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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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Welcome to the newsletter for the end of June. We have had a mix of weather so far, ranging from boiling hot to our customary grey sky and rain. The dry weather did enable us to run our KS2 sports day last week which was, and I hope you will agree, an enjoyable event. We would however, value your feedback on the event so if you would like to make any comments then please feel free to let me know.

Although we are now entering the last few weeks of the school year, there are still many events going on.

One area that we will be keeping you informed about in the autumn term is our Visible Learning work. We are taking part in training at the moment which will help to develop pupil's understanding of their own learning and of how to become better learners. So if your child comes home and tells you they have been in 'The Pit,' don't panic, it is all part of their learning. Maybe you could ask them about it although please remember that they are in the early stages of this process so are just starting out on the journey.

FilmClub

Wednesday 20th July 2016
In the hall 3.30 - 5.30
£1.50 for the drinks and film
Sweets and ice creams are available

No FilmClub for July

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 July 14th at 2.30 This meeting will be in the library and there will be plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits available!



Please subscribe for newsletter on the front page of the school website to get newsletters automatically e-mailed to you. Black and white copies are also available in the foyer and on the website under 'News'

Trophies and Shields

Please can you bring any trophies or shields won last year back into school by Friday 7th July.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
5th September	Return to school

Attendance Figures for June 2017

Year	5th June	12th June	19th June	26th June
YF	90%	100%	97.7%	
Y1	88.7%	99.4%	93.2%	
Y2	95.7%	95.9%	95.5%	
Y3	95.5%	98.9%	98.9%	
Y4	94.8%	95.8%	90.4%	
Y5	94.2%	90.4%	94.3%	
Y6	94.8%	96.6%	97.6%	

Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9th June	Zak A Nicola	Aimee N Blake C	Minnie C Maja M	Harry S Gemma C	Owen W Abigail F	Matthew C Nikola D	Shaya C Oliver S
16th June	Joseph V	Alex P Niamh J	Dillon H Daria L	Gracie H Reuben K	Leighton P Heidi Y	Klaudia J Nicholas B	Louis J Grace A
23rd June	Chelsee G Louis G		Patryk B Alfie T	Chloe R George L	Adam W Evie H	Davion V Andrianna S	Emily V Liam H

Key Stage 1 News

Whole School 'Maths Challenges' Day

The whole school had a fantastic morning completing Maths challenges on Tuesday 20th June. The challenges were designed, made, tested out and then delivered by Key Stage Two. Key Stage One (including Year F) had to then complete them in mixed groups. All of the challenges were carefully thought about as KS2 had looked at what the pupils had been learning in Year F, 1 and 2. It was lovely to see the KS1 pupils tackling the challenges by applying what they have learned in class. Activities included: number bingo, addition ten pin bowling, making Lego patterns and 'Guess the 2D/3D shape'.



Year F and 1 Transition

Year F and 1 have had some lovely transition mornings this week taking part in activities, including Wild Tribe, linked to mini beasts. Some of the activities included: building homes, making mini models, fact files and making symmetrical pattern all related to mini beasts. These opportunities allowed the Year F's to see what it is like being a Year 1 child and allowed them to get to know the classroom and the Year 1 team. The Year 1's were fantastic role models to the Year F's. Year 2s will take part in a transition day on Wednesday 5th July with

wild tribe activities in the morning and follow up activities in the afternoon to prepare them for being in Year 3 and Key Stage Two (a letter with further details has already been sent home). Then the whole school will take part in transition days on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July.



Key Stage One's Sports morning

Key Stage One's (including Year F) Sports Morning will be on **Wednesday 19th July**. The event will be at **Coronation Park** due to it being much safer for the children (and their knees!).

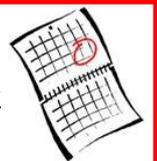
It will start at 10am and last around an hour. You are welcome to begin arriving at the park from 9.30am. Please feel free to bring picnic blankets and chairs as we won't be able to provide seating.

Refreshments will be available so please bring some change.

The children must have a PE kit in school for them to change in to. They are also encouraged to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house team (green, red, blue or yellow). They must also have sun cream applied, wear a hat and bring a drink's bottle filled with water. If you are able to assist with walking to and from the park, please let your child's teacher know.



