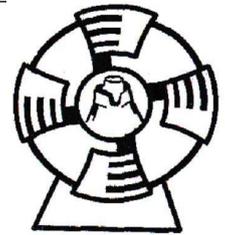


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# Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'  
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry  
Head of School

**Friday 8h February 2019**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Sincere apologies for the belated newsletter but a warm welcome back to you all and a Happy New Year for 2019. We usually return to days of wet weather so it was quite unexpected to see the snow come down last Thursday afternoon. I hope everyone managed to have a nice time and enjoy the bonus day. Unfortunately, some staff were stuck in the traffic chaos and it was more than 11 hours before they finally got home. So not all fun and games.

Our new YF building is now nearing completion. The builders are now working inside as well as taking the scaffolding down ready to render the outside. They will then need to tarmac the areas around the building and that, we very much hope, will be that. We are anticipating a move in within the next four weeks. Thank you.

## Other news:

### Rights Respecting Schools

Please read the section on the website. We have displayed all the class charters. Each charter sets out the rights and responsibilities for the class. We will gradually be changing our use of the language of rules, instead we talk about the language of rights and responsibilities. With every right there comes a responsibility.

### Pupil Parliament

To continue to enhance our pupil voice, all children from Year 2 to Year 6 have signed up to our pupil parliament. The groups will meet twice a term to discuss school matters. Each group will start off by designing their own charter. Ask your child what parliament group they belong to.

### Do you follow our twitter?

You will see that our building contractor has tweeted about us and our new classroom! At present, the build is still on track and we hope to be able to move our children and staff in at some point before Easter.

## Dojo.

Thank you to all the parents who have signed up so far. Last time we checked we had around 100 parents! It's great for you to see how your child is progressing with their rewards. Please talk with them about the rewards they are earning. Ask them about how they achieved their rewards, for example, what resilience did you show today? You can also follow the class story which is a blog of the learning for the half term and snapshots of events. Please also follow the school story. This is a great way to find out items. Don't forget our twitter page too!

At present we won't be able to respond to any direct messages in class Dojo so please contact us in the normal way through school.

In due course your child will have their own login, where they will be able to change their monster design.



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# **Windmill Breakfast Club** **here at** **Windmill Hill Academy**

If you need childcare for work commitments or other early appointments before the school day commences, why not drop off your child/children to us where they will be able to enjoy a healthy breakfast while socialising with other children in the care of fully qualified staff. If your child has already eaten breakfast, they can still attend.

There are lots of games and activities to do. Why not come along and see for yourself? Parents/Carers are very welcome to attend with their child(ren).

If you haven't tried the club before, we can accommodate your children. If you have an early appointment or work commitments and are stuck for someone to watch the children before school starts, why not give us a try?

For any more information, please contact the office staff who will put you in touch with Mrs Williams (Leader) or Mrs Rutherford

Price is still £2.30 per child per session (which includes breakfast if required).

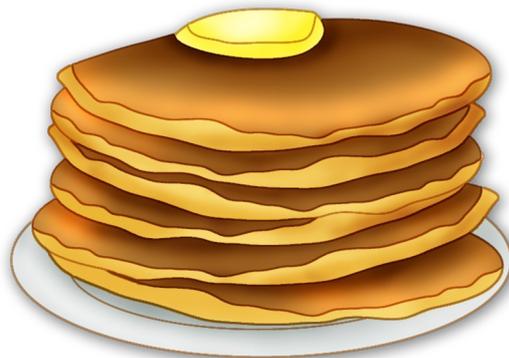
You can book via the school money online payment service.

**Tuesday 5th March 2019 will be our Pancake Day!**

Why not book into Breakfast Club and try Pancakes with various toppings: Sugar and lemon, Chocolate sauce, Honey or just plain?

Served from 8am until 8.30am.

£2.30 per session per child



# Year F Building Update!

The brand new Year F building is almost complete! There is now a corridor connecting the school building to this exciting new extension! There are brand new, smart windows, the roof is on and looks complete and there is almost zero per cent scaffolding left! This new classroom is looking great. All it really needs now is a bit of paint, to be filled with new furniture and the lovely Year F children inside! Everyone at WHA is very excited for that special day when our new building is finished and it will be remembered in the school's history.

