



The William Ransom **Orbit**



Every day in a primary school is different!

There is something about being a headteacher of a primary school; you never know what each day is going to bring!

As I write this piece we have a Quidditch Day in the hall and the sorting hat has been busy putting people into their houses to compete against each other for the golden snitch. Last week we had our pancake race which was the most fiercely competed race we have had for several years!

Over the next few weeks, we have World Book Day, which is always an exciting day, I can't wait to see what everyone comes dressed as! We have a group of dancers performing at The County Dance Festival. They have been rehearsing with Miss Brown and we can't wait to see them perform at the festival later in March. We have science week coming up where there will be some exciting assemblies and the whole school will get involved in a Lego workshop.

Looking ahead in my diary things don't seem to get any easier! We have Red Nose Day which will be a non-uniform day, helping us to raise funds for those less fortunate than us. We have our school music concert where we get a chance to hear how our instrumental lessons are progressing and I have a meeting with the education department at Disney where I am helping to write resources for school theatre trips. This may be useful for the forthcoming Y6 trip to see the Lion King and the Y5 & Y6 performance of The Lion King at the end of the school year!

As I said, 'Every day in a primary school is different' and today is no exception! Now, let me go and find a golden snitch!

Mrs Driver



Happy Easter to everyone at William Ransom



Happy Easter

Welcome to the Easter issue of the Orbit. We hope you enjoy reading it.

Congratulations to the winners of the Bobble Hat competition: Liliana, Miron, Poppy and Alice. We had so many amazing entries - what a creative school we are!

We wish you all a very Happy Easter!

The Orbit Team



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Spotlight on . . . **Mr Palmer**



Mr Palmer teaches year 2 and is enjoying his time at William Ransom so far.

In university and school, he liked drama, he also used to be a journalist but retrained to become a teacher.

He has two children called Sophie (3) and Emily (8 months).

His favourite colour is dark blue, and his favourite animal is... A PANDA! He likes it because it's cute and cuddly. His favourite food is pepperoni pizza, and his favourite drink is coffee.

His favourite season is summer because it is hot and sunny.

Arsenal is his favourite football team and will be in the top four of the Premier league even if they lose all of their next games.

By Harry and Nina



Journalism Close Up



Last term we were lucky enough to meet a BBC journalist called Mr Morris. We asked him some questions and he's told us all about what it's really like to be a journalist.

Whilst being a journalist he has had the chance to meet film stars and travelled to interesting places. He told us that to have an effective report it is good to have a reporter, producer and creative director.

He said that the most interesting people to interview were Prime ministers, David Beckham, Joan Collins and Robert Downey Junior!

It's not all about meeting famous people. His first article was for a radio station about a shortage of tea in Oxford!

There are different types of journalists including TV journalists, radio journalists and magazine journalists. Mr Morris studied drama,

film and TV at university and enjoyed making documentaries. He wanted to go into journalism because he wanted to tell people stories. He also explained that he had been working at the BBC News for 15 years.

We asked him whether some people were rude, and he answered yes when they were asked difficult questions. He did say, however, that when he met Boris Johnson, he was friendly.

Finally, his dream article would be to meet some veterans from World War 2 in France. It would be interesting to spend some time with them, hearing about their experiences.



Cool Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan is the home of one of our new staff members, Mrs Ozdemir. It was interesting to learn all about the country.

Kazakhstan is the biggest country in central Asia and the ninth largest country in the world. The capital city is Astana, and the current metro area population is 1,291,000!

British architect, Norman Foster, designed many buildings in Astana.

In winter it can be as cold as -45C and in summer it can be as hot as 45C

Some of their most famous foods are beshbarmak and boursak.

In winter, it is so cold people can ice skate at school. They can also ride their sledges to school. Kazakhstan has the highest skating rink in the world called Almaty Medey.

Mrs Ozdemir said the language is not too hard to learn, and some people speak Russian as well.

Kazakhstan is rich in mineral resources and produces lots of uranium, coal, oil and gas. They also own the tallest chimney power station in the world.



Beshbarmak - finely chopped boiled meat mixed with dough and chyk (an onion sauce)



Boursak - fried dough often served with Kazakh chai (tea) or as a dessert.



