



An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry
Head of School

Wednesday 27th March



Hello and welcome to the March newsletter. Firstly, may I sincerely apologise if you did not receive your emailed copy (those of you who signed up for it) of the last newsletter (15th February). It was sent out but I am not sure if it arrived to your inbox. We will email this one (as well as giving you a hard copy) so please let me know if you do not receive it.

After months of disruption, I can finally say that our YF pupils are in their new home. The inside is now finished but there are some bits still to be sorted outside and these will be done over the Easter holiday. We have also gained most of our playground back as well and that is great news for the pupils.

Just a final note to say that we will be starting the summer term after Easter so it is that time when we need to be thinking about sun safety. Therefore, we will be moving into the hats and sun cream term. 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 pupils come in. More information will go out at the start of the new term.

DATES FOR YOUR

29th March	Easter Bingo
29th March— 5th April	Parent Consultation week begins
4th April	Parent Consultation evening meets
5th April	Inset Day—including parent consultation
5th Apr - 22nd Apr	Easter Holidays
6th May	May Bank Holiday
7th May	Y5 Residential
13th May - 17th May	Y6 SATS week
27th May - 31st May	Half Term
8th- 12th July	Year 6 Residential

Year 6 SATs

The time is fast approaching!! SATs week begins on May 13th which is only 4 school weeks away!

To help the children prepare for these tests, Miss Young has been holding an after-school revision club....she ensures it is a fun way to revise—PLEASE attend....these revision sessions really will make a difference! Each child has also been given a SATs revision book for both Maths and English and an exercise book to make notes in. These books have always proved to be a helpful and fun way to encourage the children to revise. During the next few weeks, Year 6 will be working VERY hard to give themselves the best possible chance in their SATs. If you have any questions about them these can be discussed with Miss Young at Parent Consultation meetings. In the meantime, please encourage your child to work hard and come to school everyday that they can, but above all PLEASE tell them NOT to WORRY, they are just tests that they have been preparing for and practising all year.....we will endeavour to ensure that the children are ready for the big week...but they MUST be prepared to work hard to help themselves too



Visible learner award for the spring term 1.

Class	Pupil 1	Pupil 2
YF	James B	Julia C
Y1	Jamie D'C	Lexi W
Y2	Harry P	Nicole S
Y3	Marissa D	Niamh J
Y4	Afie T	Joseph G
Y5	Gracie H	Milo S
Y6	Leighton P	Evie H

Attendance Figures for March 2019

Year	1st Mar	8th Mar	15th Mar	22nd Mar
YF	100%	94.4%	91.4%	93.3%
Y1	97.3%	91%	94.7%	97%
Y2	92.7%	93.7%	92.7%	95.7%
Y3	92.1%	90.7%	90%	95.3%
Y4	97.8%	98.6%	97.4%	98.1%
Y5	98.7%	97.8%	92.8%	95.8%
Y6	93.7%	98.2%	97.5%	97.9%

Windmill Hill—September 2019

As most you will now know, it was announced earlier in the term that Mrs Abby Bassett will be taking over the role of Head of School in September. I am very pleased with this appointment as Mrs Bassett is a familiar face to the school, having been Assistant Head and Year 2 teacher here already. I know that she is very pleased to be coming back and she is very much looking forward to starting in September.

As you will also know, I have decided to retire after nearly twenty five years at this school (it has been my only school) and it pleases me immensely to know that it is going to be in good hands when I finish.

I will write more about this as we get nearer to the end of the academic year.

World Book Day: Thursday 7th March—we had a great time!

We had a great day celebrating World Book day on the 7th March and we raised a total of £90.

As a school, we support reading for pleasure, so we were delighted to be able to take part in World Book Day again this year. In order to celebrate the day, we encouraged children and staff to come to school dressed as a book character. We also awarded two prizes awarded to the 'best dressed' – one in KS1 and one in KS2.

Each pupil was given a £1 World Book day token which they can exchange for one of the ten exclusive £1 World book day books – or if they prefer, £1 off a full price book. Booksellers all over the UK are participating in this scheme – the nearest one is WHSmith.



Respect and Kindness award.

Date	KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
8th Feb	Chloe T	Maja M	Abigail F
15thFeb			
1st Mar	Poppy C	Ewan B	Daisy H
8th Mar	Quintin R	Minnie C	Angel B
15th Mar	Elias W	Casey Y	Logan H
22nd Mar		Flora D	Daniel PM

Positive role model.

