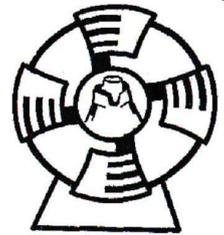


An Daras
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Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry
Head of School

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Hello again to all our parents and carers and welcome to our March newsletter. I cannot believe that we are already into the third month of the year and that Easter is already fast approaching (this must also mean that our Easter Egg Bingo is just around the corner). Hopefully the weather will get slightly better than it is at the moment as well.

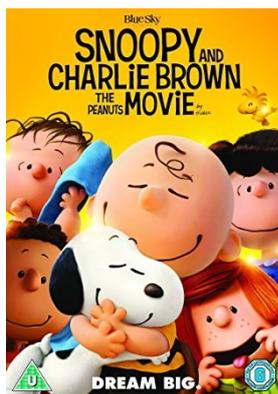
I hope you all saw the 'School in Focus' article in the Cornish and Devon (16th Feb edition) which featured our school. It was, if I may say so, a lovely piece and I hope it showed the community of Launceston just what a fantastic school we have, with great pupils, staff and parents.

Can I just alert you to the change in the parent consultation format at the end of the month. On this occasion (as we have an ADMAT training day on the 31st) the consultations will take place on the evenings of the 27th and 28th March. Sign up sheets will be on classroom doors and I hope that you will all be able to attend to find out about the progress of your child/ren. Please also note that the **LAST DAY of term is Thursday 30th March**.

Finally, may I just take this opportunity to let you know that both Mrs Friend and Miss Jones will be expecting babies in the summer term. We send them both our warmest of wishes. We will update both Y2 and YF parents/carers nearer the time of the cover.

FilmClub

Wednesday 29th March 2016
In the hall 3.30 - 5.30
£1.50 for the drink and film
Sweets and ice creams are available



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

College Grounds

Launceston college has requested that we ask parents not to walk through the college grounds as it is not a right of way for pedestrians.

Temporary Lunchtime Supervisor post.

Windmill Hill Academy are looking to appoint a temporary lunchtime supervisor to cover maternity leave for rest of the Spring and the Summer term 2017.



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 17th March at 2.30 This meeting will be in the library and there will be plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits available!



Spring term - Parent consultation day

Parent/teacher appointments will be held after school on Monday and Tuesday evening from 4.10—6.50. **Please note the change of format on this occasion.**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 2nd March** World Book Day
- 113th—17th Feb** Half Term
- 17th March** Non School Uniform for Easter Egg Day
- 10th - 19th March** Science Week
- 24th Mar** Easter Egg Bingo
- 27th Mar** Parent Consultation Evening
- 28th Mar** Parent Consultation Evening
- 20th-21st Apr** Sponsored Bounce
Half term

Class and Team Photos

On Thursday 23rd March, Tempest will be in school to take class and team photos



Attendance Figures for February 2016

Year	6th Feb	20th Feb
YF	98.3%	92.7%
Y1	96.3%	97.7%
Y2	88.3%	98.3%
Y3	99.6%	97.3%
Y4	98.6%	95%
Y5	94.3%	97.9%
Y6	95.9%	96.7%

Bag 2 School

Bags 2 School will be making a collection of clothes, shoes etc on 24th March at 9.00. Please bring in all bags (any bin bags will do) before school on that day. Many thanks



Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
10th Feb	Kerenza D Zak A	Jayden L Elise N	Sanuel M Patryk B	Louis F Emma B	Joe G Abigail F	Linette H Nicholas B	Ellie B Oliver S
24th Feb	Alyssa G Finlay T	Alice P Lily W	Samuel M Minnie C	Kristian A Summer S	Owen W Heidi Y	Kiara A Matthew H	Annija O Liam H

Key Stage 1 News

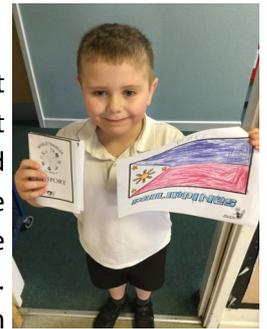
'Around the World' Enrichment Day



experiences and their cultures



The whole school had a fantastic day learning about the different countries that some of the children from our school come from. At Windmill Hill, we value and celebrate the different cultures and ethnicities. In Key Stage One, Year F studied the country of France, Year 1 studied the country of the Philippines and Year 2 studied the country of China. Activities ranged from: learning to say common phrases, locating the country of the map, making flags, cultural festivals and much more. The children enjoyed learning about the different countries and look forward to learning about a different country next time.



Year F's Royal Tea Party



Year F have been learning all about the British Royal Family. As part of this topic they held a royal tea party. The children decorated and sent invitations to their adults at home, inviting them to a tea party. In preparation for the tea party, the children helped to make and shaped biscuits. They also learnt a royal dance to perform at the tea party. The children really enjoyed the event and parents and carers who were able to



party, the children decorate crown we would like to thank all of the attend, we hope you enjoyed it too!



