



An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



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Welcome to our last newsletter before the Easter break. Once again it is packed with information about what has been happening at WHA during the last half term and what is coming up in the summer term. The next half term is always a memorable one for the pupils in Years 2 and 6 as it is the SATs term. They will be busy preparing for these when they come back and I know that they will all do their very best.

As we are now moving towards the summer, the winter sporting activities will be coming to an end. We have finished the netball fixtures, we are down to the last four football fixtures in the Arena Callington league and there are two cross country meets remaining. All the pupils who have represented the school in these events have done extremely well and they should be congratulated for their efforts.

I am very proud of them all. All the pupils have worked extremely hard over the spring term and now they can have a well deserved rest. I look forward to seeing them all on the 11th April. I would also like to thank all parents and carers for the support you have given the school throughout the spring term. It is very much appreciated by all.

One more point to note is that we will be moving into the hats and sun cream term (we all hope) so please can you be aware that we will be asking for hats to be brought into school (named please) and sun cream to be applied before the children come in. More information will go out at the start of the new term.

Have a very enjoyable break.

FilmClub

Wednesday 20th April 2016

In the hall 3.30 - 5.30

£1.50 for the drink and film

Sweets and ice creams are available



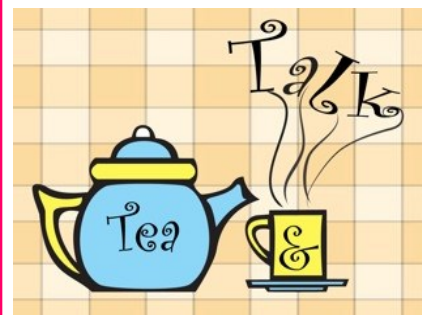
Please can I ask you to send in a note if you want your child to walk home from Filmclub

School Comms - Paying for School Dinners and other items next term

From Monday 11th April parents will be able to pay for School Dinners (and other things such as sweatshirts, trips, swimming etc) using the School Gateway. A separate letter is being sent home about this together with the School Dinner menu for the summer term.

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



Lost Property

The lost property bin is overflowing. Please come in and have a look to see if there is anything there that belongs to your child.

Happy Easter!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

23rd Mar	Parent Consultation Evening
24th Mar	Parent Consultation Afternoon (Inset Day)
25th Mar—8th Apr	Easter Holidays
21st-22nd Apr	Sponsored Bounce
2nd May	Bank Holiday
17th-20th May	Y5 Carnyorth Residential
30th May-3rd Jun	Half term
10th June	Summer Disco
17th June	Afternoon Tea
4th-8th July	London Residential

YF Swimming

YF will swim on Monday afternoons from Monday 11th April to Monday 23rd May 2016 inclusive.

There will be a separate letter sent home about this with more information.

Other classes will not swim now until the Autumn term.



Legionnaire Caps

In preparation for sunny days during the summer term, we have ordered a good stock of school caps. These will be available to purchase from the office and will cost £4.00 each.



Cake Sale

We had a cake sale for Key Stage One and Class F on Wednesday 16th March and we managed to raise nearly £30. Many thanks to children, parents and staff for buying them. The money raised will go towards buying resources for the children to benefit from during Friday Club. They have already enjoyed decorating cakes and biscuits, making a range of art and craft activities, planting plants and seeds in the school grounds, learning French and playing traditional games.



Attendance Figures for February 2016

Year	22nd Feb	29th Feb	7th March	14th March
YF	96.3%	96.3%	84%	92.5%
Y1	95%	95%	94.3%	95.7%
Y2	94.5%	94.5%	94.5%	96.3%
Y3	94.8%	94.8%	90.7%	96%
Y4	92.1%	92.1%	97.1%	96.2%
Y5	97.8%	97.8%	97.8%	97%
Y6	95.7%	95.7%	96%	96.8%

World Book Day

Well done to the children who dressed up for World Book Day. Their costumes were fantastic! We managed to raise £103 which will be donated to World Book Aid International to provide children from Africa with books. Prizes were awarded to Hester (Yr4), Leighton (Yr3), Louis (Yr2) and Flora (Yr1) for 'best costumes'. They each received a £5 book voucher.'



Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
29th Feb	Oliwia T, Benjamin F	Caiden C, Maellys P	Liam M, Warren C	Abigail F, Adam W	Alfie R, Eimija K	Harry S, Gamze M	Gladys T, Reece B
7th Mar	Jamie S Elsie S	Lola L Dominika T	Isabel P Molly D	Logan H Heidi Y	Gemma C Leland H	Zofia D Tia R	Chloe W Lucy M
21st Mar	Aimee N Eva H	Dillan H Patryk B	Gemma H Liam G	Sam W Julia K	Patryk W Jack M	Karl S Emily G	Milosz B Maddi S

Internet Safety

As a school we are raising awareness of the issues that children and young people face today when they are on the Internet. Therefore, we are holding an on-line safety information talk for all parents and carers of children who attend WHA. All parents and carers are invited to the talk given by Steve Stoppard, which will be held in the school hall on the afternoon of the 14th April. It will start at 2.30 and finish in time for you to pick your children up at the end of school.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sheila Jackson, via the reception.



Born in 1926?