Date	Recipient
8th Feb	Oscar D
1st Mar	Iris S
15th Mar	Gemma H

Writer award Mathematician of the half term award

Date	Writing	Maths
YF	Laura P	Leo C
Y1	Violet H	Seth G
Y2	Violet H	Chelsee G
Y3	Lola W	Jayden BS
Y4	Flora D	Abigail S
Y5	Reuben K	Theo B
Y6	Kai H	Edward B

Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1st Feb	Tomasz R	Florence T	Izabella P	Blake C	Aris M	Daniel M	Viktor S
	Meadow M	Curtis W	Summer L	Alfie C	Alicia T	Kelsie V	Jaysia P
8th Feb	Freddie S	Joshua J	Chelsee G	Rhys M	Dillan H	Tegan C	Romeo M
	Max Y	Leighton S	Joseph B	Niamh J	Oscar K	Louis F	Claudio I
15th Feb	Patrycja S	Emily W	Sara U	Raegan H	Alicia T	Sonny T	Keegan T
	Antomni Z		Harry E	Alex K	Aime H	James P	Claudio I
1st Mar	Sarah R	Riley M	Lacey MF	Casey Y	Minnie C	Theo B	Edward B
	Freya S	Lexie G	Nicole S	Autumn B	Jayden L	Kristian A	Jess M
8th Mar	Ella B	Sienna M	Casey LW	Elise N	Oliwia W	Harry S	Owen W
	Laila A	Myles D	Sara U	Aimee N	Emma F	Madison P	Florabela F
15th Mar							
22nd Mar	George DM	Freya S	Summer L	Casey Y	Marley L	Liam G	Kai H
	Freddie C	Tommy H	Joseph B	Rhys M	Lola L	Ria H	Logan B

Key Stage 2 news.

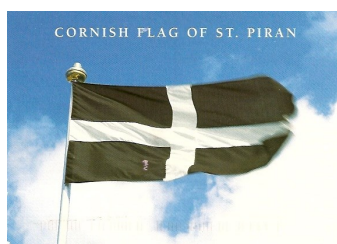
Tuesday 5th March was St Piran's Day. Year 5 had been practising with Mr Arnold for a few weeks prior to this date to sing and dance in the Launceston St Piran's Day Parade, in the town. Many schools from the Launceston and the surrounding areas came together to sing and dance to traditional Cornish songs.



The Mayor of Launceston and other dignitaries officiated at the occasion, where the children celebrated in the town square and then danced their dances on the parade ground behind St. Mary's Church. It was great fun!



For all their efforts, each child was given a Cornish pasty for their lunch whilst listening to some of the schools perform poetry, sing more songs and tell their own stories about Saint Piran. Most of the pupils said it was: a proper job.



Key Stage 1 News

Walking through the Jungle



At the beginning of this half term Year 1 and Year 2 held a 'Walking through the Jungle' Enrichment Day. The children came into school dressed as their favourite jungle animals or as explorers. We enjoyed a day full of jungle themed activities, including solving jungle maths problems, creating fact files about jungle animals and using our senses to describe a jungle

Y1 and Y2 visit the Eden Project.

On Tuesday 26th March, Year 1 and 2 visited the Eden Project as part of their science, geography and DT topics. They all had a fantastic time looking around the Biomes and in our next newsletter they will report back on how the visit went.

Key dates for March/ April—KS1

Friday 29th March - YF parent consultation day

Monday 1st April—Y2 parent consultation day

Tuesday 2nd April—Y1 parent consultation day

Thursday 4th April—parent consultation evening for YF, Y1 and Y2.

Thursday 4th April Last day of term for the children
(INSET day on the 5th April)

Friday 5th April—parent consultation day for YF, Y1 and Y2.

The Summer term starts on **Tuesday 23rd April**.

A sign up appointment sheet is up outside the reception for you to book an appointment if you haven't done so already.

Year F Building Conclusion

The new Year F building is now coming to a close. It has come so far since it was just a plan – the finishing touches are being applied as we speak. It has been exciting watching it progress stage by stage - but now, 6 months later, it is finally finished. The completed structure has a very spacious and modern design, featuring an office; a main classroom; unisex toilets; Year F's very own private play area; and a disabled lift in the attached corridor linking this new building to the main part of the school.

All we have to do now is simply wait, as the final touches now are: painting the building, and filling the classroom with our wonderful Year F pupils.

Mr Terry, Mrs Rutherford and Miss Jones are very pleased by the outcome of this new classroom and are looking forward to being able to teach in such a wonderful building – and it seems as though the Year Fs are getting very excited too – this will be quite different from being taught in the school dinner hall!

Article written and edited by:

Abigail Fraser - Head Girl

Joseph Gent - Head Boy



Year F Building Conclusion

Here are some photos of the inside of the building:



WHA items.