Year 1 and 2s 'Challenge' Enrichment Day

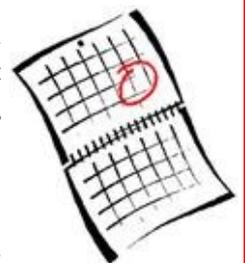
As part of their 'Can you fix it?' project, Year 1 and 2 took part in an enrichment day. The children had lots of challenges to tackle. It was fantastic to see the amount of resilience demonstrated by the children and, as a result, many were successful in them. Challenges included: making a costume for the Emperor, building a new palace for the Emperor from 2D and 3D shapes and some activities even related to Computing and PE.



KS1 dates for March

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

- Thursday 2nd March 2016 World Book Day
- Wednesday 8th March 2017 KS1 Cake Sale
- Friday 10th March 2017 Year 2 Andaras Multi-Academy Trust Event
- Thursday 16th March 2017 KS1 PJ Night 6-7pm
- Friday 17th March 2017 Year F Andaras Multi-Academy Trust Event
- Thursday 23rd March 2017 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in
- Friday 24th March 2017 Year 1 Andaras Multi-Academy Trust Event
- Parent Consultations: Monday 27th March and Tuesday 28th March 2016 (after school)
- Tuesday 28th March 2017 Year 1 and 2 'Walking through the Jungle' Project Showcase 2.45pm – 3.15pm



Key Stage 2 News

Around the World in a Day

On Monday 21st of February the whole school took a country each and studied it for the day. Year 6 looked at Poland and Zofia and Artur helped us pronounce some of the words. The whole class made posters with information on Poland. We also made the Polish flag. Artur drew the eagle for the flag and Kieran and I cut the red and white stripes for the flag. After break we tried some Polish food and it was yummy. After lunch we went back to our classroom and learned a Polish dance, some people didn't dance so they helped to finish the flag.

Year 3 had a great day learning all about Slovakia. We looked at where it was situated on the map and learnt about its climate. Mrs Hasakova shared a traditional costume with us and told us all about the story of Juraj Janosik; a Slovakian Robin Hood. We also studied the work of a Slovakian artist called Jan Sajko who bases his art on Romany people.



Juraj Janosik believes it is important for pupils to make their mark on paper and not worry about restraints.



Come and join us!

Don't forget we have a huge variety of clubs you can come and enjoy. Everyone is welcome and we make sure that everyone is included.

Clubs include:

drama, football, sewing, bowls, netball, cross country, eco, and Pokémon (lunchtime on Thursday).

You are welcome to come and enjoy them and have fun, as you are meant to do whilst you are a child. Life is full of exciting opportunities and these clubs are as well. The ways we help everyone to have fun and enjoy these clubs is easy as we are all very kind.

We are very approachable and welcome everyone who would like to ask anything. We would appreciate it if your child came along to try out one of these clubs. So sign up today!!!



Cooking with Katie from Chartwells

On Wednesday 8th February Year 6

went into the hall to do

cooking with Chef Kate.

We made delicious

Chinese chicken noodles

which we all tasted at the end. There

were a lot of different ingredients like soy sauce, Chinese five spice, spring onion, onion, carrots, noodles, honey, chicken, garlic, peas and cabbage. We had to wear special equipment like a glove so we won't cut our fingers and then we had to wear a blue glove on top

of that, we also had to wear an apron to protect our clothes from the ingredients.

We all had a turn at cooking the chicken in the wok with the vegetables and preparing everything, at the end of preparing the

chicken we had to peel off

our blue glove because raw chicken can

be poisonous. At the end we all helped

decorate and garnish our meals. They

looked beautiful and tasted lovely.



Sports in Windmill Hill Academy

Football — Recently, the school football team has travelled multiple times to Callington Community College. We play in the Arena Primary League and have only lost once this season. Our recent fixtures have been a success because we have won them all. We hope to win the league!

Bowling — Over the past few weeks, our bowling club (captained by Oliver Sheldrake) have been learning to bowl down at the Kensey Vale Bowling Club. In a few weeks we will be participating in a bowls tournament alongside other schools. Written by Oliver S and Liam.

Key Stage 2 News

Year 5 Fire Station Trip



On the 14th February Windmill Hill Academy, Year 5 went to the Fire Station to be taught how to stay safe in different places.