By Abi Fraser, Year 6 building correspondent!



# Key Stage 1 News

## Visible Learning Day

On Monday 14th January the whole school took part in a Visible Learning Sail morning. The morning focused on 4 of the 8 learning sails we have at Windmill Hill Academy. These were: curiosity, question, resilience and brave. Over the course of the morning, the children took part in a range of activities that allowed them to demonstrate these learning sails. These included a trust walk, the hula hoop challenge and maths magic, to name a few. The children worked in mixed age groups to complete the tasks set for them. The morning was a great success and the children were keen to explain what they had been doing and how they could demonstrate this in the classroom based learning.

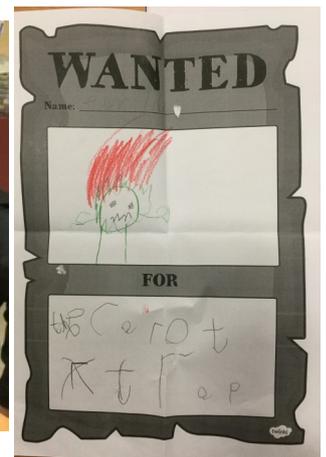


## Oh No! There's an evil sprout on the loose!

As part of their recent topic, the children in Year F took part in a superhero enrichment day. They came to school dressed as their favourite heroes and had a crime to solve! An evil sprout had kidnapped some of their fruit and it was up to Year F to stop him.

The children set about freeing the fruit, which included helping to unfreeze the carrots from a block of ice! Year F worked together to decide how they would capture the evil sprout. Wanted posters were written and the children designed and built their own traps. Success at last, the evil sprout was captured in a trap and marched back to the freezer!

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and we'd like to say a huge thank you to parents for providing costumes for the day.



# Key Stage 2 News

## Cornwall Heritage Trust Trest Ertach Kernow

On the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Year 3, from Windmill Hill Academy went on their adventure trip to Wheal Martyn, St Austell. This visit was part of their Topic title: 'Movement and Motions,' where the children have been learning about the local area and mining. The children have also been learning about rocks and soils in the local area through their Topic 'Extreme Earth.' Making a visit helps to keep learning real and in context for children.

Children curiously listened about Cornwall's history and solved the mystery of Victorian Clay. They also explored the woodlands, went on adventure trail and walked through the flat rod tunnel. They discovered a modern clay pit from a spectacular view and learnt a wealth of new facts through fun and exploration. At the end they were working scientifically on building their own ships. They thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the trip. What an amazing experience! A huge thank you to the adults that took us.



We also need to say thank you to the **Cornwall Heritage Trust (CHT)** who gave us financial support for our transport to enable Year Three to make the visit to a Cornish heritage site and therefore, develop awareness and appreciation of Cornish heritage. As many of the children have never visited this local landmark, supporting our transport costs has helped to make this accessible for children.

## Film Club



Film Club is being held again for **BOTH** Key Stages **NEXT Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30 until 5.30.** We have decided to have an all-inclusive price of **£2.00** per child to attend. This will include ice-cream, sweets and a drink. Please send the money in a named envelope and give to your class TA by Tuesday morning. Thank you.

### The Friends of Windmill Hill.

There will be a meeting for the Friends of Windmill Hill on Monday 11th February, at the school (3:45 start). If anybody is interested in coming along, especially anyone who might be interested in finding out about the things we do, then please do not hesitate to come and meet us. We are always looking for new members to support the work we do. Thank you.

### Kellogg's Football Superstar stickers.

Towards the end of last year, Kellogg's had a promotion on Football Superstar stickers. If you bought any Kellogg's cereals there was a pack in each box. I have been sent a big box of stickers so if there are any pupils who were collecting them but did not manage to complete their sticker album they are welcome to come and see me (Mr Terry) and I will try to help them complete their collection.

Please note: I will take all the Manchester United players and leave the rest for you, ha.