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Multi Academy Trust

# Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'  
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry  
Head of School

*Newsletter - Friday 20th October 2017*



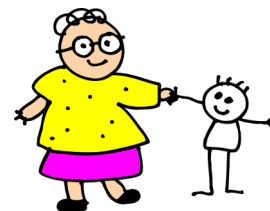
Hello again and welcome to our October newsletter. I would like to start by saying a HUGE WELL DONE to the Friends of Windmill Hill and the pupils, parents and families who supported our entry in the Launceston Carnival. We were awarded second place in the walking group, as well as winning the Youth Council 'Best Children's Entry'. The Youth Council awarded us a lovely big cup to show off in the school reception as a result. Thank you once again to everybody who came along and supported us.

I mentioned before the summer holiday about Visible learning (VL) being introduced in school. It is a resource that is being implemented across all the ADMAT schools. I wrote about the Learning Pit as a place where our pupils (and the staff) can often find themselves when faced with challenges and new learning. We have now started to adopt a common language of learning. We have initially introduced eight words that relate to our learning at Windmill Hill: brave, connect, resilience, reflect, curiosity, question, tenacity and self-aware. These will be known as our 'learning sails' and I hope that the pupils will be able to talk to you about their meanings as we move through the school year.

I hope you all have a pleasant half term and we will see you again on Monday 30th October.

## Lunchtime supervisor

Windmill Hill Academy are looking to appoint an additional lunchtime supervisor to work for 1 hour a day, 12:15pm to 1:15pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. The post will be fixed term in the first instance with a possibility of becoming permanent. Closing date 3rd November. If you are interested in this post, please contact the office.



## Stars of The Week

|          | Year F              | Year 1                   | Year 2               | Year 3              | Year 4             | Year 5                | Year 6                    |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 6th Oct  | Joshua J<br>Lexie G | Lacey-Mae F<br>Chelsee G | Ava R<br>Alfie C     | Daria L<br>Zack G   | Daisy H<br>Emily T | Julia K<br>Kai H      | Alfie R<br>Andrianna      |
| 13th Oct | Sam T<br>Winnie H   | Kerenza D<br>Ruby H      | Dominik B<br>Elise N | Alfie T<br>Marley L | Milo S<br>Lola H   | Lewis C<br>Logan B    | Jasmine W<br>John-Terry B |
| 19th Oct | Freya<br>Jakub      | Kayla<br>Zack G          | Eva H<br>Brennan M   | Jayden L<br>Flora D | Louis F<br>Angel B | Sam W<br>Florabella F | Tyro H<br>Alfie R         |

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## Writing Awards for Autumn 1 Well Done

