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# Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'  
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry  
Head of School

**Tuesday 6th March**



Well what a surprise we had last week with the first real snowfall here for a number of years. I do apologise for any inconvenience caused by the closure of the school but there was no other option open. However, I hope you managed to enjoy some aspects of the snow as it is not very often that we see it.

Parent consultations will soon be upon us (Wednesday 28th—Thursday 29th March) so we will be putting out the sign up sheets for you to book a slot with your class teacher. KS1 sheets will again be on the classroom doors and KS2 sheets will be put on a board and placed just outside the front entrance each morning and afternoon. We hope you will make every effort to come and discuss your child/ren's progress with us on either of

those two days. We will start to put them out from Monday 12th March.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to the Valentine's disco and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Also, a very special thank you to The Friends for all the help and organisation of the event.

## **DATES FOR YOUR**

<b>8th March</b>	World Book Day
<b>16th March</b>	Non school uniform for Easter Egg
<b>23rd March</b>	Easter Bingo
<b>28th March</b>	Parent Consultation Evening
<b>29th March</b>	Parent Consultation Afternoon
<b>29th March</b>	Inset Day
<b>30th Mar - 13th Apr</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>7th May</b>	May Bank Holiday
<b>14th May - 18th May</b>	Y6 SATS week
<b>28th May - 1st Jun</b>	Half Term
<b>2nd - 6th July</b>	Year 6 Residential

## **Year 6 SATs**

The time is fast approaching!! SATs week begins on May 14th which is only 9 school weeks away!

To help the children prepare for these tests, Miss Young will be holding an after-school revision club....she ensures it is a fun way to revise—PLEASE attend....these revision sessions really will make a difference! Each child has also been given a SATs revision book for both Maths and English and an exercise book to make notes in. These books have always proved to be a helpful and fun way to encourage the children to revise. During the next few weeks, Year 6 will be working VERY hard to give themselves the best possible chance in their SATs. If you have any questions about them these can be discussed with Miss Young at Parent Consultation meetings. In the meantime, please encourage your child to work hard and come to school everyday that they can, but above all PLEASE tell them NOT to WORRY, they are just tests that they have been preparing for and practising all year.....we will endeavour to ensure that the children are ready for the big week...but they MUST be prepared to work hard to help themselves too



### Contact Details

You may have seen the news in the last few weeks two tragic cases where children have been absent from school and the school has been unable to contact anyone.

Can we please remind you to ensure that we have your up to date contact numbers and can you let us know each day when your child is absent. If we do not hear from you we will text and then if we still get no reply we will phone your listed contacts.



### Attendance Figures for February 2018

Year	5th - 9th Feb	19th - 23rd Feb
YF	89.7%	93.3%
Y1	98.6%	94.3%
Y2	96.8%	97.9%
Y3	93.0%	93.3%
Y4	91.4%	98.6%
Y5	90.4%	95.2%
Y6	92.7%	94.7%

### Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2nd Feb	Quintin R Seth G	Nicola S Oliver G	Elise N Brennan M	Maja M Alicia T	Warren C Madison P	Lewis C Abigail F	Tyron H Kiara A
23rd Feb	Lexi W Alfie S	Summer L Joseph B	Lola W Leah L	Jayden L Daria L	Chloe R Kasper G	Leighton P Joe G	Katelin C Thomas D-W

### World Book Day: Thursday 8th March

World book day is a day set aside every year to celebrate reading books, authors and illustrators.

As a school, we support reading for pleasure, so we are delighted to share that we will be taking part in World Book Day again this year. In order to celebrate the day, on Thursday 8th March, we encourage children and staff to come to school, dressed as a book character. Visit <http://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/> for helpful hints and tips on creating cheap and easy costumes. There will be two prizes awarded to the 'best dressed' – one in KS1 and one in KS2.

We ask that children bring a donation of £1 on the day for Book Aid International who send over half a million books each year to libraries in some of the poorest countries in Africa. Last year, schools (including us) helped to raise an amazing £138,000 for Book Aid International on World Book Day – enough to send over 69,000 brand new books to libraries in Africa, where all too often, books are scarce.

