



An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

*'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'*



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Head of School

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Welcome to the May newsletter. We are now well into the summer term and it has been pleasant to see some warm and sunny weather arrive as well. Talking about the weather, I would once again say that this is the term we always ask that your children bring in a hat and have sun cream applied before they come to school.

The summer term never changes in respect of it being a very busy one. Y5 have just finished a very pleasant residential at Carnyorth. Y6, only last week, had their SATs and Y2 have been doing their 'special learning' throughout the month as well.

Also this term, we have class trips, sports days, transition week and Health and wellbeing week, to name a few. Before that however, we have the half term and I hope the weather is pleasant for everyone throughout the week. I hope that all the pupils get a good rest and come back ready for the final term of the year.

Mrs Saunders.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Saunders will be having a baby in July. It is her first child and we are all very excited for her.

She will be with us until the middle of July and then she will go on maternity leave.

Trophies!

Please can anyone who had a trophy from the end of last year please return it to the office ready for awarding at the end of this coming year.

Thank you very much.

Writer and mathematician of the half term awards:

| class | writing | maths |
|-------|------------|-----------|
| YF | Buddy W | Laila A |
| Y1 | Harry L | Abe W |
| Y2 | Alyssa G | Kayla S |
| Y3 | Lola W | Brennan M |
| Y4 | Alfie T | Flora D |
| Y5 | Daisy H | Kelsie V |
| Y6 | Florbela F | James C |

Visible learner award:

| Class | | |
|-------|-------------|----------|
| YF | Meadow M | Antoni Z |
| Y1 | Florence T | Jude F |
| Y2 | Phoebe H | Filipe K |
| Y3 | Eliza Z | Niamh J |
| Y4 | Stanislav S | Minnie C |
| Y5 | Milo S | |
| Y6 | Logan B | Joe G |

| Stars of The Week | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | Year F | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| 5th April | Zachary J George DN | Lexie G Quintin R | Wenna C Owen S | Dominik B Lily W | Baily G Tyler L | Liam M Gracie H | James C Sam W |
| 26h April | Olivia W Lilian G | Jacob L Jack C | Chelsee G Emily F | Jamie S Raegan h | Abigail S Alfie T | Harry S Angel B | Evie H Ranveer S |
| 3rd May | | | | | | | |
| 10th May | Freya S Franky MT | Abe W Jack H | Casey LW Morwenna C | Eliza Z Casey Y | Flora D Jowan W | | Edward B Toby G |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 27th May-31st May | Half term |
| 3rd June | Return to school |
| 24th June | Health & Wellbeing week |
| 2nd July | Key Stage 2 sports day |
| 4th July | Key stage 1/YF sports day |
| 8th - 12th July | London Residential |
| 24th July | Last day of school |
| 4th September | INSET day |
| 5th September | Back at school |

Attendance Figures for April 2018

| Year | 26th April | 3rd May | 10th May |
|------|------------|---------|----------|
| YF | 96.7% | 98.7% | 92.5% |
| Y1 | 97.5% | 97.1% | 91.7% |
| Y2 | 96.3% | 94% | 92.1% |
| Y3 | 94.6% | 95.8% | 93.8% |
| Y4 | 98.1% | 98.5% | 95.8% |
| Y5 | 95.3% | 94.1% | 96.2% |
| Y6 | 94.2% | 98.7% | 98.7% |