Year F

Chloe H

Year 1

Phoebe H

Year 2

Niamh J

Year 3

Dominika T

Year 4

Emily H

Year 5

Rio A

Year 6

Linette H

## Maths Awards for Autumn 1 Well Done

Year F

Harry L

Year 1

Elias W

Year 2

Benjamin F

Year 3

Oskar D

Year 4

Liam G

Year 5

Kai H

Year 6

Connor S

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**30th Oct**

School starts

**1st Dec**

Decorations Day

**7th Dec**

Wrap-a-Gift Day

**8th Dec**

Christmas Fair

**11th Dec**

KS1 Nativity

**12th Dec**

KS1 Nativity

**13th Dec**

KS2 Christmas performance

**14th Dec**

KS1 Nativity

**14th Dec**

Christmas dinner

**19th Dec**

Christmas Party Day

**21st Dec - 3rd Jan**

Christmas Holiday

**4th-5th Jan 2018**

Inset Days

**8th Jan**

Term begins

## Attendance Figures for October 2017

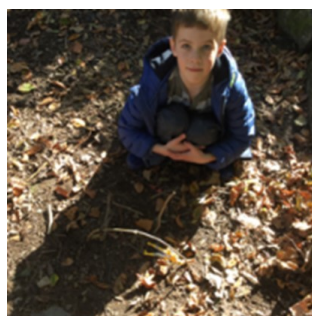
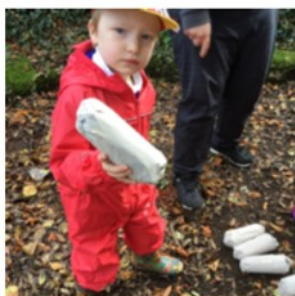
| Year | 2nd Oct | 9th Oct |
|------|---------|---------|
| YF   | 92.3%   | 90.8%   |
| Y1   | 98.6%   | 97.9%   |
| Y2   | 90%     | 96.8%   |
| Y3   | 93.6%   | 94.6%   |
| Y4   | 97.6%   | 96.2%   |
| Y5   | 94.5%   | 90.7%   |
| Y6   | 97.5%   | 95.2%   |

# Key Stage 1 News

## Wild Tribe activities in Year F and 2

Year F and 2 have been taking part in lots of Wild Tribe activities at the moment as part of their outdoor learning. Year F have spent time in the school garden, also as a part of their Wild Tribe sessions. We have engaged in a range of outdoor activities, starting with a hunt for dinosaur eggs and building dinosaur nests. More recently we have been looking at changes in the garden in autumn. We have sorted leaves into colour and size groups, used magnifying glasses to search for bugs, threaded leaves onto sticks to make patterns and created homes for hibernating hedgehogs. Year F and the staff have enjoyed these activities so far and look forward to more time learning in the outdoor environment.

Year 2 have spent some of their sessions in the school garden but have also been up to Windmill Woods. Activities have leaned to a range of curriculum areas and their current project. These have included: making a home for a toy model which had to be strong and waterproof, making their names out of natural materials they could find and maths challenges, e.g. how many triangles can you make using 9 sticks? The children (and staff and parent volunteers) have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in these activities.



## Year 1 and 2 Dogs Trust Visit

On Tuesday 3rd October, both Year 1 and 2 were lucky enough to be visited by Katie from the Dog's Trust who not only taught the children how to look after dogs as pets but also explained the importance of staying safe around dogs, especially those they don't know. The children enjoyed acting out role-play scenarios and were given lots of opportunities to discuss what they should do in different situations. We would like to thank Katie for coming in to help us learn how to stay safe.



## A few key dates for October/ November

Please see the KS1 diary dates sheet for more information.

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 Half Term Week

Back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

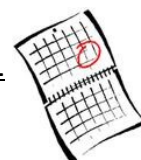
### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Year 2 Swimming for this half term

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 'Superheroes' Enrichment Day

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 KS1 Parents 'Come and Learn Maths Workshop' 2.30pm – 3.15pm

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Year 1 and 2's trip to Launceston Town Hall to watch 'Much Ado about Puffin'

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in





# Key Stage 2 News

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who donated money, cakes to sell, and who came to our coffee morning. It was great to see so many people and we hope you enjoyed your coffee, cakes and a chat with friends. We raised a huge £294 which has been sent off to Macmillan. So thank you so much. Also a huge thank you to all Year and Year 6 children who helped on the day.... we couldn't have managed without you!!



## KS2 Addition Workshops

Thank you for your support at KS2's recent Addition Workshops. The children enjoyed sharing their learning with you and I hope we were able to give you a better understanding of how we teach and learn addition in KS2. We will be holding further workshops later in the year so look out for those.

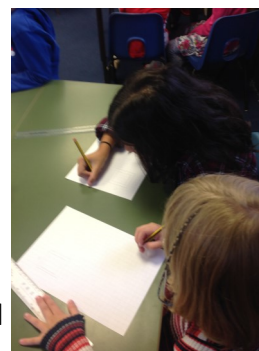
## Year Three Wild Tribe

Year 3 had a brilliant morning up in Windmill Hill's garden doing some outdoor English and Maths. We used the surrounding area to help us think of adjectives and then used these to create a poem about a woodland creature, which we then made using natural materials. Following this we used sticks, leaves and stones to help us create numbers.



## KS2 Maths Morning

KS2 enjoyed their annual sharing of maths games and tasks. They played Monopoly, experimented with place value and developed their problem solving skills.