KS1 dates for July



Wednesday 5th July Year 2's Transition Day with Year 3

Thursday 6th July Year 1 and 2 Parents 'Come and Learn Punctuation and Grammar' Workshop 2.30pm – 3.15pm

Monday 10th July Whole School 'Health and Well-being week'

Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July Whole School Transition Days

Wednesday 19th July KS1 (including F) Sports day 10am start

Thursday 20th July 2017 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in

Thursday 20th July KS1 (including F) Sports day *alternative date*

Monday 24th July 2017 Year 1 and 2's 'We do like to be beside the Seaside' Project Showcase and Year F's showcase of work 2.45pm – 3.15pm *Please note change of date

Key Stage 2 News

Year 3 Trust Event at Werrington



For the first time Year 3 visited Werrington for this term's trust event. The theme was global and wild tribe activities. They experienced what it is like to have to carry water on their heads; played games using their senses; made friendship key rings and considered items that they 'needed' or 'wanted'. The best part of all was

having the chance to get together with our trust schools.

More Sporting News from Mr Banks

Representatives from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in an athletics competition at Launceston College. Even though fewer schools attended it was fiercely contended. In the end we managed a respectable second place with only four points in it. Well done to all the children who took part and showed a great sporting attitude.

Year 5 were invited to Launceston Cricket Club to enjoy an afternoon of cricket. The weather was fantastic allowing the children to have a great time improving their skills and a chance to play on a real pitch. Thank you to Launceston Cricket Club for supporting us with our cricket this term and I am sure all the children have learned some valuable lessons.

Wake and Shake Competition



On Wednesday 21st of June, two small groups of year six's entered a wake and shake competition at Launceston College. It was an awfully hot day and there was lots of tension in the air. Six schools attended, raising the standard to a higher level.

Firstly, it was the KS1's turn to show the judges what they had been practising, only three schools entered! It was a hard decision to decide which of the amazing groups would win, as they were all on point!

After the hard decision of choosing the ks1 winner it was time for the KS2 entries to show their stuff. All of the schools did amazingly but only one could win. Windmill Hill Academy group went up first and did the best they could; the second group also did amazingly apart from the fact that the cd kept skipping and they had to restart 4 times. Unfairly we did not win but it was due to this unfortunate event that occurred. In fact it was a tie between Lifton and South Petherwin. They had to do a dance off: they both did fantastically but again only one school could take home the 2017 wake and shake competition trophy... SOUTH PETHERWIN ... the winners of the ks1 competition were... WERRINGTON!

By Lilly, Liam and Izzy

Key Stage 2 News

KS2 Sports Day



On Thursday 22nd June Key Stage Two held their sports day at the Launceston college sports fields. We carried out a host of sporting events, for example, 50m sprint, relays, skipping and various throws. It was a super help to have some college students help out with the finish line and making sure we had our stickers.

"Sports day was brilliant! My favourite part was watching everyone get along and have fun." (Reuben Kirwen)

"It was stupendous, everyone took part!" (Chloe Ritchie)

"It doesn't matter if you lose, it's called taking part." (Madison Philp)

"It was inspiring!" (Hester Richards)

"It brought people together to work as a team." (Olivia Stanmore)

Sports day was spectacular this year; everyone enjoyed themselves. Even though our team didn't win...there's always next year! (Zofia Dubinska)

Results: **1st with 147 points.....GREENS**

2nd with 141 points.....REDS

3rd with 127 points.....BLUES

4th with 124 points.....YELLOWS

We would like to thank all the parents for coming along and supporting us and the adults for making it happen. "Hope you come along and join next year's fun!" (Lola Honey) *Authors: Pupils of Year Three*

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Maths Morning

Last week KS2 used their maths skills to create maths challenges and activities for KS1. It was great to see how KS2 were able to give clear explanations of their challenges and how well KS1 responded to their older peers. The children showed super resilience



and were very focussed on their learning. It was also a great opportunity for Yr2 to visit and experience KS2.

