



An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry
Head of School

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Welcome Back



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would just like to welcome you back to the new academic year and I hope you had a very pleasant summer with your child/ren, even if the weather was not too kind to us. I am sure however, that you might have had a little smile on your faces when the 7th September finally came.

I would also like to welcome all our new families to Windmill Hill and I do hope your experiences at our school will be positive ones. We will certainly be doing all we can to make sure they are.

There are lots of things happening throughout the year and I, and indeed all the staff will warmly welcome you to come in and get involved in all the things that we do.

Finally, if you ever have a query or a problem then please do not hesitate to pop in and we will do our very best to help you.

Very best wishes for the year.

Mr A Terry

Year 6 – secondary transfer



All year 6 parents should have received a leaflet regarding transfer to secondary school and details of the application process. If any year 6 parents have not received this, please let us

know. It is very important that you now deal with the application for your child and it is in your child's best interest that you do not delay doing this, the deadline for applications is 31st October 2015. If anyone does not have internet access or has any queries about the process, please contact the office.

Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012?



If so, you must now apply for a school place for him/her for September 2016. Detailed information about the admissions process is available online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions, including a downloadable copy of the full in-

formation booklet. If you do not have internet access, please call in at the school office for further information. A formal application through Cornwall Council must be made by parents for all places for children due to start school in September 2016 by 15th January 2016.



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Have you seen our AMAZING steps?

Thank you so much Emma Smith and Barefoot for all the hard work you put into transforming our boring steps into a world of imagination and colour! The photos below are just a sample of the artwork that has been created over the summer holidays. The children were asked to write down their favourite book title and the Emma and her two Barefoot friends transformed them into the amazing artwork below. The staff and children of Windmill Hill Academy would like to say a big thank you to you all. Your creativity has already been used for storytelling and inspiration by classes. If you have not yet seen the steps, please take a wonder and admire.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents, family and friends who came to the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 24th. Everyone seemed to have a good time and the children certainly enjoyed coming out of class to share a drink and cake with their families. Thank you also for all the cakes, buns and biscuits that were donated to the event; we could not have done it without you. The event raised over £250 for Macmillan and we look forward to seeing you all next year!



Our New Computing Suite.

Over the summer holidays, the old Sparkle Room was transformed into a brand new Computing Suite! We now have 15 brand new state of the art PCs with integral hardware to add to the 15 PCs that were bought last year. This now means that every child in the class has their own computer when working in the suite. To add to this, the Friends of Windmill Hill Academy have bought headphones for each computer to enable the children to experiment with sounds and videos without disturbing the rest of the class! The children have really enjoyed their lessons in the suite and have produced some excellent work already. Please look on the school website to see what your child will be working on this year and examples of work completed so far. We are also awaiting the arrival of 30 brand new stools which will gully complete the new suite.





Afternoon Tea

Hosted by your Pastoral Team

Debbie Bartlett - SENCO

Lynn Murphy - Thrive Practitioner

Mandy Baker - SENTA

Claire Paul - Safeguarding

Judy Williams - SENTA

Sheila Jackson - Parent Support

**In the school hall
at 3.00pm on
1st October 2015**

Dear Parents/Carers

To welcome you back to a new school year, you are all invited to join your Windmill Hill Academy Pastoral Team for tea, biscuits and a chat. This will be held in the school hall on the 1st October at 3.00pm.

KS2 Welcome meetings

Welcome back to Windmill Hill Academy. Thank you for coming along to the KS2 welcome meetings. We certainly saw a record number of faces. I trust your questions were answered. If not please feel free to come and see the class teacher. The end of the day is usually the best time. If you are making a special trip it may be best to ring the office to check they are available or make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Nicky Osborne (KS2 Lead)

Year 3 Forest Schools

Monday 12th Oct - 1:30pm

Beginning and end of day arrangements (Safeguarding)



If anyone (a relative, friend or neighbour) who does not normally collect your child from school does so in an emergency or on an occasional day when the normal arrangements may differ, please let the school know in good time in advance and please ensure that the adult concerned knows the procedures for your child. Can I please remind you that children are not supervised before school until 8.40am unless they are attending breakfast club.



Contact information

If there are any changes to your contact information or mobile numbers (or other family members/friends who may be listed as an emergency contact for your child/children), please let us have details of the change in writing.

Time for Parents



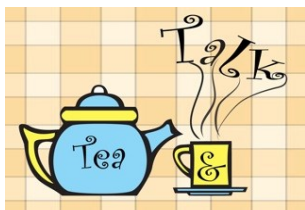
We are excited to announce that Windmill Hill will be hosting an eight week course for parents within the An Daras Multi Academy Trust. The course will be held at Windmill Hill Academy. Taking part will give you a chance to think about and discuss the joys and difficulties of being a parent. These sessions will be run by "Patchwork Parenting", it's

absolutely FREE and tea and coffee will be provided. Nobody will be telling you what to do, but your ideas and experiences as a parent will be very useful to others. The eight sessions will cover things like; Encouraging Good Behaviour, Choices and Consequences, The Feel-Good Factor and many more. If you would like to find out more about the course, please come along to the taster session on Monday 12th October 2015, 1.45 – 3.15pm at Windmill. There's no need to book, just turn up! We would like to encourage you to bring a friend or family member for extra support. If you are unable to attend the taster session but would be interested in attending the course or you would like more information, please contact Sheila Jackson via reception at Windmill Hill Academy.



