



An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry
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Welcome once again to our newsletter and welcome back from the half term break. We are now starting the last half term of the year, a term which is always a very busy one. One particular event we have going on is our Health and Well-being week, which starts on the 10th July. We will be holding lots of different activities throughout the week, e.g. inter house cross country and cricket competitions, an alternative sports day, visits from some outside companies and a beach visit (KS2). The focus is on enjoyment but also to highlight the value of health and exercise. Sounds like great fun!

Later on in the newsletter you will read about our whole school write project on The Sky ladder. The display in the corridor is fantastic and it reflects the great work and effort the pupils put in.

Can I say a huge well done to the Y6 girls and boys cricket teams who have both won through to their respective County Kwik cricket finals. Both teams won all of their matches and they are now looking forward to the finals day in Truro, in July.

Another reminder not to forget our upcoming sports days. KS2 sports day will take place on the 22nd June, at the college fields. It will once again start at 9.45. KS1 sports day will take place on 19th July, in the park. All parents, friends and family are invited to attend. Refreshments will be available courtesy of the Friends. The Friends will also be holding their annual Afternoon Tea on the 16th June so please look out for the information about this.

Keyboard Lessons

There will be vacancies for keyboards with Mr Parkin from September. Also maybe a guitar group if there is enough interest. Details from Mrs Zoffman or direct from Mr Parkin on Thursday afternoons or email 'robparkinmusic@hotmail.co.uk'

FilmClub

Wednesday 28th June 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 Thursday June 22nd June at 2.30 This meeting will be in the library and there will be plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits available!

Black and white copies are also available in the foyer and on the website under 'News'

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CORNISH PASTY DAY

Come and join us for a Cornish Pasty lunch at
your school on Tuesday 13th June 2017

Menu

Traditional Steak Pasty
or Cheese and Onion Pasty

Ice Cream Tub

Jacket Potato available on request



At Proper Cornish we are passionate about quality pastry, filled with great tasting ingredients, made properly in Cornwall for people who love food.

We are passionate and honest about where our ingredients come from. At Proper Cornish we believe in supporting our local farmers. Our swede comes from Hayle, courtesy of Trevor Goldsworthy's family run farm, our potatoes come from third generation farmer Chris Dustow from Por and our onions are grown by Anthony West of Torpoint. Cornwall grows some of the highest quality produce in the world, so why go anywhere else?


Chartwells



All Stars Cricket

Only a couple of weeks until All Stars begins - sign up now, and come to your local, friendly Launceston Cricket Club to take part! All Stars Cricket will be delivered at local cricket clubs across the country throughout the summer, giving five to eight-year-olds their first experience of cricket. You can register your children to take part at allstarscricket.co.uk. After signing up, boys and girls will have a cricket 'back-pack' delivered to their door with a bat, ball and everything they need to try the game for the first time. They will then start an eight-week programme at their local club, with the emphasis placed firmly on learning how to play the game in a fun, safe and inclusive environment. Children will also learn the social development skills that team sport brings."

Resilience Awards Summer 1

Year F	Harry E	Ruby H
Year 1	Benjamin F	Alex K
Year 2	Ewan B	Lola L
Year 3	Kristian	Chloe R
Year 4	Kamil L	Jaysia P
Year 5	Klaudia J	Sasha C
Year 6	Emily V	Henry B

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th June	Afternoon Tea
22nd June	KS2 Sports Day
3rd-7th July	Y6 Residential
10th –14th July	Health and Wellbeing Week
14th July	Summer Fair
19th July	KS1 Sports day
25th July	Last day of school
26th July	Inset Day
4th September	School begins

Attendance Figures for May 2017

Year	1st May	8th May	15th May	22nd May
YF	94.2%	94.7%	93%	91%
Y1	93.5%	95.5%	98.1%	91.9%
Y2	93.1%	86.3%	85.5%	96.2%
Y3	93.8%	93.6%	100%	94.3%
Y4	89.2%	93.8%	91.9%	90.5%
Y5	96.6%	96.4%	98.2%	88.2%
Y6	99.1%	98.6%	93.4%	95.5%

Year Six

Launceston College are still awaiting requests for choice of Modern Foreign Language. Please could you let the college know as soon as possible if you have a preference regarding which language your child learns. They are also still awaiting some information regarding thumbprints. Please could you return these.



