



Newsletter

William Gilbert C of E Primary School and Nursery

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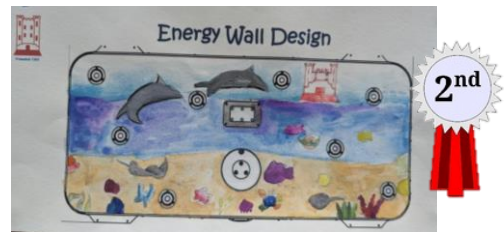
Energy Wall Design Competition

We have been amazed by the creativity of all the pupils who have taken part in the Energy Wall design competition. We received 33 entries from pupils across the school. All the designs were numbered and displayed without names in the junior corridor. Each design had a numbered cup for voting. Every pupil from Reception to Y6 were given a counter to make their vote for their favourite design.

The votes have been counted and I am pleased to announce the top 3 designs and the official winner!

- 1st place – Erin Bairstow from Year 6 with 41 votes
- 2nd place – Seren Fowkes from Year 6 with 34 votes
- 3rd place – Amelie Penny from Year 3 with 29 votes

With so many amazing designs it was a hard choice for the children to make. Thank you to all the children for getting involved with the competition. Well done to Erin! We are looking forward to seeing your design becoming reality on our new Energy Wall when it is delivered in the coming weeks.



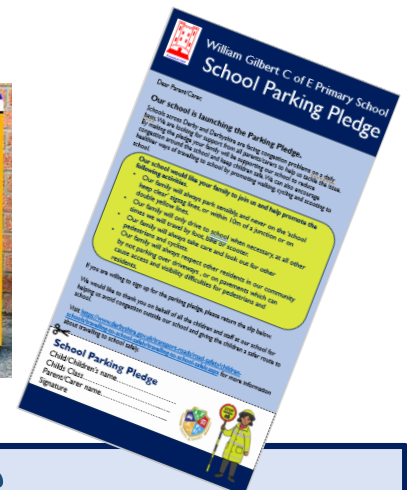
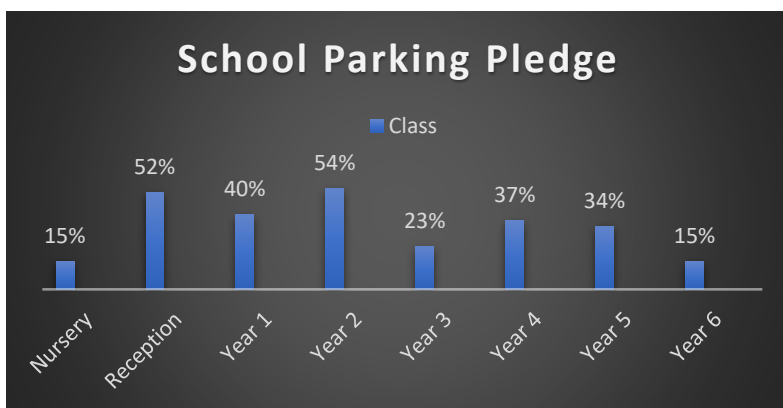
Car Free Day – Friday 22nd September 2023

Thank you to all the families that supported 'World Car-free Day' last week. Vicarage Lane and the approach to school was free from the noise, stress and pollution of cars. So many families took this fantastic opportunity to discuss the importance of exercise with children as well as the impact of cars on the environment. I was delighted to see the scooter pods full to capacity and hear of parents supporting the pleas of their children to leave the car at home. Well done to a Year 2 pupil who travelled to school by bus and then scooter. What a commitment to the cause! With 98% of our families leaving the car at home, or parking away utilising other parking spaces within the village, 'Car Free Day' was a success. We will continue to promote keeping the roads closest to school car free and educate children and their families about the benefits of using cars less and walking/scooting or cycling more often.

- Helps the environment.
- Reduces air pollution.
- Quieter towns and cities.
- Helps you stay healthy and get some exercise.
- Cycling develops balance and coordination skills.



School Parking Pledge



WGES Parking Pledge

86 of our families have supported the school by signing the 'Parking Pledge'. We would like to thank you on behalf of all the children and staff at our school for helping us to avoid congestion outside our school and giving the children a safer route to school.

If you've not had chance to sign the pledge, there is still time. By making the pledge your family will be supporting our school to reduce congestion around the school and keep children safe. We can also encourage healthier ways of travelling to school by promoting walking, cycling and scooting to school.