Astana - the capital city.



Super Sikhism

Sikhism is the fifth largest religion and there are over 25 million Sikhs in the world today.

There are ten human gurus (teachers) that we believe in, and the main one is called Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. There is one guru today called the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, our holy book.



The Guru Granth Sahib is treated as a living person and has its own room in the gurdwara. The person who looks after the Guru Granth Sahib is the granthi and he may lead the morning and evening services. However, any Sikh, male or female, who is able to do so, can lead public worship.



Inside a Gurdwara, providing a place of worship.

Sikh means learner and girls and boys both have religious middle names. Girls have the middle name 'Kaur' which means princess and boys have the middle name 'Singh' which means lion.

The main celebrations are Bandi Chor Divas (also known as Diwali) Vaisakhi, Gurgurab and Lhori.

Our place of worship is called a Gurdwara, where we listen to paat (prayers). The main Gurdwara in Punjab (in India) is called the Sri Harmandir Sahib, which is also known as The Golden Temple, made of pure gold. The Ik onkar symbol is found in the gurdwara to remind Sikhs of the Mool Mantra, that there is only one God referred to as Waheguru.



Abby and Aron

Aron dressed up as the King's Guard from 'The boy at the Back of the Class'. Abby was Annabeth Chase from Percy Jackson. In year 3, we wrote a story about our character but added a twist. Mine was a murder mystery because I love detective stories.



Year 1 had lots of fun making toilet rolls into puppet characters that matched their outfits! Can you spot the Evil Pea from Supertato? Reception joined in the Book Day fun too - showing Mrs Driver some of their favourite books.



World Book Day

at William Ra

Thursday 2nd



On Thursday 2nd March it was World Book day. Most children and teachers dressed up as their favourite characters from their favourite books. Throughout the day classes did World Book Day activities. Mrs Driver, the Queen of Hearts, gave out her special jam tarts to anyone who did good work. In the morning we all came together in an assembly.

Nina and Harry

In year 4, we did some book themed activities for Maths and English, such as code breakers. We also chose a friend to take a picture of us in our costumes. Nina dressed up as Hermione from the Harry Potter series and Harry dressed up as Harry Kane from 'Ultimate Football Heroes'.



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Taran and Manjot

In year 5, we did a fun book related word search and one side was for famous authors. Mrs Driver read 'The Book With No Pictures' to the year 5s and 6s. It was funny because it had no pictures and the words were weird and silly. Manjot was Nikki Maxwell from 'Dork Diaries'. Taran was Willy Wonka from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.



Phoebe and William

We made a booklet and designed our own front cover. Inside we wrote answers to a World Book Day quiz. We also wrote a random story by writing a sentence and then passing it to the next person. They were a bit weird! Phoebe dressed up as Supertato and William dressed up as



Everyone had so much fun sharing and talking about their books and their favourite characters!

We can't wait until World Book Day 2024!!



Movies coming out in 2023...

The Mario Movie **PG**

Release date: 7th April

The Mario Movie stars Chris Pratt as Mario, Charlie Day as Luigi, Anya Taylor-Joy as Princess Peach and Jack Black as Bowser.

In this film by Illumination, Luigi gets captured and Bowser tries to take over the Mushroom Kingdom.

Spiderman: Across the Spider Verse **PG**

Release date: 2nd June

Spider Man: Across the Spider Verse casts Shameik Moore as Miles Morales, Hailee Stanfield as Spider Gwen and Jake Johnson as Peter B. Parker. In this multiverse adventure, Gwen Stacey, A.K.A Ghost Spider, takes Miles into the multiverse, meeting spider people that they have never met before, with ups, and lots of downs.



Peter Pan and Wendy **PG**

Streams: Between March and June 2023

Peter Pan and Wendy includes Alexander Molony as Peter Pan, Ever Gabo Anderson as Wendy Darling and Jude Law as Captain Hook. In this Disney+ film, Peter Pan is a boy who doesn't grow up, and recruits 3 siblings for a magical adventure.



Radical Victorious Rules & Values

In William Ransom, we have important values and school rules.

