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Multi Academy Trust

# Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'  
'Porth dhe lyenn'



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Head of School

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Hello again to all parents and carers, family and friends. Would you believe that we are now starting the summer term? Time does seem to fly by. There is always a great deal going on during this term with residentials, trips, SATs, sports days, afternoon tea, and the summer fayre to name a few so make sure you look on the diary and the website for more information.

We will again be holding our Health and Wellbeing week (beg 10th July) where there will be lots of different activities going on. We will be inviting you to come in and take part again at various points throughout the week so I do hope you will take the opportunity to pop in and find what is happening. It was a very enjoyable week last year so I hope for a repeat this time around.

The warm, sunny weather arrived during the Easter holiday (and for the Y5 residential) so it is time again to remind you all about sun cream and hats. There is a page later on in the newsletter about it so please have a read.

I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday morning.

## Dinner Money Payments.

Can we please ask all parents to pay their child's dinner money on line, if you have not yet registered to do this please contact the office. All dinner money should be paid in advance either weekly or half termly to avoid incurring a build up of debt. Thank you for your cooperation.

## FilmClub

Wednesday 24th May 2017

In the hall 3.30 - 5.30

£1.50 for the drinks and film

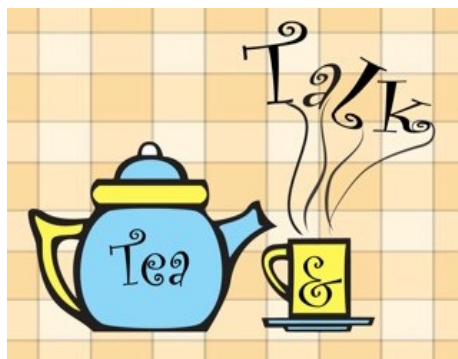
Sweets and ice creams and popcorn are available



Please can I ask you to send in a note if you want your child to walk home from Filmclub

## Tea, Biscuits and Chat

Parents/Carers are invited to another informal get together with Mr Terry and Mrs Ali Parsons (Chair of local governing board) on 25th May at 2.30 This meeting will be in the library and there will be plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits available!



Please subscribe for newsletter on the front page of the school website to get newsletters automatically e-mailed to you. Black and white copies are also available in the foyer and on the website under 'News'

# School Council News

Windmill Hill Academy School Council are organising a **Cake Sale from around the World** on Friday 12th May between 10.30 am - 11.15am. We are asking for donations of different cakes to represent the different nationalities in school. From traditional Latvian Honey Cake and Drożdżówka (Polish Yeast Plum Cake), Hungarian Raspberry-Cream Roulade (Malna Piskotatekercs) to Cornish Farings. The list is endless.

We will sell the cakes donated to raise money for new playground equipment. Please bring donations into school on the morning of the 12th May. Buns/slices of cake will be sold for between 10p - 25p.

Thank you for your support

Windmill Hill Academy School Council



## Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
11th April	Evie J Casey Y	Aime Paige Marley L	Daniel M Marley	Kai H Harry N	Remus T JT B	Izzy Knight Liam H	Thomas W Frankie D
21st April	Iannis V Phoebe H	Ryan H Summer H	Joseph G Oliwia W	Liam G Chloe R	Owen W Jessica M	Matthew H	Finlay S Kieran S
28th April	Leah L Violet H		Scott W Baxter S	Harry S Tegan C	Kamil L James C	JT B Sasha C	Josh R Leanne W

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>1st May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>29th May-5th Jun</b>	Half term
<b>10th June</b>	Summer Disco
<b>16th June</b>	Afternoon Tea
<b>3rd-7th July</b>	London Residential
<b>14th July</b>	Summer Fair
<b>25th July</b>	Last day of school
<b>6th September</b>	Back at school

## Attendance Figures for March/April 2016

Year	20th-March	27th-March	18th April	24th April
YF	97.2%	90.5%	97.5%	98%
Y1	97.3%	89.8%	97.1%	97.2%
Y2	92.1%	97.8%	92.2%	92.1%
Y3	91.4%	93.2%	93.3%	96.9%
Y4	97.2%	97.4%	94.4%	94.5%
Y5	95%	92.9%	92.1%	96.6%
Y6	94.5%	96.1%	100%	95.1%

## Sun Safety

Please take the time to read through the points below as it outlines some details about sun protection and how you can help. Unfortunately, our school site is positioned so that the playground is in full sun most of the day and, as it is a large tarmac area, it can become very hot during the summer term.

