well done to George, James and David for their high scores in Archery.



Friends of Wilden

This half term the Friends are already busy planning the next set of fund raising events to raise money for new reading resources, intervention resources and the entrance stained glass window. Kicking off with what will hopefully be a half termly event, the Friday Film afternoon has already raised £48 towards our goals. Watch this space for other events coming soon! All ideas and help very welcome - please email wildenpta@outlook.com to join in!

Did you know?

- 1) One million Earths could fit inside the sun - and the sun is considered an average-size star.
- 2) For years it was believed that Earth was the only planet in our solar system with liquid water. More recently, NASA revealed its strongest evidence yet that there is intermittent running water on Mars, too!
- 3) Comets are leftovers from the creation of our solar system about 4.5 billion years ago - they consist of sand, ice and carbon dioxide.
- 4) You wouldn't be able to walk on Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus or Neptune because they have no solid surface!
- 5) If you could fly a plane to Pluto, the trip would take more than 800 years!
- 6) Space junk is any human-made object orbiting Earth that no longer serves a useful purpose. Scientists estimate there are about 500,000 pieces of space junk today, including fragments from rockets and satellites, and everyday items like spanners dropped during construction of the International Space Station!
- 7) An asteroid about the size of a car enters Earth's atmosphere roughly once a year - but it burns up before it reaches us. Phew!
- 8) The highest mountain known to man is on an asteroid called Vesta. Measuring a whopping 22km in height, it is three times as tall as Mount Everest!
- 9) There are more stars in the universe than grains of sand on all the beaches on Earth. That's at least a billion trillion!
- 10) The sunset on Mars appears blue.

..... would like to come to the St. Valentine's Family Breakfast on Friday 14th February from 8am - 8:40. We enclose payment of £3.

