

The William Ransom Orbit



We are finally reaching the end of, what I am sure has been, the longest school year ever. When we returned to school last September we were hopeful that things would start to return to normal but it wasn't to be and now, after yet another national lockdown, we have managed to get close to the end of the school year!

If we start to look ahead towards the next school year, there is going to be one very important person missing! Mrs Light! After 24 years of working at William Ransom, Mrs Light has decided that it is time for her to retire so that she can spend more time with her children and her grandsons! Over her time with us, Mrs Light has taught over 850 children and is now teaching some of the children of the children she taught! She has given so many of you a fantastic start to your education. Think back to all those wonderful creations you made with her in reception! For many years she organised all the school sport and she organised our entry for the County Dance Festival and made most of the costumes. She will be greatly missed by all of us at William Ransom but we hope she will come back and visit us and come and do some volunteering.

We have tried to have as normal an end to the school year as possible.

All of you have experienced some kind of activity day with either

Rising Stars or Go Ape! You have been on lots

of exciting school trips, we had some different sports events and we have put on a summer show. We won't let Coronavirus stop us from doing anything!

Have a lovely summer break! Make the most of any good weather we get and return to school raring to go!

Mrs Driver

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Summer is Here!

Welcome to the summer edition of The William Ransom Orbit. With coronavirus restrictions affecting many clubs this year, we're lucky to have been able to produce another issue of the Orbit with our budding journalists from the Year 5 and 6 bubble. We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the Orbit and we hope you all enjoy a fun summer holiday.

The Orbit Team

Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Thorn



Spotlight on ● ● ●

Mrs Bassindale

By Isobel and Sunaina

Mrs Bassindale, a teacher here at William Ransom, lives near the school.

She has two boys called Richard and Alex, two black cats and an additional seven goldfish! Her two cats go by the names Magic and Merlin. At home, she enjoys going on walks, reading and even taking part in Zumba classes. Her favourite books to read are the Harry Potter series, which – in my opinion – are an excellent collection of books to read.

As you all know, Mrs Bassindale is a teacher here at William Ransom so we asked her what her favourite subject to teach was and she responded with - English! In the past she has also done an after school Spanish club which I personally have taken part in.

During the interview, we further found that she also speaks French, Portuguese, Latin and even Greek! On the topic of school, we also inquired where she would work if she had to work anywhere other than a school. She replied that if she had to, she would work at a theme park so that she could go on all the rides for free. All in all, Mrs Bassindale is a fantastic teacher here at William Ransom and is great at many things outside of school too!



His Royal Highness Prince Philip

1921 - 2021



Prince Philip was born in Corfu, Greece on the 10th June 1921, but left when he was 18 months old. His family was forced into exile and they settled in France. Prince Philip served with the Royal Navy in the Second World War.

On February 28, 1947, Philip became a British subject, renouncing his right to the Greek and Danish thrones and taking his mother's surname, Mountbatten. (His father's family name had been Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg.)

His marriage to his distant cousin Princess Elizabeth took place in Westminster Abbey on November 20, 1947. Philip had four children with Elizabeth: Charles, Prince of Wales; Anne, Princess Royal; Prince Andrew, Duke of York; and Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex.

Elizabeth became Queen in 1952 so she needed Prince Philip more than ever. He provided support to the Queen for more than 70 years.

One of the most important things Prince Philip will be remembered for is the Duke of Edinburgh award, a scheme



he set up for young people in 1956. More than 140 countries run the Duke of Edinburgh award and millions of young people take part.

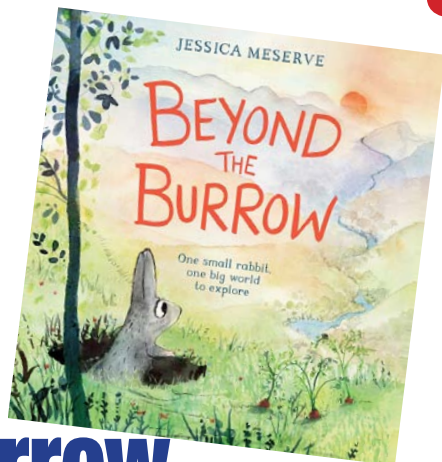
He will be greatly remembered and he contributed greatly to British history.