Cornwall has exceptionally high UV levels. We all need some sun exposure; it's our primary source of vitamin D, which helps us absorb calcium for stronger, healthier bones. Unprotected exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays, however, can cause skin damage, eye damage, immune system suppression and even cancer.

The children have been told about the importance of 'sun safety' in assembly by Mr Terry and class teachers will continue to reinforce this message in all classes. The three ways in which you can most help us and your child is:

1. Help them to apply sun cream that protects for 10+ hours before school (at least factor 30).
2. Send a named sun hat to school (and a light long sleeve t-shirt if they burn easily). Pupils will be expected to wear sun hats at all times during outdoor activities.
3. Make sure your child's water bottle is topped up and in school everyday.

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, or helpful suggestions as to how we can improve our sun care further, please call in/phone or speak to Mr. Terry about it.



## Sun Care



At Windmill Hill Academy we want our pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:



### Education

- ✦ All pupils will have at least one 'sun smart' lesson in the summer term, explaining sun care, as suggested by Cancer Research UK.
- ✦ We will talk about being sun smart in an assembly in both key stages in the summer term.
- ✦ We are aware at WHA that there is an increased risk from the sun today and that we can help children become 'sun safe' by teaching them at an early age how to protect themselves. We see this as part of their PSHCE/Citizenship Education.
- ✦ Parents and carers will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help in the summer term.

# Key Stage One Dates

Summer Term 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We endeavour to keep parents informed so please do take the time to read and take note of the following dates for this term. In addition, during the course of the year, you will receive updates in the form of letters, newsletters, social media sites (Twitter and Facebook) and text messages but also please take a look at our website. **As a reminder children in Foundation are part of our Key Stage One. It will be indicated when classes are doing separate events.**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 Year F Swimming for this half term**

Children must have a swimming kit (labelled with their name) in school for these sessions.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Year 2 Multi-Skills Festival at Launceston College**

A letter has been sent out about this. Children need to come to school dressed in their PE kits and bring a bottle of water.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Year 2's Farm to Fork Workshop at Tesco**

A letter has been sent out about this. Children will need to wear school uniform.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Year 1 and 2 Singing and Dancing club to start**

Singing and Dancing club to start with Mrs Bassett. Club forms have been sent out and a confirmation letter will be sent out if your child has a place in the club.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May Year 2 'Special Work' (SATs)**

Please ensure your child is in school during this period.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Whole School Art Therapy Day**

The children will be taking part in lots of art activities.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in**

If your child has completed project homework related to 'Let's Cook' in Year 1 or Year 2, please ensure that they have brought it in today.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 Year 1 and 2 'Let's Cook' Project Showcase**

**and Year F's Showcase of work 2.45pm – 3.15pm**

In Year 1 and Year 2, you are invited in to see what your child has been learning in their 'Let's Cook' project this half term (including the homework that the children have produced). Year F parents will also be invited in to see their child's learning this half term.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 Half Term Week**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 INSET day**

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 KS1 Cake Sale**

Cakes will be sold during KS1 break time. The school will donate the cakes this time. All cakes will be 20p. Please can children bring money in a purse/envelope labelled with their name.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017 Year 1 Andaras Multi-Academy Trust Event**

During the morning, the children will be taking part in a Trust Event with the Year 1 classes from the other Academies within the Andaras Multi-Academy Trust. The event will take place at North Petherwin.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 Phonics Screening check**

Please ensure your child is in school during this period.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 KS1 parents 'Come into Class and Read with your Child' 9am - 9.30am**

Year F, 1 and 2 classrooms will be open for parents to come and read with their child.

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 Year F Andaras Multi-Academy Trust Event**

During the morning, the children will be taking part in a Trust Event with the Year F classes from the other Academies within the Andaras Multi-Academy Trust. The event will take place at Werrington.

#### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June Year F and 1's Transition Morning**

The children in Year F and 1 will be taking part in activities during this morning as part of their transition. This is in addition to the transition days in July to support the transition for Year F children into Key Stage One.

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June Year F and 1's Transition Morning**

As a follow up to their transition morning, the YrFs and Yr1s will spend part of their morning visiting the Year 1 classroom and completing follow up activities. There are also other transition opportunities planned.

#### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June Year 2 Andaras Multi-Academy Trust Event**

During the morning, the children will be taking part in a Trust Event with the Year 2 classes from the other Academies within the Andaras Multi-Academy Trust. The event will take place at North Petherwin.

#### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July Year 1 and 2 Parents 'Come and Learn Punctuation and Grammar' Workshop 2.30pm – 3.15pm**

Year 1 and 2 classrooms will open for parents to come and learn punctuation and grammar with their child. This will be a great opportunity to find out about what your child is learning and how it is taught.

#### **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July Whole School 'Health and Well-being week'**

The children will take part in lots of related activities during the week. Please ensure that their PE kit is in school.

#### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July Year 2's Transition Day**

The children in Year 2 and 3 will be taking part in 'Wild Tribe' activities during this morning as part of their transition. They will then spend the afternoon completing follow up activities. This is in addition to the transition days to support the transition for Year 2 children into Key Stage Two. The children will need to wear old clothes and trainers/wellies, bring a waterproof coat, a bottle of water, a sun hat and wear suncream.

#### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July Whole School Transition Days**

The children will spend these two days in their next class.

#### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in**

If your child has completed project homework related to 'We do like to be beside the Seaside', please ensure that they have brought it in today. A homework menu will be sent out after half term.

#### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July KS1 (including F) Sports day 10am start**

Sports day for KS1 at Coronation Park. This event will last around an hour. Refreshments will be available.

#### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July KS1 (including F) Sports day \*alternative date\* 10am start**

Sports day for KS1 at Coronation Park in case it is cancelled on the 19<sup>th</sup> July due to the weather.

#### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Year 1 and 2's 'We do like to be beside the Seaside' Project Showcase and Year F's showcase of work 2.45pm – 3.15pm**

In Year 1 and 2, you are invited in to see what your child has been learning in their 'We do like to be beside the Seaside' project this



# Key Stage 1 News

## World Book Day

The whole academy celebrated 'World Book Day' on the 2nd March. 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! Each class's learning focused on a book for that day: Year F - 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', Year 1—Sleeping Beauty 100 years later and Year 2—The BFG. The 'best dressed' winner for KS1 was Maja (The Queen of Hearts from Alice in Wonderland) in Year 2. Louis in Year F dressed up as a character from a book his Uncle illustrated. Thank you to Louis and his family for donating two sets of these books to the academy.



## Science Enrichment Day

The whole school had a fantastic day on Tuesday 14th March carrying out different science experiments. The theme for the day was 'changes'. They Key Stage One classes were mixed up and organised into smaller groups. The children carried out many science experiments and investigations including: creating rainbows, growing plants, magnets, spaghetti structures, changes in spring and colour mixing. The children enjoyed learning about the changes that take place in Science and worked well in their different groups. There was lots of predicting, asking questions, answering questions and summarising the changes that had took place. The older children did a great job of supporting Year F with their learning.



## Year 2's Trust Event: Storytelling

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Year 2 and the other Year 2 classes from the Andaras Multi-Academy Trust (St Stephens Community Academy, St Catherine's, Werrington and North Petherwin) gathered here at Windmill Hill Academy to take part in a trust event. The theme was 'storytelling'. Activities included: programming a story on the computers, a book scavenger hunt, a 'story in a bag', chalk drawings of stories and storytelling through dance.

The pupils from all of the Academies had a super morning. They enjoyed all of the learning activities and also working with other pupils. They look forward to their next event in the summer term.



# Key Stage 2 News

Whole School Science day

by Abigail Fraser

On Tuesday 14th of March Windmill Hill Academy had a whole morning of scientific research. The theme of the morning was CHANGE, and each class had a wonderful time creating experiments and trying them out. At the start of the day the key stages were mixed into groups of: A, B, C, D, E, and F. All went to different activities and after a while they would swap around so everyone had a turn. One of the activities was with Mrs Millard; the main experiment was to see how shadows could get bigger and smaller depending on

where the light is. The pupils created their own puppets in mixed pairs, one of the pairs would make an animal and the other would make a person, after that the pairs would go behind the screen and create their own puppet show while the light was moved backwards and forwards. Mrs Millard quotes: "Everyone seemed to enjoy the activity, they produced good puppets and proved that the closer you are to the light source the bigger the shadow becomes."