We feel that keeping to these values (and rules) helps us focus on the good in life and, overall, making us better people. The school rules are: Respect, Kindness, Effort and Safety, and every term, we focus on a different value, for example, Co-operation or Perseverance. Other values are Tolerance, Respect, Kindness, Resilience and Courage. Our value this half term is Honesty.

If you do good deeds that showcase one of these values you earn a leaf. The leaf then goes on the tree in the assembly hall and are given out in achievers assemblies on Thursdays.



By William and Taran

Pancake Race

As you know over this last half term, there has been a pancake race. (The day is also known as Shrove Tuesday) The race was the closest William Ransom has ever seen! Mars won when it came to crossing the finish line but Neptune won when it came to biggest pancake left in their pan. The whole school was watching as the people in the pancake race ran around the MUGA. By Nina and Abby



Why Is There Pancake Day?

Lent is a Christian festival and is the six-week period leading up to Easter. It lasts from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

During this time Christians give up something to remember Jesus. They give up things like chocolate, sweets, crisps and video games. If Aron was to give up something it would be computers. Harry is giving up chocolate.

What would you give up?
By Harry and Aron



Fantastic Film

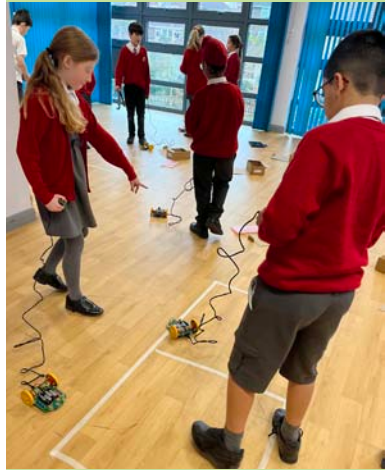
In film club we work on various filming skills such as editing. Miss Eldridge runs Film club because she studied Filming in university.

So far, we have been putting together a short clip. In that clip we filmed three different parts of the pictures, then we wrote down which one of the parts that we filmed that we want to talk about. So the aim of this project was to describe a part of the picture without saying what it is. Then after we had filmed it we recorded our speech and then we add the voice to the clip. Later in the year we are going to enter a competition which is run by the BFI (British Film Industry) which schools all over the UK are going to compete in.

What I love about Film club is that I have learnt that filming is more than just recording a video - it is a lot harder! **By Manjot**



Crazy Coding



Robokids Club is a club where you make and program robots. It is run by Miss Swinburne on Tuesdays. They started by watching videos on how to create their robots and then they made them. At the end they had a race with their robo-cars. They got prizes at the end of the race, which Seha in Rowan class won.

"It was really fun!" said Oliver.

"It was the best club ever!" exclaimed Sartaa.

Quizzing!

Every Thursday, before lunch, Year 5s and 6s meet up at Chestnut class with Mrs Mitchell. We get into teams and enjoy doing quizzes such as Football, Christmas, food etc. Often if you do a good job Mrs Mitchell gives you prizes such as stickers!
By Phoebe & Manjot



Delightful Diversity

Diversity club is held on Mondays at 12:30 in Maple Class with Mrs Gibson. In diversity club they talk about different types of diversity. It is a positive, acceptive and celebrative club.

Mrs Gibson hosts diversity club because William Ransom has a lot of diversity. It is for Y5 and Y6 and you can join at anytime in the year. Mrs Gibson said if she could improve diversity club she would make the meetings more regular. There are a lot of different Y5 and Y6s who go to diversity club. Last year diversity club presented seven assemblies to the school. The most fun thing they have done is their assembly about hair types. They also discuss inspirational people such as Greta Thunberg.

By Manjot and Abby



Dazzling Dance



Every Wednesday after school, dancers meet up to rehearse our dance in the hall. Miss Brown, Miss Vivian and Mrs Maydon from the girls' school, who has been involved with the county dance for 30 years, has coached us.

The theme for the dance is spinning, so we decided to base our dance on a story about a lady who spins on a spinning wheel and all her grandchildren come to see her, but they get snowed in! The song is called Tapestry by Carole King. We performed in St Albans on Thursday 9th March. Our dance was at the end of the show and we all went to Pizza Express afterwards as a celebration!



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