# Key Stage Two Diary Dates

Dear Parents/Carers,

We endeavour to keep parents informed of what is happening so please do take the time to read and take note of the following dates for this term. In addition, during the course of the year, you will receive updates in the form of letters, newsletters (subscribe on the website), social media sites (Twitter and Facebook) and text messages but also please take a look at our website.

## **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 Half Term Week**

Back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Year 3 & 5 Swimming Autumn 2**

Children must have a swimming kit (labelled with their name) in school for these sessions.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1.30 – 3.30** – Touch Rugby Competition Years 5 & 6 TBC. Pupils concerned will be notified.

## **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 Whole School Decorations day**

The children will be making a selection of Christmas cards, calendars and decorations

## **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Whole school Wrap a gift day**

Children will have the opportunity to purchase (for a small amount) and wrap a gift for a family member.  
\*Further details to follow.

## **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fair (after school) TBC**

There will be a variety of Christmas stalls and activities.

## **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Christmas performance 2:00pm and 6:00pm**

This year's performance will be in the town hall.

## **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Whole school Christmas Dinner**

Christmas Dinner for the whole school.

## **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 KS2 Drop in 3:30-4:00pm**

KS2 invite you to drop in to your child's class and see what they have learnt this term

## **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Whole school Christmas Party**

\*A separate letter to follow.

## **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Last day of term**

The spring term starts on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

There may be other events that will take place during this term and, if so, we will notify you of these separately.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The 'Key Stage Two' Team



## Week one

30/10, 20/11, 11/12, 8/1, 29/1, 26/2, 19/3,

**Vegetable Supreme Pizza**

Sweetcorn, Peppers, Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Jacket Wedges, House Coleslaw and Sweetcorn

**Borlotti Bean and Mushroom Carbonara (V)**

Beans and Mushrooms in a Creamy Sauce with, House Coleslaw and Sweetcorn Ice Cream Pot and Fresh Fruit Slices

**Beef and Vegetable Pie with Suet Crust**

Beef and Vegetables Topped with a Suet Crust Pastry Lid with New Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans and Cauliflower

**Vegetables in Tomato Sauce (V)**

Vegetarian Meatballs in a Tomato and Basil Sauce, with Green Beans and Cauliflower Fruit in Jelly

**Roast Turkey with Crispy Potatoes**

Red Tractor Turkey with Cabbage, Carrots and Gravy Cheese and Potato Bake (V)

**Rich Creamy Cheese and Potato Bake with Cabbage and Carrots**  
**Fruity Flapjack with Yoghurt**

**Chinese Chicken**

Farm Assured Chicken in a Five Spiced Sauce with Egg Noodles, Broccoli and Sweetcorn Vegetable Biryani (V)

**Mild Vegetable Rice Curry, Broccoli and Sweetcorn**  
**Pineapple and Peach Crumble with Custard**

**MSC Battered Fish**

Crispy Battered Pollock Fillet with Chips, Baked Beans and Garden Peas Vegetable Chilli (V)

**Vegetable Chilli with a Jacket Potato, Baked Beans and Garden Peas**  
**Chocolate and Banana Slice**

Our dishes contain increased levels of:

- Fruit & Vegetables
  - Pulses & Wholegrains
- to ensure a nutritious, balanced meal everyday.

If you don't fancy dessert, you can always enjoy fresh fruit or yoghurt



## Week two

6/11, 27/11, 18/12, 15/1, 5/2, 5/3, 26/3

**Super Hero Mac 'N' Cheese (V)**

Mozzarella in a Cheddar Cheese Sauce with Broccoli and Crunchy Salad Boston Bean Casserole (V)

**B&Q Bean Casserole with Broccoli and Crunchy Salad**  
**Chocolate and Mandarin Sponge with Chocolate Sauce**

**Bangers with a Mash Mountain**

Farm Assured Pork Sausages with Creamy Mashed Potato, Gravy, Garden Peas and Carrots

**Vegetarians with Mash Mountain (V)**

Vegetarian Sausages with Creamy Mash Potato, Gravy, Garden Peas and Carrots Strawberry Cheesecake