The next activity was with Miss Young, teaching the children how to make a circuit and how to power bulbs and motors. The children worked in pairs to 'light up a clown's nose and spin his bow-tie!' The children experimented to see what would happen if they powered two bulbs at the same time, how they could make the motor go slower or faster and if they could find out how to make the bulb go dimmer and brighter. Joe Gent quoted "I loved this activity because it was intriguing me a lot; it was my favourite activity."

After that was Mrs Jackson's group, finding out how salt affects the water with density. The pupils got into pairs and began their experiment. They had a jug of plain water, an egg and a jug of salt. The children began by putting the egg into the jug of water, the children saw it sink, after that, the children took the egg out and put a large portion of salt into the jug and put the egg back in. Pupils found out that, like the sea, the egg FLOATED because the salt changed the density of the water. The egg bobbed around the surface of the water. Adam Worsnip quoted: "It was a strange but exiting morning of experiments."

A much enjoyed experiment was next; it was Mr Banks' experiment to see how the carbon and water inside a marshmallow would expand when exposed to heat. The group of children gathered around the fire and explained the fire triangle and how to keep safe around a fire. Each child was handed a skewer and a marshmallow to cook



and see how the marshmallow changed on the outside. Owen Welch quotes "I liked that after cooking the marshmallows we got to eat them, they were very tasty!"

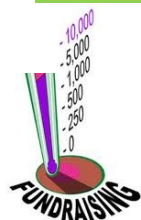
At the end of the day the whole school gathered into the main hall and discussed about their different activities. Additionally, the teachers awarded some children science certificates and stickers. All children and teachers were happy with the conclusion of the day. Thank you to all teachers who helped make it happen.



## Windmill Hill Football Team :

The Callington football league has now ended and we finished as runners up in the League . We also progressed to the semi finals of the Cornwall County Miller Shield during the season where we unfortunately came up against a very good Sandy Hill team. We lost the match but the team should be extremely proud of their efforts. Well done for a great season.





## Friends of Windmill Hill Academy News (WHAfs)

Please take a look at our page on the school website.

[www.launceston-ji.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.launceston-ji.cornwall.sch.uk) → More → Friends of Windmill Hill Academy



### Friends of Windmill Hill Academy AGM

The Friends will be holding their second Annual General Meeting on 10th May in the school hall. We are always looking for new members to join us in our fundraising events. However much time you can offer is always very much appreciated and whether you would like to become a committee member or just be there to volunteer to help at one or more events you will be very warmly welcomed. Please come along and see what we will be up to this coming year. We're a friendly bunch and we will even provide refreshments!



### Sponsored Bounce

Thank you very much to all the children who entered the Sponsored Bounce on Thursday and Friday, and a huge thank you to Chris Brown, Disco Man ([www.discoman.co.uk](http://www.discoman.co.uk)) for donating the bouncy castle free of charge again this year. It looked like everyone enjoyed themselves and even though Friday was wet and windy, Chris managed to put the castle under cover so the bouncing could carry on and everyone got a turn. If all the money pledged comes in we should have made over £500!! If you still owe sponsor money please bring it into school as soon as possible so we can have a count up. Sponsor forms should have been returned



### Afternoon Tea

The Friends would like to invite you to their Annual Afternoon Tea on 16th June in the hall. The last tea was so well attended that it became very congested and some parent asked if their children could join them this time. We have decided to have Gazebos outside with dedicated staff. There will be an unlimited selection of sandwiches and cakes as well as pots of tea and coffee. Year 6 will be acting as waiters and waitresses and will be happy to attend to your every need. The cost of the afternoon tea will be £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for school children and £1.00 for preschool children. More information in later newsletters.



### Summer Fair

On Friday 14th July the Friends will be holding our annual summer fair. We hope to make this event the main money raiser in our calendar so we will make it the biggest we have done so far! The fair will be held in the playground (weather permitting) and stalls will include cake stall, Pimms/beer tent, tombola, craft stalls, plant sale, BBQ, face painting, bric-a-brac, bottle tombola, tattoos, Marble game, teddy bear tombola, boat squirt, bouncy castle, splat the rat, badge making, lucky dip, and soak Mr Terry (which was very popular last year)!! Refreshments (tea, coffee and cold drinks), popcorn, ice-creams, sweets, candyfloss, Year 6 games. In the hall we will be having a human 'Hungry Hippos' game!! We will also include lots of 10p games and some free events and we hope to invite the fire brigade to bring one of their fire engines. Look out for more information in future newsletters and posters.