Tea, Biscuits and Chat

Parents/Carers are invited to the first informal get together of the year with Mr Terry and Mrs Ali Parsons (Chair of local governing board) on 15th October at 2.30. There will be plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits available!



Parent Consultations



Thursday 22nd October 4.10pm—6.50pm

Friday 23rd October 12.30pm—3.50pm

Consultation forms are on class doors. Please sign up if you would like to make an appointment.

Children are not in school on Friday 23rd October

School Meals

There is a new offer now available to all KS2 children. If you pay for 4 meals in any week Monday to Thursday your child will get the 5th meal on Friday free. However, please note:



- The meals must be paid for on a Monday for the 4 days, £8.80
 - This is to be taken in the same week.
 - There is no carrying the free meal over into the next week even if the child is sick or absent.
 - This offer is not available when your school is not open for the full 5 days (for example inset days, breaking up early for school holidays)
- This could be a saving of £85 per child per year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th October	Race Night (Friends)
22nd October	Parent Consultation Evening
23rd October	Parent Consultation Afternoon
6th November	Craft Fair (Friends)
27th November	Disco

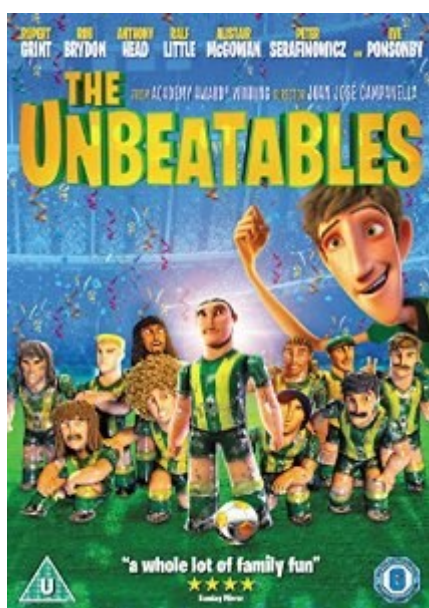
Attendance

Well done to Y5 and 6 for some great attendance this month.

Attendance figures for September 2015				
Year	7th Sept	14th Sept	21st Sept	28th Sept
F	83.5%	76.9%	78.7%	
1	96.4%	95.8%	92.3%	
2	86.7%	85%	85.4%	
3	93.5%	92.8%	94.3%	
4	89.5%	87.8%	87.3%	
5	96.4%	97.3%	98%	
6	100%	94.8%	95.6%	

FilmClub

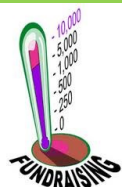
Thursday 21st October 2015
In the hall
3.30 - 5.30
£1.50 for the film and drinks
Sweets and ice creams are available
...and POPCORN!



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

After School Clubs for Autumn Term

Mon	Football KS1 Gym Club, Sewing Club KS1 Story Club	3.30 - 4.30 3.30 - 4.15 3.30 - 4.30 3.30—4.15
Wed	Netball Games Club	3.30 - 4.30 3.30 - 4.30
Thur	Cross Country KS1KS1 Singing Club	3.30 - 4.30 3.30—4.15
Fri	Choir/Samba TBC Bowls	3.30 - 4.30 3.30 - 4.30



Friends of Windmill Hill Academy News

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

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

Academy Facebook:- Friends of Windmill Hill Academy



Wine and Wisdom

Thank you to everyone who attended the Wine and Wisdom on Friday 25th September. It was a great night, even though some teams were a bit depleted due to illness! Congratulations to the 'Dyslexic Brians' who won and to Lobsterbation who were given the wooden spoons for not winning! The event raised over £500 and this money will be used to pay for the headphones for the Computing Suite. Thank you to Terry Jones who was the brilliant quizmaster, Sarah as his able assistant and to Nicola for running the bar. Thank you also to Dairy Crest and the Mason family for supplying the cheese and to Tesco for all the nibbles.



Race Night 16th October 2015



The Friends are organising a Race Night on Friday 16th October. The entry fee is £5 per person, to include a glass of Wine, Pimms or fruit juice and nibbles. Tickets are available from the Friends or the office and the first race is at 7.30.

Horses can be bought in advance through any Friends members at a cost of £2 per horse and £1 for jockeys. We are also asking businesses to sponsor races at £20 per race. If you know anybody who would be interested please let a 'Friend' know. All profits from the event will go towards outdoor play equipment.

Craft Afternoon

The Friends would like to organise a Craft Afternoon on Friday 6th November from 2.30 till about 5.30. If you know of someone who would like a table, or you would like one yourself, please see one of the 'Friends' or call in at the office for a booking form. Tables are £10 each plus a prize for our raffle. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.



Disco 27th November

The Friends will be having their first disco on Friday 27th November. We will be hiring Chris Brown (Discoman) as the DJ and the entry will be £1 per child. KS1 disco will start at 3.30 and finish at 4.30 and KS2 disco will start at 6.00 and finish at 7.00.



Sweets, popcorn and fruit juice will be available throughout the evening.

Christmas Fair Friday 4th December

Bigger and better than last year! Draw tickets will be available in November