Reading

The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss



Beyond The Burrow

Recently, a prolific author, Jessica Meserve, who has written an adventurous book called 'Beyond the Burrow', visited William Ransom School.

By Jessica Meserve

Beyond the Burrow is a story about a rabbit who is very fond of carrots. One day, in search of a juicy vegetable, he stumbles down an unwelcoming, dark and deep hole where he meets someone who he thinks is a monster!

In November last year, Jessica Meserve came to school and gave us a project to finish. She gave us some tips to help us if we were stuck. We read one of her unlikely friendship story's called What Clara saw and it gave us inspiration for our stories.

Our project was to write and illustrate a book for our Reception year buddies. Most importantly, the story has to be about unlikely friendships. Year 5 and 6 created some excellent books for their fellow buddies in reception.

The children really enjoyed reading the books and they all wrote thank you letters to their Year 6 buddies.



*A proud Year 6, author
of his own book.*



Rocks!

By Raghav and Joseph



One of the Thank you messages from the Reception children.

At the beginning of this term, Jessica also visited all the other years to talk about her new book. Then, they made some impressive and cute bunny penholders. They thoroughly enjoyed having a real author at their school.

The Boy who sailed the ocean in an armchair by Lara Williamson

This book is an incredible read. At times it is very emotional and at times it makes you want to cry with laughter.

This stunning story is all about two boys – Billy and Becket – one thousand origami cranes, and their trusty pet snail called Brian

on a mission to find their almost-mum Pearl.

This is an extraordinary tale of friendship, comedy and happiness. It leaves you wondering what is real and what is fantasy.

By Isobel

Recommended Reads



Category:
Adventure
Suitable for
any age



The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle has brilliant illustrations and is all about a tiny seed who travels through the air around parts of the world with some bigger seeds. His friends fall down one by one. Will he be next?

Eric Carle is also the author of the famous book The Very Hungry Caterpillar and has written other thrilling children books such as: The Lonely Firefly, The Grouchy Ladybug and more...

By Sunaina

Category: Fantasy
adventure 7+



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Local News

Captain Tom Skip-a-thon

On Friday 13th April the school held a Sponsored Skip. Each class had a different time.

Everyone had to do as many skips with a skipping rope as possible to earn money for charity. You had to try and do 100 or more skips. We had to get sponsors before we started who would give us money to hand in to the school. The money was raised for Captain Tom who earnt over 30 million pounds himself. We raised over £3300 in total which is a lot of money! Thank you to all the sponsors who gave the children the money to hand in. **By Ellie**



Maths Challenge

A few year fives took part in a virtual maths challenge against other primary schools in Hertfordshire. There were two teams each with four members. The boys team: Raghav, Theo, Nikul and Orin and the girls team: Anna, Hridana, Ellie and Celia. The girl's team, came 7th out of 250 schools. They got through to the finals and came 4th. They felt very happy. **By Hridana**

Year 6 Bake Sale

Year 5 and 6 made cakes for a cake sale to raise money for the year sixes leavers hoodies. They sold cakes to the rest of the school. They raised enough money to buy all the hoodies and they looked amazing in them. **By Hridana**

KS2 Sports Day Thursday 24th June

This year Sports day was slightly different due to Covid rules. Parents were able to come and watch each year group race.

The children enjoyed the usual variety of races. KS2 race for their houses and this year Mars won! Congratulations to everyone who took part.



World News

By Raghav and Joseph

USA

It has now been over just over 1 year since the American black man George Floyd died. Last year, on the 25th May, George Floyd was pinned to the ground by an American police officer. After that, there has been a court case and Derek Chauvin (the one who killed him) has been found guilty.

Siberia

A microscopic multi-celled organism has returned to life after being frozen for 24,000 years in Siberia, according to new research. Scientists dug up the animal known as a bdelloid rotifer from the Alayeya River in the Russian Arctic. How cool is that?