**Roast Beef with Crispy Potatoes**

Beef with Peas, Cauliflower and Gravy

**Quorn Roast with Crispy Potatoes (V)**

Quorn Roast with Peas, Cauliflower and Gravy Cheese and Biscuits

**Beef Mexican Chilli**

Beef in a Mild Tomato Sauce with Wholegrain Rice, Sweetcorn and Green Beans Roasted Cauliflower and Chickpea Korma (V)

**Vegetables in a Creamy Curry Sauce with Wholegrain Rice, Sweetcorn and Green Beans**  
**Carrot and Pineapple Cake Slice**

**MSC Fish Fingers**

Golden Cod Fillet Fish Fingers with Chips, Baked Beans and House Coleslaw Bean and Potato Burrito (V)

**Mexican Bean in Fajita Seasoning with Chips, Baked Beans and House Coleslaw**  
**Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices**

There is a vegetarian choice every day... and don't forget that Salad is available daily



- Fresh baked bread available everyday

## Week three

13/11, 4/12, 1/1, 22/1, 19/2, 12/3,

**Sizzling Beef Pizza**

Cajun Spiced Beef Pizza with Potato Wedges, Peas and Sweetcorn Mild Yellow Vegetable Curry (V)

**Fresh Vegetables in a Mild Curry Sauce with Wholegrain Rice, Peas and Sweetcorn**  
**Strawberry Fro Yoghurt**

**Marinated Mild Chicken Tikka**

Chicken in a Tikka Masala Sauce with Wholegrain Rice, Broccoli and Salad Cheese and Sweetcorn Quiche (V)

**Sweetcorn and Cheese in a Shortcrust Pastry Tart with New Potatoes, Broccoli and Salad**  
**Mini Gingerbread Cake with Fresh Fruit**

**Roast Gammon with Crispy Potatoes**

Farm Assured Gammon with Cabbage, Carrots and Gravy Shepherdess Pie (V)

**Veggie Mince with a Creamy Mash Top with Cabbage and Carrots**  
**Apple Cracknell with Custard**

**Pasta Bolognese**

Beef in an Italian Tomato Sauce with Wholegrain Pasta, Green Beans and Sweetcorn Chinese Veggie Noodles (V)

**Vegetable Chow Mein with Egg Noodles, Green Beans and Sweetcorn**  
**Chocolate Sultana Crispie**

**MSC Crispy Salmon Fillet**

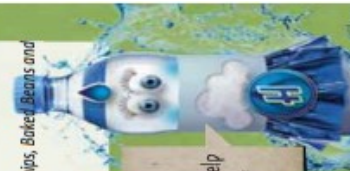
Smartcrumb Salmon Fillet with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas Veggie Quesadilla (V)

**Mexican Vegetables in a Tortilla Wrap topped with Cheese with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas**  
**Shortbread Biscuits with Fruit**

Our Suppliers provide the freshest local ingredients:

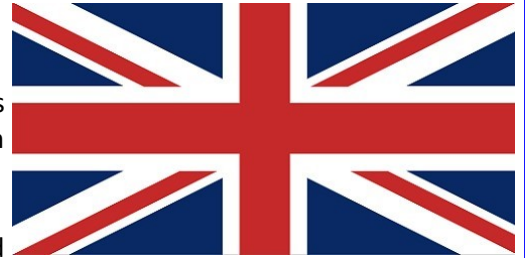
- Westcountry Fruit and Vegetables
- Scorse Butchers
- Trewhithen Dairy
- Proper Cornish

Keep yourself topped up with water - it will help you concentrate all day long



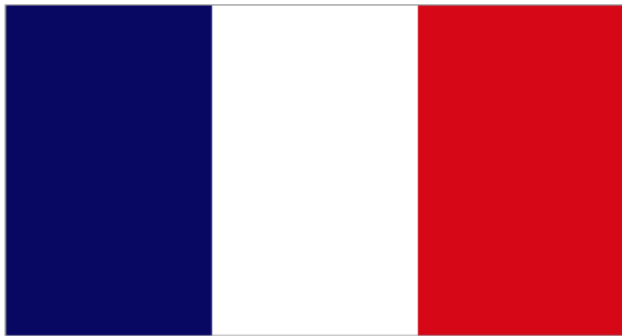
## Launceston Twinning

Launceston is twinned with a small town in Brittany – Plestin-les-Grèves – which is about the same distance from Roscoff as Launceston is from Plymouth.



