



An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



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'For the Love of Reading'

On Saturday 10th October, the Friends of Windmill Hill Academy entered the school in the Launceston Carnival this year in the 'Children's Walking' category and came 2nd in our class. Over 50 children took part and their costumes looked absolutely amazing. Several parents also entered into the spirit of things and looked great in their costumes. The Friends are not all about making money but also giving children the opportunity to take part in events and being part of the local, and wider community. Thank you for your continued support



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Year 2 Trust Event at Windmill Hill Academy

On Friday 16th October, the Year 2 classes from Windmill Hill Academy, St Stephens Community Academy and St Catherine's School gathered here to take part in a trust event. The theme was well-known and well-loved children's stories based around the fantastic pictures that have been painted on the lead up to the Academy. Activities included: storytelling, art, music and dancing. The children all had a fantastic morning and enjoyed working with the children from the other Year 2 classes.



Christmas cards

Some parents asked the Friends to look into children designing their own Christmas cards that Parent/Carers could then buy. Class Fundraising have sent out samples of all the children's cards and these will be in your book bags this evening.



If you would like to buy your child's design, please fill in the order form and send back to class after half term. Any name mistakes can be corrected at that time (please highlight any mistakes).

Farm to Fork



As part of their Autumn topic, Year F took part in a Farm to Fork morning at Tesco. They had a fantastic time making their own bread rolls and finding out how bread is made in store by visiting the bakery. They explored the fish counter and learnt the names of some of the fish (and held some too!). Year F also tried some



different cheeses and fruits and talked about the ones they liked. They had a great morning and Miss Jones would like to thank the parents who volunteered and also send a big thank you to Shelley at Tesco for organising the morning.

An Anglo Saxon came to our school! Class 4 and 5 are learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. To add some adventure to their work they were visited by an Anglo Saxon who worked with both classes. Some of the children wrote about their experience of the day..... We were listening to special stories which are called sagas. One was about Thor who had a magic hammer which he used to kill the giants. But ... the giants stole the hammer so they were doomed. The only way to get it back was for one of the goddesses to marry the leader of the giants. He chose Freya but she refused. So Thor pretended to marry the leader instead! (Jasmine)
The funniest part was when Thor got to dress up as a pretty girl in a wedding dress to marry an ugly giant. But in the middle of the ceremony he stood up and said: "I am Thor!" When he ripped off his veil, out popped his beard! (Olivia)

My favourite story was about Grendel who had skin of iron and nobody but one man, called Beowulf, could defeat him. Later on in the day, Dave (the story-teller) came back and told us the weapons they would use. After that we got to be Saxons! (Lara)

Before that, we had a chat about how they would use all the weapons and armour. We also discussed how metal swords were expensive but spears were cheaper because they were mostly made of wood and they only had a little bit of metal. Farmers wouldn't have had enough money to buy swords so they would have used slings and stones instead. (Matthew C)

He showed us shields, armour, swords, spears, arrowheads and axes. Everyone dressed up and I got a shield, an axe and a helmet. We learnt what it was like to be in a Saxon war. (James)



Tempest Photographs

Tempest will be in school on November 5th. Your child should have brought home a letter and form on Thursday, if you have not received one please call in to the office for one. Could all parents please return the form by Thursday 22nd October.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd October	Parent Consultation Afternoon
6th November	Craft Fair (Friends)
27th November	Disco
4th December	Decorations Day
4th December	Christmas Fair

Cheques

Cheques for dinner money to be made payable to Chartwells

Cheques for trips, breakfast club, sweatshirts, swimming and any other school activities are to be made payable to An Daras MAT

Attendance

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

Attendance figures for September 2015				
Year	28th Sept	5th Oct	12th Oct	19th Oct
F	93.4%	93.8%	91.4%	
1	93%	97%	85.3%	
2	100%	90.7%	94.4%	
3	94.1%	95.9%	85.5%	
4	92.6%	93.3%	86.7%	
5	97.9%	91.4%	95%	
6	98%	96.3%	97.3%	

FilmClub

Wednesday 25th November 2015
In the hall



3.30 - 5.30

£1.50 for the film and drinks
Sweets and ice creams are available
...and POPCORN!

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 Bench

The Friends have bought a bench for the school playground! It was painted a lovely bright yellow and hand prints of the children were added. There is a quote on the seat which reads: "Come, sit, and make a new friend or two. Oh what great things we could do!" The bench is essentially for any child who might be in need of a friend to play with during breaks. Any other child seeing someone sitting on the bench could ask if they would like to play or maybe find them someone to play with. For obvious reasons we do not want it to be used too often but it will always be there just in case.

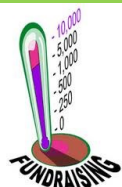


Race Night 16th October 2015

Well, it may not have been the biggest event we have put on to date, but the Race Night was great fun and the people who were there seemed to really enjoy it! The event raised just under £500!!! Thank you to all those who attended and to those who bought horses and jockeys beforehand. Many thanks to Terry Jones (Sarah's dad for running the races (not literally!) and to Sarah for managing the tote. Also The White Horse, Springer Spaniel, Buttons Accountants, Hicks & Sons, Number Eight, R B Construction,



Harvey's and B & CJ Baker Transport (who won the Sponsors Race and picked up £40!) for sponsoring the races. All the profits will go towards a clock for the playground and giant outdoor games such as Connect 4, Jenga, Quoits, Pick up Sticks and dominoes. Thank you as always for your continued support, we could not do this without you.



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

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Friends of Windmill Hill Academy



CRAFT FAIR

Friday 6th December
School Hall

2.30—5.30

Everyone welcome
Refreshments

Please e-mail friends@andaras.org for a booking form

Craft Afternoon

The Friends have organised a Craft Afternoon on Friday 6th November from 2.30 till about 5.30. There will be a variety of hand made stalls as well as franchises and readymade goods. These will include, ceramics, jewellery, personalised hand stretched canvasses, grass heads, cakes, paracord bracelets and lanyards, Body Shop, Aloe Vera and more.

Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon and a raffle at the end.

If you know of someone who would like a table, or you would like one yourself, please see one of the 'Friends' in the playground, e-mail friends@andaras.org or call in at the office for a booking form. Tables are £10 each plus a prize for our raffle. Please let us know if you have any special requirements.

Many thanks

Disco 27th November

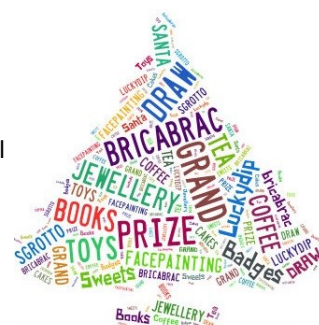
The Friends will be having their first children's disco on Friday 27th November. We will be hiring Chris Brown (Discoman) as the DJ and the entry will be £1 per child. KS1 disco will start at 3.30 and finish at 4.30 and KS2 disco will start at 6.00 and finish at 7.00.



Sweets, popcorn and squash will be available throughout the evening.

Christmas Fair Friday 4th December

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



The background of the menu is a dark brown gradient with diagonal lines. It features several white stars of varying sizes and a large, vibrant firework exploding in the upper right corner. On the left side, there is a vertical strip showing a bonfire with flames and a city skyline at night.

Bonfire Day Menu

Thursday 5th November 2015

Banger in a Bun with Wedges
(Pork or Veggie Banger)

Or

Jacket Potato with Various Fillings

Tuna Cheese Baked Beans
Coleslaw Salmon and Tuna Mayo

With

Banging Beans & Popping Corn
Salad Bar

Ice Cream Tub
Fresh Fruit

EAT

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