Nigeria

TWITTER has been BANNED in Nigeria!!! The row started when Twitter deleted a tweet by Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari.

Many Nigerians have been continuing to tweet in defiance of government threats to arrest and prosecute anyone violating the ban it imposed on Twitter.

Israel / Gaza

The conflict started back in 1948 with the creation of the state of Israel.

Recently, a huge war has been raging between both countries but at the moment there is a ceasefire - which means that the war has officially ended for now.

Japan

This year, the Olympics are being held in Tokyo. Usually, the Olympics are hosted every four years but in 2020, when it was going to take place, it was postponed because of Covid-19 until 2021.



Earlier this term, all of the Year Twos went on a visit to Mountfitchet Castle.

Year 2 Visit



By Ellie
and
Hridana

Mountfitchet



Mountfitchet was formerly an iron age hill fort. It was a motte and bailey castle which means it was surrounded by a moat. It was used by the king in the 17th century. After the Second World war it lay in ruins until a man called Alan Goldsmith restored it to its former glory.



When the Year Twos went on their trip they saw a peacock, three goats and lots of other interesting animals. Then a goat ate Mrs Webb's piece of paper! They also went to the toy museum and saw ancient toys. There were some creepy clown toys according to some Year Two children. A few of them were brave enough to go on the hanging machine! Overall they enjoyed the trip very much.



Mrs Light's Retirement



By Raghav

Recently, the sad news of Mrs Light retiring has come. She has taught in this school for a whopping 24 years! Wow, that is a LONG time.

She has always taught the Reception class in William Ransom alongside teaching many other year groups sports. She ran Netball club and took children to lots of tournaments. She also ran Football, Lacrosse, Cricket and Athletics. She has taught all of us how to read, write, and all the subjects like English, Maths, and Phonics. Also, she used to teach us stuff in fun ways like space dress-ups. One of the most enjoyable things that we did was the Christmas Nativity. We all will surely miss her a lot and we wish her the best of times.

VR Experience

Last Friday, some of the William Ransom pupils were able to attend a breath-taking virtual trip into space. All of the children who participated appeared to thoroughly enjoy the session and would love to do it all over again! During the exciting experience, we travelled through space – planet by planet. As we visited each planet, we were given lots of information. The way we did it was that we were given red and white VR goggles to put over our eyes and in case you felt sick you could take out the phone screen and watch it.

Fun Space Facts

- Did you know that the sun takes up 99% of the solar system!
- One million earths can fit inside the sun!
- There are more trees on earth than stars in the milky way.

By Isobel



Let's Get Cooking

With Mrs Mills and Mrs Halliwell

Cooking Club takes place every Monday after school. So far it has proven to be very enjoyable and interactive for all of the children participating.

There are two groups; one makes a savoury dish and the other makes a sweet dish. During the session all the children carefully follow the list of instructions placed on the tables.

In addition to this, they also teach you some handy cooking techniques and safety tips. You will also be able to taste both of the delicious dishes and even take a portion along with the recipe of both dishes home with you.

Some examples of the dishes are; Apple triangles, lemon and raspberry muffins and Fajitas. Overall, cooking club is an exciting experience for all of its members. If you get a chance we would definitely recommend signing up!



Fruit smoothies



Paella



Learning how to prep food safely and hygienically



Last week, the whole of Year 6 went on the residential trip to Kingswood in West Runton, Norfolk.

Year 6 Trip



They did several activities such as: ab-sailing, leap of faith, zip line and even laser tag! All of the activities proved to be filled with excitement and fun. The day started at 7.30 in the morning and we did activities all the way until 9.00 at night! Although we were all very tired we still got a good night's sleep.

The food was also delicious (especially the hash browns!). They served us breakfast at 7.30, lunch at 12.50 and finally dinner at 6.00. All the meals were scrumptious and we couldn't get enough!

Overall, the trip was amazing and everyone would love to come back another time!



By Sunaina and Isobel



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