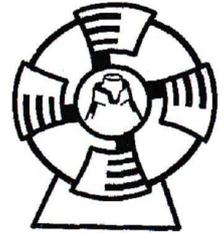


An Daras
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Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry
Head of School

Friday 23rd March 2018



Welcome to our Easter newsletter. The spring term seems to have passed very quickly and it is hard to believe that we are now moving into the summer term, especially as we have had snow during the last few weeks.

When we return to school, the pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 will be very busy preparing for their SATs. It is always a memorable time for them and I know that they will all do their very best.

As well as Y2 and Y6, all the other year groups have also been busy and have worked extremely hard over the spring term. Even though the term is relatively short, a great deal of work has been done and the pupils do deserve a well earned rest.

One more point to note is that we will be moving into the hats and sun cream term (we all hope) so please can you be aware that we will be asking for hats to be brought into school (named please) and sun cream to be applied before the children come in. More information will go out at the at the start of the new term.

I hope you all have an enjoyable holiday and I also hope the weather improves for us all.

FOREST SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB @ LAWHITTON

Free Taster Sessions running on the 10th and 17th March from 10am-12pm. The Holiday club will start in the Easter Holidays and continue through May half term, Summer holidays and October half term. The club will be solely outside, located in our woodland and run by a qualified Forest School leader. Please call 01566 772134 to book your place on one of our Taster Sessions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

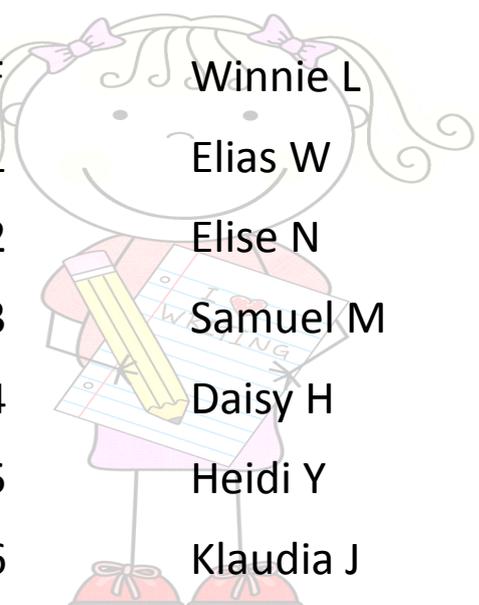
28th March	Parent Consultation Evening
29th March	Parent Consultation Afternoon
29th March	No children on this day
30th Mar - 13th Apr	Easter Holidays
7th May	May Bank Holiday
14th May - 18th May	Y6 SATS week
28th May - 1st Jun	Half Term
2nd - 6th July	Year 6 Residential
25th July	Summer Holidays
4th Sept	Inset Day
5th September	Inset Day
6th Sept	New term starts

Drop and Go

Can we please remind parents that the Morning Drop and Go is for dropping your child off for school only. Please do not loiter or stop your car, we need to keep the flow going every morning to avoid a back-up of cars on Windmill Hill. Thank You.



**Writing Awards for Autumn 1
Well Done**



Year F Winnie L
Year 1 Elias W
Year 2 Elise N
Year 3 Samuel M
Year 4 Daisy H
Year 5 Heidi Y
Year 6 Klaudia J

**Maths Awards for Autumn 1
Well Done**



Year F Lexi W
Year 1
Year 2 Brennan M
Year 3 Oliwia W
Year 4 George L
Year 5 James C
Year 6 Davion V

Attendance Figures for March 2017

Year	5th Mar	12th Mar
YF	96%	89%
Y1	97.9%	97.9%
Y2	96.7%	94%
Y3	93.2%	98.4%
Y4	97.1%	92.5%
Y5	97.8%	99.3%
Y6	98%	91.7%

Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9th Mar	Curtis W Violet H	Harry P Morwenna C	Finley A Karol J	Kaspian L Erin A	Emily H Liam G	Adam W	Alfie R Linette H
16th March	Florence T Jude F	Chelsee T Iannis V	Autumn B Casey Y	Oliwia W Jo- seph G	Summer S Louis F	James C Harry N	Gemma C Matthew C
17th March	Abe W Jakub D	Poppy C Kerenza D	Aimee N Niamh J	Isabelle B Dillon H	Noel J, Isabel P	Romeo M Evie H	Isabel S Ptryk W

World Book Day

We finally got to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 8th March after the set back of the snow. During the day, all classes had the chance to 'share a story' and take part in reading/book themed learning. It was fantastic to see so many children dressed up as a character from their favourite book - thank you for helping them with their costumes as they looked fantastic.