Has anyone got a Gran or Great Gran that was born in 1926, same year as the Queen. IF so could you let the office know and they will receive a card and will be able to sit at the 90's table on Sunday 12th June



KS1 Maths Workshop and PJ Night

Thank you to all parents who attend the Maths workshop and PJ night. We hope you benefited from attending. We have really noticed a difference in the children when parents attend these events as they show how you can support your children at home. We will be arranging more of these events in the summer term. They will be on the 'KS1 dates' sheet sent home after Easter – we hope to see you there!



Time for Parents

We are excited to announce that the Andaras Trust will be hosting an eight week course that is open to all parents. The course will be held at the Royal British Legion, Launceston. Taking part will give you a chance to think about and discuss the joys and difficulties of being a parent. These sessions will be run by "Patchwork Parenting". It is absolutely FREE and tea and coffee will be provided. Nobody will be telling you what to do but your ideas and experiences as a parent will be very useful to others. The eight sessions will cover things like: Encouraging Good Behaviour, Choices and Consequences, The

Feel-Good Factor and many more. If you would like to find out more about the course, please come along to the taster session on Friday 29th April from 10.15 to 11.45. There's no need to book, just turn up! We would like to encourage you to bring a friend or family member for extra support. If you are unable to attend the taster session but would be interested in attending the course, or you would like more information, please contact Sheila Jackson via reception at Windmill Hill Academy.



Landrake Cross Country

On Friday 11th March the cross country team set off for Landrake to take part in their annual cross country run; the biggest, longest, hardest and muddiest run in Cornwall. There were close to 600 pupils there ready to tackle roads, fields, hills, very steep hills and the 'infamous' bog. All of the pupils from WHA performed fantastically and they all finished the race. It was challenging but very enjoyable too.

A special mention to Adam Worsnip who fell over on the road at the start but still got up and carried on, Sasha Courtney who lost a trainer in the first field but still ran the rest of the race with one and Harvey Basford who fell in the first field, hurt his ankle but again carried on. I ran alongside them all and they did us all proud. Well done.

Congratulations and well done to all who took part.



Year 2 Multi-Academy Trust Event at St Catherine's

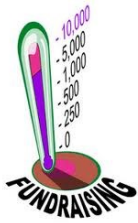
On Friday 18th March, the Year 2 classes from Windmill Hill Academy, St Stephens Community Academy, St Catherine's School and North Petherwin gathered at St Catherine's to take part in a trust event. The theme was 'Sports Relief' so the children took part in lots of sporting activities run by the Year 6 children at St Catherine's. Activities included: tennis, basketball, relay races, target practice and much more. The children all had a fantastic morning and enjoyed working with the children from the other Year 2 classes.



Year 3 and 4 Farm and Country Day

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic day at the Farm and Country Day at the Wadebridge show ground. There were many exhibits put on by volunteers from across Cornwall. Amongst other things they got to hold chicks, stroke calves, learnt about growing and harvesting different grains, crimped pasties and saw how ice-cream is made and of course, tasting it.





Friends of Windmill Hill Academy News (WHAFs)

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

www.launceston-ji.cornwall.sch.uk → More → Friends of Windmill Hill Academy



Easter Egg Bingo



Thank you so much to everyone who came to the Easter Bingo on Friday and made it such a great event! As always we underestimated how many people would turn up and were still carrying in extra tables as the bingo started! The hall was full to capacity and everyone there seemed to really enjoy it. Lots of Easter eggs were won and every child went home with at least one. The 'Bunny/Egg' card game seemed to go down very well too and the worthy winner went home with a bunny nearly as big as himself! Our thanks as always go out to all the helpers on the night, George Logg did an amazing job of calling for us, as he did last year and hopefully will do again next year? Thank you to Mandy and Tracey for checking the numbers and for Mandy's nephew for giving out the winning eggs. Thank you also to Tesco and The Co-op for donations of Easter Eggs and to Kensey for some very yummy cakes. We hope we haven't missed anyone? We made a total of £460 on the night and this will go towards revamping the school library. We will have a display in the lobby of all the goods we have bought so far in our first year. Please take time to have a browse and if you have any suggestion of anything we can buy in the future please let us know.

Thank you once again for all your continued support. It is truly appreciated and we could not do it without you

Sponsored Bounce

On Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd April the Friends will be holding a sponsored Bounce in aid of funds for the school. Chris Brown (Disco Man) has offered to donate a bouncy castle for the two days and each child will be given a sponsor form and asked to collect sponsors for how many bounces they can complete in one minute! As last year, children will be given 'precise time before the timed bounce.

There may be the opportunity, for a small fee, for pre school children and even adults to have a go at the end of school! Hopefully now you have received your sponsor form but if not, there are some in the school lobby, on Friends section of website



Afternoon Tea

The friends would like to invite you to their second Afternoon Tea on 17th June in the hall. The last tea was so well attended that it became very congested and some parent asked if their children could join them this time. We have decided to extend the time that the tea runs so now it will be from 2.00 -4.30. There will be an unlimited selection of sandwiches and cakes as well as pots of tea and coffee. Year 6 will be acting as waiters and waitresses and will be happy to attend to your every need. The cost of the afternoon tea will be £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for school children and £1.00 for preschool children. More information in later newsletters.



Has anyone got any wool?

Has anyone got any wool? Large balls of wool, little left over bits, used wool, new wool, chunky wool, 4 ply wool. Any colour, any amount, in fact any sort of wool at all! Also knitting needles, thin needles fat needles, DP needles, circular needles, long needles, short needles. I think I've covered it all. If you have any unwanted wool or needles, please could you bring them into school so that we can make wonderful things with them. Many thanks