Charles Causley Art Competition

Back in May, as part of the Causley centenary, there was an art competition open to any KS1 or KS2 child living in the Launceston College catchment area, and had to be based on, or inspired by, any Charles Causley poem or story. I decided to choose 'Eagle One, Eagle Two' as a source of inspiration and created a picture with water colours. Luckily, my picture was chosen as one of the winners and I was invited to a presentation on Friday 23rd June where I received a Charles Causley book of poems. The winning entries were displayed during the Festival (and until the end of June) at Launceston Specsavers, who

generously supplied all the prizes for the competition.
By Lawrence Charrett-Dykes,
Year 6.



Windmill Breakfast Club

The week beginning 10th July is Health and Wellbeing week.
Breakfast Club will have a few different things on offer this week:

Oat Flapjacks

Why not make your own fruit kebab?

Add fresh fruit to your favourite cereal, try banana, strawberries
or blueberries.

Rather than using milk on your cereal, try pouring yogurt.

Toast will also be on offer too!

Breakfast Club is open from 8am each morning . It is advisable to
book

£2.30 per child per session

ALSO WE ARE HOLDING A COMPETITION!

DESIGN A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE POSTER

PRIZES FOR THE BEST IN EACH CLASS

(competition is open to everyone)

Entry forms are available from outside the hall .

Closing date is Friday 14th July

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you (or the child themselves in their own right) is in receipt of any of the following benefits.

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an Annual income of less than £16,190.
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit

Please note that anyone claiming Working Tax Credit, Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance is NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed. However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a Working Tax Credit run-on, which is the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

Since 1 September 2014, all Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils have been entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative, regardless of what benefits are being claimed.

However, if you are in receipt of the benefits listed above which would entitle your child to free school meals anyway, the school may be entitled to claim Pupil Premium funding to support your child's education, just by you completing an application form.

When you apply we will check your eligibility for free school meals (or Pupil Premium for KS1 pupils) by checking against those held by HM Revenue and Customs, The Home Office and the Department of Work and Pensions. Universal Infant Free School Meals for current year 2 children will cease when they become year 3 in September. If any year 2 parents (or year F or 1 or KS2 parents) are in receipt of the benefits listed above, please apply for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium as soon as possible so as the entitlement is in place when we come back in September. Information about this is given below.

Apply for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Applying online (on the Cornwall Council website) is the quickest way for Cornwall Council to deal with your application. However if you prefer you can download the postal application for free school meals and pupil premium form from <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/> (printable PDF) to apply by post, or alternatively collect a form from the school office.

Applications will be processed within three working days of receipt. You will be notified of the outcome in writing of when your Free School Meals will commence. Please note that that we are unable to backdate any claim. If you are successful in your application, your child's/children's entitlement will continue until the end of their school life or until you cease to be eligible – whichever is first. There is no longer a need for claims to be renewed annually.

As the eligibility criteria for free school meals is determined by Central Government, not Local Government; as such, there is no appeal process for free school meals.

Benefits of a good meal at school

Cornwall Council believes that when children eat better, they achieve better. Whether families are paying for school meals or are entitled to them for free, children are more likely to concentrate in the classroom in the afternoon after eating healthy school lunches in a pleasant environment. This also improves their health and their learning about making better food choices.

Schools in Cornwall are responsible for arranging their own school meal provision; however, all schools must meet the national [nutritional standards](#)

FREE TASTER SESSIONS

Saturday 15th and Sunday 23rd July @ Launceston FC

12:30pm - 2pm

September

School

Years

2,3,4,5



2:30pm - 4pm

September

School

Years

6,7,8,9



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www.windmillhillacademy.org

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Afternoon Tea

We had our Annual Afternoon Tea on 16th June in the hall. Yet again the tea was so well attended that there really was no space in the hall at all. This year we changed how we set out the tea and it seemed to run more smoothly. Year 6 came up trumps again as waiters and waitresses and helped serve and collect children from classes. They looked very smart. We raised £450 which was amazing!

Thank you to Tesco and Shelley Vanstone,

Kensley Foods, Davidstow and Co-op for donating the food. Thank Lastly, thank you to all the parents, friend, family and neighbours who came along to support us we really couldn't do it without you all.



Summer Fair

On Friday 14th July the Friends will be holding our annual summer fair. 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, 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. 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 on posters.

Please can we ask for donations of teddies, bottles, tombola, bric-a-brac, toys and books, cakes, plants and anything else you can think of!