The competition was tough and very close but overall the 'best dressed' winner for KS1 was Alfie (The BFG) in Year 2 and the winner for KS2 was Hester (Gangsta Granny) in Year 6.

In addition, we were very lucky to receive a £100 donation from Taylor Wimpey. The Pupil Librarians are now planning what books we will purchase using this kind donation.



Key Stage 1 News

Year 1 and 2's Trip to Eden

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at the Eden Project on Tuesday 6th March. This visit linked brilliantly to their learning at school, as their project was 'Green Fingers'. The pupils took part in a workshop called 'Green Machines' where the pupils went on a sensory journey to find out how clever plants are. They were introduced to parts of the plants and their uses, using props, movement and picture. They then went to gather plant facts and examples around Eden during a hands-on discovery walk through the Mediterranean and Rainforest Biomes. This visit gave the pupils opportunities to embed and develop their learning, particularly in Science. Pupils were commended by the Eden staff on their learning and their good behaviour. Finally, a special thank you to all of the parents who volunteered and assisted us in making this day a success.



Year 2's Pizza Making workshop

Year 2 took part in a 'Pizza Making' workshop on Wednesday 7th March. This was led by Warburtons and was linked to their current learning in Design and Technology. During the morning, pupils learned about healthy eating (including the eatwell guide and its key healthy eating messages), health and hygiene and then a hands-on food activity where the pupils learned about basic food skills and got to make a pizza with their favourite, healthy toppings. We hoped they enjoyed eating them at home and that you got to have a taste! Our



visitors were very generous, as pupils also got to take home a pack of giant crumpets and toastie pockets. Again, pupils were commended by our visitors on their fantastic learning and behaviour. Well done Year 2!



Key dates for April

The Summer term starts on Monday 16th April 2018.

A new KS1 diary dates list will be sent home after the Easter holidays.

Please ensure that **Year 2** pupils are in school for the **month of May** as this is when they will be completing their special work.

Please also ensure **Year 1** pupils are in school during the **week beginning the 11th June** as this is the week that they will be completing their Phonics Screening Check. This also applies to any pupils in Year 2 who did not take or did not pass when they were in Year 1.



Key Stage 2 News

Year 6

World Book Day

We finally had our World Book Day - a week late due to the snow - but what fun we had! We did our work based around the book 'Gangsta Granny' by David Walliams and our teachers all came dressed as Gangsta Granny! We had some amazing costumes in our class and many of them had actually been made by the children and adults at home. Well done to everyone! Here are some photos for you to enjoy:

We enjoyed reading to YF in our costumes and seeing their costumes too.



Smiley Happy People

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Easter Holiday Club

Now at our



TRETHORNE



setting too!!!!

Tue 3rd April Easter around the world

Explore Easter Traditions from other countries, making, baking and competing

Wed 4th Forest School

Off to our private woods with our Forest School staff to make bunnies, cook and an Easter egg hunt.

Thurs 5th Easter in Europe

Continue our Journey through European Easter traditions

Fri 6th Easter at home

make chocolate eggs, decorating real eggs and more Easter fun.

Small Inventors big ideas

Mon 9th Alarming Electrics

Making circuits and exploring electrics for fun

Tue 10th Forest School

Off to our woodland for a day of Big building, tools and arty creations

Wed 11th Mechanical Movements

Try making things move using ropes, chains, levers and pulleys

Thurs 12th Sweet Surprises

Invent your own sweets and treats

Fri 13th Friday Spy day

Make up codes, learn secret writing and different ways to communicate secretly!

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