Writing Awards for Summer 1 Well Done

Year F Harry E

Year 1 Eva H

Year 2 Dominika T

Year 3 Emily H

Year 4 Jessica M

Year 5 Jasmine W

Year 6 Bailey L



Maths Awards for Summer 1 Well Done

Year F Summer L

Year 1

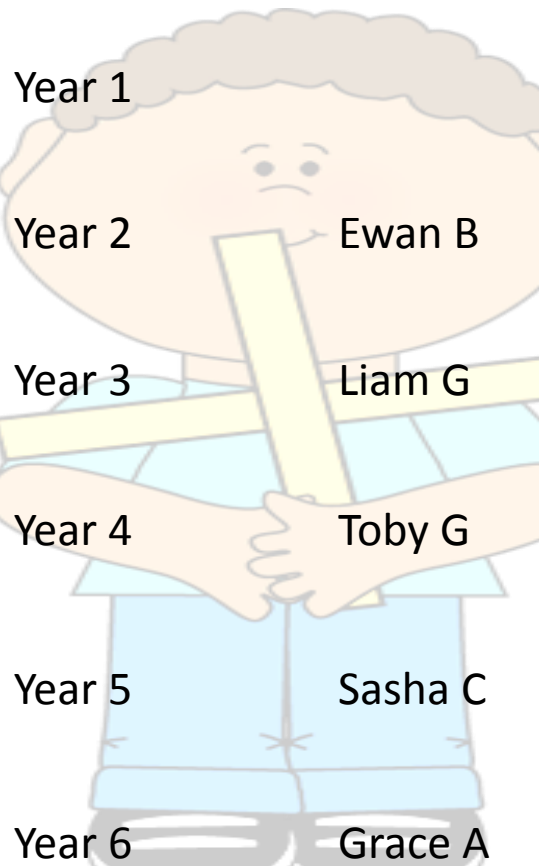
Year 2 Ewan B

Year 3 Liam G

Year 4 Toby G

Year 5 Sasha C

Year 6 Grace A



Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
5th May	Lacey F Morwenna	Maisy H	Oscar D Dominika T	Liam M Daisy H	Jaysia P Toby G	Marshall M	Louis J Grace A
12th May	Darcey S Filipe K	Raegan H Samuel B	Oliwia W Abigail S	Kacper G Madison P	Adam W Abigail B	Isabel Theo S	Everyone!
19th May	Ruby H Owen S		Aime-Page Emma F	Louis F Emma B	Cameron U Kieron F	Davion V Patryk W	Izzy K Oliver M
26th May	Chelsee G Harry P	Aimee N Dominik B	Joseph G Bailey G	Summer S Milo S	Logan H Florbela F	Patryk W Gemma C	Jezryle A Autur Z

Beach Safety Talk by the RNLI

Two lifeguards from the RNLI visited our Academy on Friday 28th April to hold an assembly on the theme of 'beach safety'. They discussed and explained different aspects, such as how to keep sun safe, what the different flags mean and what to do if you need help at the beach. The pupils were able to answer lots of safety questions correctly and some even managed to volunteer and demonstrate what to do. Please ask your child to explain the important points from the assembly and remember to keep safe whilst visiting our lovely local beaches in the forthcoming months.



The Sky Ladder: Our whole school writing morning

Each term, all pupils right from Year F to Year 6, take part in a whole school writing morning based on the same stimulus. This varies from a photograph, picture, video or real life experience. Last term, the stimulus was the picture 'Sky Ladder'. Mrs Bassett launched the morning with a with an assembly and she asked lots of questions to spark the pupils creativity, e.g. Where had the ladder come from? Where was it leading to/ from? Who had put it there? Pupils then spent the morning planning, writing and evaluating the story they had written based on the picture. Each class produced their own success criteria which included the writing features they had been working on. The work is now displayed in the corridor to show the progression throughout the school from Year F to Year 6. Next time you are in please come and have a look at our wonderful display. A special thanks goes to Mr Harris, one of our Governors, for creating the wonderful backdrop for the display.



Key Stage 1 News



What have Year F found in the garden?

This half term Year F have been learning all about what they might find in the garden. They have become mini-beast explorers! Having been on a mini-beast hunt, they can now explain where the best place to find mini-beasts is! Why not ask a member of the Year F class to show you?

Year F have also been learning all about the life cycles of frogs and butterflies. They created their own butterfly life cycles using pasta to recreate each stage! We think you'll agree that they look great!



A busy week for Year 2

Year 2 had a very busy week during the week beginning the 24th April. First, they spent their Wednesday morning at Launceston College taking part in a multi-skills festival. The pupils took part in gymnastics, parachute games, football skills and general ball skills. They had a great morning and the staff and pupils running it were very impressed with their skills.

Then they spent their Thursday morning at TESCO taking part in a Farm to Fork Workshop. This linked perfectly to the learning in their current project, Let's Cook. They spent the morning making muesli, baking rolls, tasting healthy snacks, identifying fruits and vegetables and much more. They came home with a huge pack of goodies. The members of staff were very impressed with their behaviour and the questions they asked/answered. Well done Year 2!