EASTER FUN at STARA WOODS on SATURDAY 19TH APRIL PL14 7PG.

Like being outside and discovering? The Friends of Stara Woods are holding a nature detecting morning on Easter Saturday from 11am until 2pm. You will have a list of things to find, make notes about and photograph. Prizes for the best photographs. Bring a phone / digital camera, a notebook and pen / pencil. This is a free event but donations are always welcome to help maintain our beautiful woods. Refreshments available. Parents will need to accompany their children. Stara Woods can be found near Upton Cross heading to Launceston.

Guthrie O'Brien a directing researcher for wildlife documentaries will be bringing his cameras and showing off a few tricks of the trade for those who are thinking about a career in natural history.

ADMAT vacancies:

If there is anyone who might be interested in working within the ADMAT the following link will take you the vacancies page on the AN Daras Mat website. **Vacancies**

For current vacancies please go to the An Daras MAT website, www.andaras.eschools.co.uk and click on the Work with Us

Pedestrians and car users.

This is just another reminder to all school users to be very careful when entering and leaving the school via the main entrance.

Please can we all just be 'extra careful and vigilant' and drive/walk in and out with great caution and care.

Contact Details

Can we please remind you to ensure that we have your up to date contact numbers and can you let us know each day when your child is absent. If we do not hear from you we will text and then if we still get no reply we will phone your listed contacts.

Please can we also ask you to ring the office if your child is off school for any reason rather than using class dojo because the office does not instantly get the messages from dojo. Thank you very much.



Bag Packing at Tesco



On January 18th sixteen children from Year 6 went up to Tesco to help shoppers pack their bags. They did this to help raise funds for the London trip in July. The annual bag pack helps to pay for tickets to see a West End show....an experience not to be missed!

Very favourable reports from the many shoppers told us that the children were all VERY polite, VERY well-mannered and VERY helpful. We are very grateful to Tesco for allowing us to do this each year and extremely grateful to all the parents and shoppers who gave so generously and helped us raise over £600 in just 3 hours!

A very big THANK YOU from us all.



Friends of Windmill Hill Academy News

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

www.windmill-hill.eschools.co.uk

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Easter Egg Bingo

We will be holding an Easter Egg Bingo on Friday 29th March at 5.30 in the school hall. This event is open to children (accompanied by an adult) and adults from the school and community. The prizes will be Easter eggs for a line, two lines and a full house. There will also be a raffle and refreshments during the interval.



Easter Egg non school uniform day.

Thank you to everyone for the non school uniform, Easter egg donations. We have plenty for the Bingo on the 29th.

If anyone would also like to donate a raffle prize, they are very welcome to hand it in to the school office.

Friends of Windmill - A New Era

After another successful fundraising year it is time for our AGM. The AGM will be held on 23rd May 2019 at 7pm in the School hall.

We need to have as many parent/carers/grandparents as possible to attend please.

It will be all change this year as the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are all stepping down and these roles need to be filled in order for the Friends to continue and raise much needed funds for the school.

I personally have thoroughly enjoyed the last 4 years as Treasurer. There has been lots of laughter and I have made some wonderful friends, but work commitments make it difficult for me to fully commit to the Friends.

So if you can spare a few hours a month and give the Friends of Windmill some new life then please do consider joining.

The retiring officers will make themselves available to make the handover as easy as possible. So if you want your children to still enjoy The Easter Bingo Summer Fair, Christmas Fairs and Discos amongst other events then we need people to step into these roles. Without a committee these events will cease.

Please help the Friends to continue their important role in the school.

Sharon Worsnip
Treasurer

Bag2school Collection

The Bag2 school company still come in to collect all our old clothes, linen, shoes, etc so if you have any of these items that you no longer need, please bag them up and bring them in to school.

Our next visit will be in the summer term and we will let you know the date as soon as Bag2school let us know.





Outdoor Holiday Club@Lawhitton

EASTER FUN IN THE WOODS!

For children
aged 5-11 years

Week 1 - 8/4/19

Monday - Team games in the woods.

Tuesday - Den and shelter building

Wednesday - Bushcrafts, to include, lighting fires with handmade bow drills, chopping pegs from wood and building a permanent fire pit.

Thursday - Building fires and making charcoal

Friday - River adventures including the mud slide . Easter themed nature crafts

Week 2 - 15/4/19

Monday - Survival skills. How to keep safe in the woodland

Tuesday - Campfire cooking. Making bread, toasting marshmallows and popping popcorn

Wednesday - Easter Egg hunt and making chocolate nests

Thursday - Mud play. Using the mud kitchen, mud sculptures and mud painting



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