In addition to dressing up, the children will be taking part in many 'book' themed lessons. They are encouraged to bring in their favourite book and/or the one that they dressed up as a character from as they will have some time reading/sharing this book during the day.

A £1 World Book day token has been sent home which your child can exchange for one of the ten exclusive £1 World book day books – or if they prefer, £1 off a full price book. Booksellers all over the UK are participating in this scheme – the nearest one is WHSmith.



## Pupils at Windmill Hill are going to be 'Ocean Heroes'!

On Friday 23rd February, pupils at Windmill Hill Academy had a visit from Ellie Jackson (author) and Laura Callwood (illustrator and parent of a child at the Academy) who read and discussed their story, 'Marli's Tangled Tale'. The book explains how our actions can harm our environment, for example setting off balloons in an event and them landing in the sea and harming animals. Pupils were shocked by the amount of plastic that ends up in our oceans and the effects it is having. They were determined to make a change and become 'Ocean Heroes'.

Pupils used the book as a stimuli to write to different companies, shops and even the Government to reduce the amount of plastic used. They hope they will be successful.

Pupils had the opportunity to purchase a copy of the book and have it signed by Ellie and Laura. A percentage of the money from the books has been donated to the school so that we can use it for an environmental project – this will be decided by our School Council. We would also like to thank the Launceston Lions Club for their kind donation of copies of the book for the Academy.





# Key Stage 1 News

## Dinosaur Enrichment Day

Key Stage 1 had great fun exploring and investigating during our dinosaur enrichment day. They were amazed to find out how large dinosaur footprints were and enjoyed everything from being internet researchers to discovering fossils in an exciting dinosaur dig or carefully navigating the Beebots through ancient dinosaur terrain. Congratulations for all their fabulous costumes too.



## Phonics Workshops

Thank you to all the Year F and Year 1 parents who attended our phonics workshop last week. If you were unable to attend, but would like to find out more about how you can support your child at home, then please ask your child's class teacher for more information.

## Homework

We are looking forward to our next project showcase afternoon on Tuesday 27th March. It is great to see and share all the exciting things they have done at home and in school. We also have other activities that they can do online too including: Bug Club reading, Phonics Play and My Maths activities. and My Maths that they can do online too.

## Key dates for March

Please see the KS1 diary dates sheet for more information.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018** World Book Day

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018** Year 1 and 2 Eden Project

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018** Year 2 Pizza making

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018** KS1 parents 'Come into Class and Read with your Child' 9am - 9.30am

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018** KS1 Cake Sale

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018** Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018** Year 1 and 2 'Green Fingers' Project Showcase and Year F's Showcase of work 2.45pm – 3.15pm

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018** Last day of term for the children (INSET day on the 29<sup>th</sup> March)

The Summer term starts on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> (after school) and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018** (all day – no children in school) Parent Consultations

A sign up appointment sheet will go up outside your child's classroom door nearer the time.



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[www.windmill-hill.eschools.co.uk](http://www.windmill-hill.eschools.co.uk)

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### Easter Egg Bingo

We will be holding an Easter Egg Bingo on Friday 23rd March at 5.30 in the school hall. This event is open to children (accompanied by an adult) and adults from the school and community. The prizes will be Easter eggs for a line, two lines and a full house. There will also be a raffle and refreshments during the interval. More information on the next newsletter.



### Non School Uniform Day

Friday 16th March will be a non school uniform day. Children will be able to come into school on that day in 'muft' in exchange for an Easter Egg. The Easter eggs will then be used as prizes for the Easter Bingo the following week.



### Valentines Disco

Thank you to Chris Brown (Discoman) for another great Valentines Disco, the event raised an awesome £202.75! As usual the disco was very well attended and the pupils really enjoyed themselves.



### Bag2school Collection

On Tuesday 27th February the Bag2 school company came to collect all our old clothes, linen, shoes, etc. The total of the collection was a massive £88! This is the most we have ever collected and the pile of bags outside the front of the school certainly proved it. Thank you for your continued support.