KS1 Learning Observations

We hoped you enjoyed receiving the learning observations of your child just before the Easter holidays. The next set of observations will be sent out just before half term. This will then continue each half term whilst they are in Key Stage One. There are still a few of you that haven't accepted the link in your email inbox. Unfortunately, if this isn't accepted, you won't receive any observations. If you experience any difficulties, please come and speak to Mrs Bassett or leave a message with the office. Remember that this system also gives you the opportunity to e-mail photos and observations to us at school. So if you see your child using what they have learnt in school at home, or if there is a wow moment you would like to share, simply take a photo, type a little bit about what they were doing and simply reply to the email.

2Build a Profile



KS1 dates for June

Please refer to the KS1 diary dates for a full list of dates and details for this academic year.

Friday 9th June 2017 Year 1 Andaras Multi-Academy Trust Event

Monday 12th June to Friday 16th June Year 1 Phonics Screening check

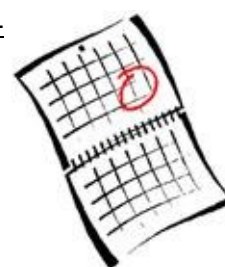
Tuesday 20th June 2017 KS1 parents 'Come into Class and Read with your Child' 9am - 9.30am

Friday 23rd June 2017 Year F Andaras Multi-Academy Trust Event

Tuesday 27th June Year F and 1's Transition Morning

Wednesday 28th June Year F and 1's Transition Morning

Friday 30th June Year 2 Andaras Multi-Academy Trust Event



Key Stage 2 News

Year Three Trust Event

(Friday 30th March)



Celtic art based on the work by
Andy Gulsworthy

Year Three's trust event started with a downpour of rain. Just as we stepped out of the classroom ready to head for the woods to meet St Stephens and St Catherine's, the skies opened! Luckily, we were prepared and dressed in our wet weather gear!

The three schools were soon mixed and enjoying a variety of activities such as woolly worms, building an egg tower, scavenger hunt, toasting marshmallows and, of course, den building.



Although it was extremely muddy and the fire was difficult to get started, it remained dry for the rest of the morning and everyone had a super time.

A very big WELL DONE to Year 6 for the way you tackled your SATs! You have worked SO hard this year to be ready for them and you deserve to do well. (Fingers crossed for the results in July).

Now you can relax and enjoy your last few weeks at Windmill Hill Academy.

Thank you for working so hard — from Miss Young and Mrs. Millard



Y6 Trip to Trethorne

By Izzy Knights Y6

On Tuesday the 16th of May 2017 Y6 pupils from Windmill Hill Academy experienced an exciting trip to Trethorne Leisure Park; a reward for finishing their SATS.

After a short journey they were only seconds away from their freedom! Leaving their bags on the benches they ran off to explore their surroundings. The children were having the best time of their lives on the soft play area and when an hour had passed fourteen pupils were then called over so that they could go and do an activity (in touch with animals).

They had a chance to touch the rabbits, guinea pigs and chicks. The first session started at eleven o'clock until eleven fifteen and then they swapped with the other group (I was in the second group and I enjoyed holding the chicks the most).

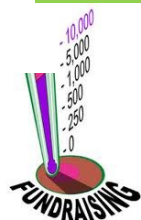
At mid-day we stopped to have a rest and eat our lunch - my lunch was very yummy.

After lunch we went outside into the football fantasy - which is where most of the boys went - and the deep (over eights) ball pool - which is where I went.

THEN, we were let loose in the outside area. There were many things to do: some people went on the go carts and on the paddle boats but I decided to go on the soaking wet trampolines and got my tee-shirt drenched!

Finally, some people went to go on the dodgems, some fed the calves and some of us stayed in the park until we were called to get in the mini bus and go back to school.

I really enjoyed it at Trethorne. I think we all had a GREAT day!



Friends of Windmill Hill Academy News (WHAFs)

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

www.launceston-ji.cornwall.sch.uk → More → Friends of Windmill Hill Academy



Tesco Bag Pack

TESCO

On Friday 26th June, Year 6 went to Tesco for a Bag Pack to raise funds for their theatre trip while they are on their residential. They really enjoyed helping the customers pack their bags or greeting them at the door when they came in or left. Several members of the public said how polite

and helpful they all were, which is always so good to hear. Thank you to Shelley Vanstone for organising the event for us and to Chris who was so kind and helpful on the day. We raised an amazing £715 17! Thank you Tesco we are very grateful for your continued support.

Afternoon Tea

The Friends would like to invite you all to their annual Afternoon Tea on 16th June in the hall. The last two teas were so well attended that it became very congested. We have decided to extend the time that the tea runs so now it will be from 2.30-4.30. There will be an unlimited selection of sandwiches and cakes as well as pots of tea and coffee and juice and squash for the children. 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. Invitations will be sent out shortly and a plea for any cakes, buns or biscuits. Any donations will be very gratefully received!



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 class hampers, 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, coconut shy, bouncy castle, splat the rat, Mars bar game, 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.