The Twinning Association organises trips every other year to Plestin and on the alternate year our Breton friends visit us. We arrange exchanges with families of similar age if possible and, as we travel and socialise in groups, there is always someone around who can help out if there is a problem with the language. You don't have to speak French – just a willingness to travel to Brittany and experience the French culture close at hand and welcome a French family into your home.

Owing to the growing popularity of the twinning on both sides of the Channel we are looking for new families to join. Our Breton friends will be arriving in Launceston next April 28th, late on the Saturday evening, and leaving on Tuesday morning 1st May – there will be an organised trip on the Monday. There are many new families hoping to come to Cornwall and if you would like to take part, or have further information, please contact either Jason Thorns on [jayshaz@sky.com](mailto:jayshaz@sky.com) or Jenny Worth on [jaw53@hotmail.com](mailto:jaw53@hotmail.com) or 07766592519.



## Resilience Awards Autumn 1

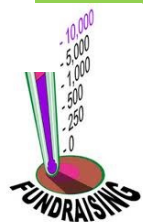
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| Year F | Lexi G     | Sam T    |
| Year 1 | Morwenna C | Jannis V |
| Year 2 | Alfie C    | Lola W   |
| Year 3 | Abigail S  | Sam M    |
| Year 4 | Liam G     | Daisy H  |
| Year 5 | Heidi Y    | Toby G   |
| Year 6 | Matthew C  | Kiara A  |

## School Photos

Tempest are coming into school to photograph the children on Thursday 9th November: a letter will be sent separately. This year we will be taking individual photos of all the children to put on our "School Information Management system". This is only accessible by the school and will not be used for any other purpose.

**TEMPEST**  
PHOTOGRAPHY





## Friends of Windmill Hill Academy News

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

[www.windmillhillacademy.org](http://www.windmillhillacademy.org)

Twitter: @FriendsofWHA



### Welcome Back

Welcome to a new year for the Friends, and to a new committee as well. Joint Chairs are Shelley Bridgeman and Trish Spokes; Vice Chair Kerri Turner; Secretary Julie Buchs and Treasurer Sharon Worsnip.

We would also like to welcome our new members and hope they enjoy their time with the Friends.

If you would like to join our committee, you would be very welcome. Please see any of the above members.

As always we thank you for your continued support. Without all our parents, carers, family and friends, we would not be able to continue the work we do.

### Carnival 14th October 'Journey into Space'

The Friends of Windmill Hill Academy's entry was a great success! Everyone looked absolutely amazing and parents had obviously spent a lot of time on their costumes. To top it off, we came 2nd in the 'Children's Walking' group, and won the Youth Council 'Best Children's Entry'! See next page for photos.

Many thanks for your continued support.



### Christmas Fair

The Christmas fair this year will be held around the whole school on Friday 8th December from 3.30. Grand Draw: First prize: £100 cash Second prize: Springer spaniel 8 course taster Third prize: Jo Downs Glass Fourth prize: Luxury hamper donated by the Friends. Draw tickets will be sent out soon. Please can we ask for donations of cakes, teddies, bottles and tins etc. (for tombola), toys and books, bric-a-brac, and raffle prizes. Everything excluding cakes can be brought into school from now on. Stalls so far include:



|              |                |                 |            |             |               |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| Grand draw   | Santa's Grotto | Tins Tombola    | Cake stall | Sweets      | Face painting |
| Tattoos      | Poop/Kisses    | Bric-a-Brac     | Toys/books | Badges      | Reindeer food |
| Refreshments | Snowmen        | Para cord items | Lucky dip  | Craft stall | KS1 bits      |
| Y6 Games     | Jewellery      | Tombola         | Mince pies |             |               |

**Santa will be waiting for you!**

### Next event: Monster Ball on 10th November

Disco with Chris Brown (Discoman)

KS1 3:30 - 4:30 and KS2 5:30 - 6:30

£1 entry.

Sweets and drinks will be available to buy during the event.





## Friends of Windmill Hill Academy 'Journey Into Space'