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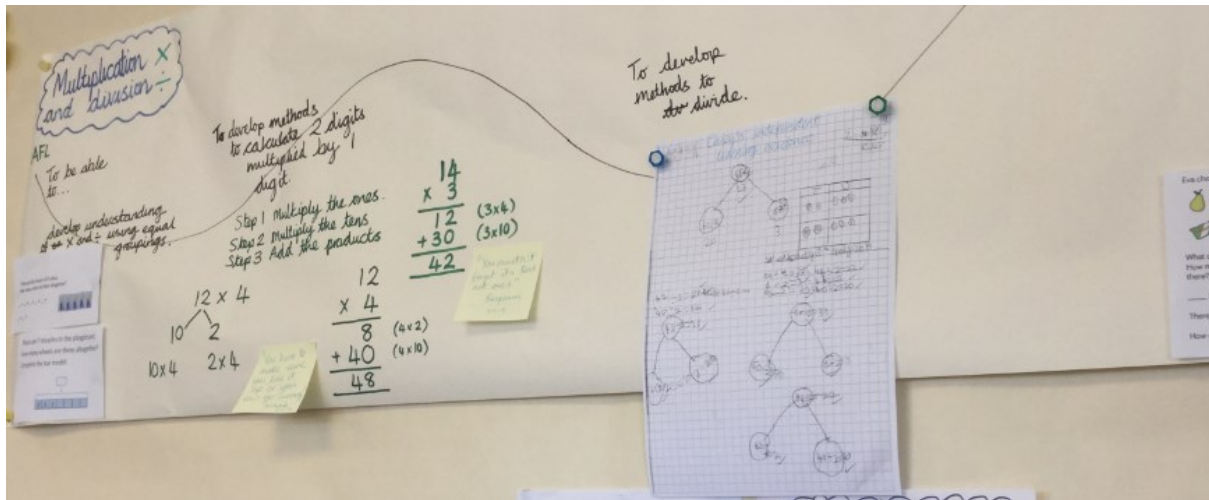
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Learning at Windmill Hill Academy

Visible Learning.

The next few pages highlight some of the different learning strategies that we have been working with in our classrooms.

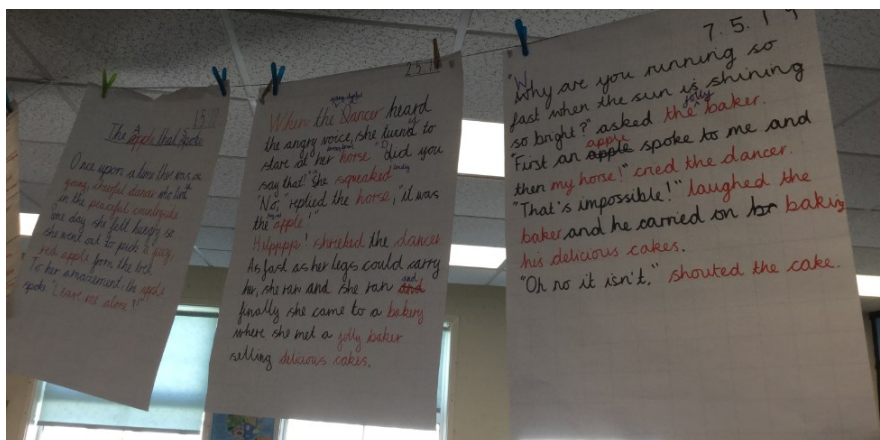
We have been working hard continuing to develop Visible Learning in our school. We recently did a learning walk to check our environment. You will see in classrooms a clear S Plan learning journey in English/ Maths and in other subjects. This display shows the children the progression in their learning and matches teachers planning.



Washing Lines.

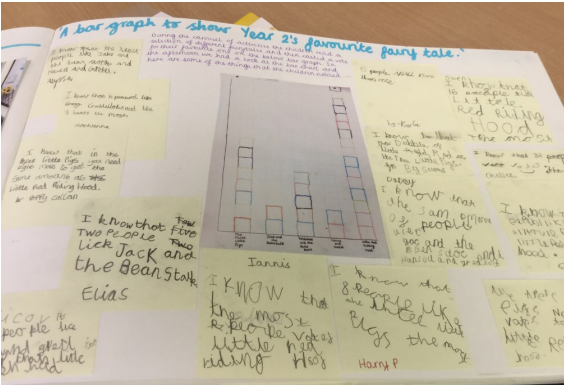
You will also see evidence of English subject washing lines where we have mapped out a story, boxed up a text and modelled the writing. Process for the pupils.

This is displayed so children can use the learning environment to help them with their writing.