The staff at Launceston fire station taught us how to keep safe when different occasions come around. Other schools did attend

this trip and joined in with all the same activities. The workers were telling us how to keep safe on the beach, in a car and at a train station. (Did you know that a tissue box travelling at 30mph is the same as a brick!) We also learned about fire and electrical safety and to stay away from dangers such as power stations. We all had a great time and learnt a lot about safety and the dangers if the rules are not followed. Written by Klaudia and Isabelle Year 5

Lego Workshop

To extend and enrich their science learning about electricity, Year 4 and Year 6, took part in an exciting lego-themed workshop where they were challenged to build and light up their own lego cities. They worked collaboratively in house teams to design and construct their buildings and create settlements – they even created an underground rail network where they used switches to control the trains running on the tracks. Everyone had great fun learning how to create battery powered circuits and then enjoyed exploring how to add in



switches so they could turn the lights on and off. Pupils also experimented with creating different types of circuits and found out how to make the bulbs become brighter or dimmer. The children worked brilliantly together in their teams and demonstrated great scientific understanding during the workshop.



Edited by Abigail Fraser Year 4



Maths Challenge

On the last day of term, KS2 took part in a Maths challenge morning. Each class split up into three different groups for each teacher's activity. Year 5 did not take part, as they went on a trip to the fire station.

Miss Osborne's activity was in the ICT Suite playing a maths investigation game with frogs and toads. KS2 Maths challenge 'round robin'. They used problem solving to master tasks involving strategic planning and problem solving.

Using ICT and the challenge 'Frogs and Toads', pupils tested their strategic thinking by swapping the sides of the frogs and toads in as few jumps as possible. Have a go; can you swap as many as nine frogs and toads? <https://nrich.maths.org/6282>

Mrs Carter was in her the Year 4 classroom using die to add numbers together and get closest to 1000.

Miss Young was in the Year 6 classroom doing multiple maths games on boards and sheets of paper.

We had a fantastic maths lesson and hope to do it again.

On Friday the 10th February KS2 mixed classes to share a number of maths challenges. They used problem solving to master tasks involving strategic planning and problem solving.

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By Emily V and Ellie B. Y6

FAMILY FARM DAY

DUCHY COLLEGE
STOKE CLIMSLAND

Entrance costs
£3 per adult
£2 per child/OAP
Children under 3 are free.

SUNDAY
19TH MARCH
11AM - 3PM



This event will go ahead whatever the weather, so please come suitably dressed including sensible footwear.

Celebrate the arrival of spring at Duchy College's fun Family Farm Day event.

- Enjoy a tractor and trailer ride
- Handle newborn lambs
- Climb on the College's tractors
- See the cattle and piglets
- Farm quiz and more

Please be advised that women who are or might be pregnant should avoid contact with sheep and lambs.
Please do not bring dogs to this event.

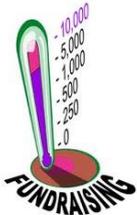
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Friends of Windmill Hill Academy News (WHAFs)

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

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



Friends Meeting

On Thursday 16th March, the Friends will be having a meeting after school in the library. We would welcome any new members to come along and see what we do and how you can get involved. We are a very friendly bunch and meetings are as casual as we can make them. There will be plenty of tea and biscuits, which is a good enough reason in itself to come! See you there x

Valentines Disco

We hope the children enjoyed the Valentines Disco, they certainly seemed to! The children looked very smart in all their lovely dresses and smart clothes to mark the occasion. Having a proper seemed to make all the difference too. The event raised £176.00



We will have another disco later in the summer term

Non School Uniform Day



Friday 17th March will be a non school uniform day. Children will be able to come into school on that day in 'muft' (non school uniform) in exchange for an Easter Egg. If we get the amazing amount we got last year it will mean that all children will go home with an egg and may possibly win one at the bingo too!

Please bring any eggs into class on the Friday morning. All donations very gratefully received. Many thanks for your continued support.

Easter Egg Bingo

We will be holding an Easter Egg Bingo on Friday 24th March at 5.30 in the school hall. This event is open to children, Years F-4 must be accompanied by an adult, Year 5 and 6 are welcome to play alone but there must be someone to pick them up at the end of the evening. Adults from the school and community are also very welcome. The prizes will be Easter eggs for a line, two lines and a full house. There will also be a raffle, Bunny/Egg card game and refreshments during the interval.



Sponsored Bounce

On Thursday 20th and Friday 21st April the Friends will be holding a sponsored Bounce in aid of funds for the school. We will be hiring a bouncy castle for the two days and each child will be given a sponsor form and asked to collect sponsors for how many bounces they can complete in one minute!



There may be the opportunity, for a small fee, for pre school children and even adults to have a go at the end of school!

Afternoon Tea

The friends would like to invite you to their annual Afternoon Tea on 16th June in the hall. Yet again, the last tea was so well attended that it became very congested, especially with children accompanying their parents. We will again extend the time that the tea runs so it will be from 2.00-4.30. This year we will also put up Gazebos outside with dedicated staff and children to serve the teas. 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.