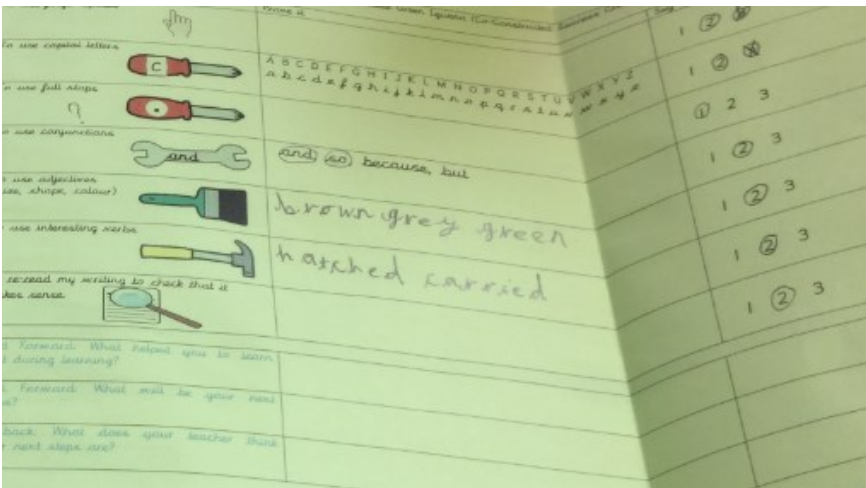


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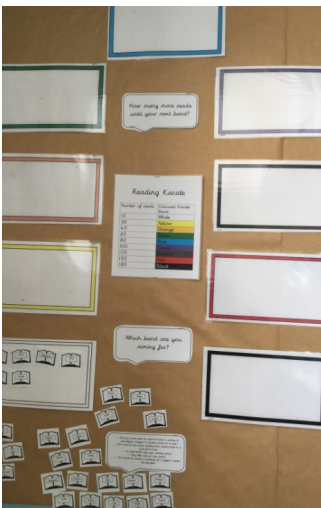
We have also been collecting learning from the pupils in our floors books and developing pupil voice in them as well. We are collecting what the pupils, 'Want to Know and What I have now Learnt'. It is really important we start our learning with pupil's prior learning.



We have also started using Visual images to help pupils understand their Success Criteria– what they need to include in their writing, especially in our Foundation and Key Stage One classes.

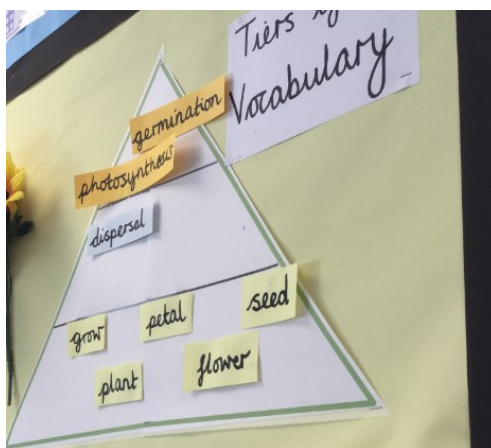


We have also made Reading progression very clear and introduced our Reading Karate bands. Some of our classes are doing very well earning their reward bands. Reading is so important to us. Do upload videos of your child/ren reading on their secure site in Dojo.



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We have also introduced Tiers of vocabulary, as developing specific language by pupils in all subjects is very important in achieving Age-related Expectations.



We have also explored Exit Slips where children record what they have learnt from the session or sequence of sessions in order to inform our teaching.

| Science: Exit Slip | Name: | Date: |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Q: What have you learned about fossils that you did not know before? | | |
| That the <u>amber fossils</u> are ^{is} a type of fossil. | | |
| Q: What else would you like to know about fossils? | | |
| How many fossils are not dinosaur fossils? Good question | | |
| Q: What did you enjoy about making your own fossil? | | |
| Seeing the bread when I took the insect out. | | |

We have also been working hard on gathering our Visible Learning evidence to apply for our Visible Learning Award. Please follow information on our website/ twitter and School Dojo.

Rights Respecting Schools Awards

We have been gathering data from pupils and staff about Rights Respecting and are analysing the information. It is important to hear your voice so we will be sending information out to you soon. We are close to applying for our Bronze Award.

Key Stage 1 News

Year 2 Warburtons Visit

Year 2 had a very exciting visit from the Warburtons team this week as part of our 'Let's Cook' topic. We learnt all about the history of the company, we discussed the 'Eatwell Plate' and healthy foods and then we created our own healthy sandwiches!

Year 2 especially loved getting dressed up as bakers in hair nets and aprons.



A report and some pictures from YF's afternoon with the creepy crawlies will come in the next newsletter.

Key Stage 2 News



WELL DONE YEAR 6



You have worked hard this year to be ready for your SATs and you all tackled them so well. Whatever your results (which sadly we won't find out until July) you can be proud of yourselves for trying your best and giving it your all. Very well done from Mr. Terry, Miss Young, Mrs. Millard and the rest of the Y6 team.

Year 5 Carnyorth Residential



Year 5 have been visiting Carnyorth Outdoor education Centre for many years; Mr Terry, Mrs Rutherford and Miss Osborne have been on many of those trips. Every year they come back saying what a fantastic trip it is for giving the children new and challenging experiences. This year was no exception. We saw children conquering their fears and, at times, pushing themselves to do things that they wouldn't ordinarily do. The trip took full advantage of our beautiful Cornwall and its heritage; we learnt its history of mining at Levant, built and sailed coracles, sketched its coastline and learnt survival skills at Kinidjack. Some of them scaled heights that they didn't think that they would on the climbing wall and learnt to shoot with increasing accuracy at archery. The behaviour and manners of the children did us all proud! Please take a moment to look at the Carnyorth display outside the classroom.

Key Stage 2 news continued

Sugar Smart

Sugar Smart has again been into school to help promote a healthy life-style. Children in key stage 2 were taught a number of different games that could help them become more active. They also learnt about hidden sugars in every day foods such as cereals. Year 5 are now Sugar Smart ambassadors and will be leading some fun games after the half term.

Look at the link below for a Sugar Smart Parent pack.

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/resources/Sugar-Smart>



Beach Safety



With the sun now shining and many of us taking to the coast, it's again time to think about safety while on the beach. The beach is a wonderful place to be so it was great to have the RNLI in school to give advice and tips to help

us have fun and stay safe.



Red and yellow beach flag

Lifeguarded area. Safest area to swim, bodyboard and use inflatables.



Black and white chequered beach flag

For surfboards, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks and other non-powered craft. Launch and recovery area for kitesurfers and windsurfers. Never swim or bodyboard here.



Red beach flag

Danger! Never go in the water under any circumstances when the red flag is flying.



Orange windsock

Indicates offshore or strong wind conditions. Never use inflatables when the windsock is flying.

<https://rnli.org/safety/beach-safety>



Lifeboats

Key Stage 2 news continued..

Now that SATs is over....



Year 6 can have some fun....



...even Miss Young
enjoyed her day
at Trethorne!



.....AND Mr. Terry
made the most of 5 minutes at pick up time!!

made the most of 2 minutes at pick up time!!

And finally...Key Stage 2 news

Year 3's Egyptian Day

On Wednesday 24th April, Year 3 spent the day immersed in all things Ancient Egyptian. They began by sharing some of their amazing costumes and what they already knew before discovering where Egypt is located and how far back in time we had to go. They considered some of the science behind mummification before attempting part of the process with a tomato and then learnt to write in hieroglyphics. They then created a salt dough cartouche on which to write their hieroglyphs before ending the morning with a song.

The afternoon was spent with even more activities including assembling pyramids from nets, learning about Egyptian numbers, making headdresses and exploring our topic resources before finally ending the afternoon with some Ancient Egyptian stories.



VERY WELL DONE

to our BOWLING teams!

Our children did a great job

at the Cornwall Schools Bowls Tournament on 22nd of May.

We may not have won the tournament but in our eyes all of the pupils who played were winners! In fact both teams won some of their individual games and everyone should be very proud of themselves. We have some up and coming stars in Years 4 and 5.....so next year.....who knows!!

Thank you also to Owen, who unfortunately could not play with his broken wrist but who came to cheer us on and also to Oscar, who stepped in at a moments notice to play in Owen's place. Thank you and very well done to you all.



The Friends' of Windmill Hill.

Friends' AGM

The Friends of Windmill Hill had their Annual general meeting on the 23rd May, at the school. There was a very small number of people in attendance.

The majority of the committee decided, reluctantly, to stand down at this meeting, as other commitments (family or work) now take up a lot of their time.

We are eternally grateful to each and every one of them for their support in raising vital funds for the school. They have all worked tirelessly over the last four years to make sure the events take place and they have raised an enormous amount of money for the school. They have all however, said that they will continue to help at events so we thank them for this. Mrs Millard and Mrs Leather have very kindly stepped in to be joint chairs and Mrs Williams has very kindly taken on the treasurer role.

Without these ladies taking on the rolls, we would not have been able to keep going so it is a massive thank you to these ladies for doing this.

We are still looking for anyone who would like to become a Friend to come on board, even if it is just volunteering to help out at events, so please do not hesitate to pop in to the office if you are at all interested.