



An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



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Newsletter - Wednesday 31st October 2018



Hello and welcome back after the half term. I hope you all had a pleasant time.

Going, going, gone!

After many months of delays and frustration, we have finally seen some action with our building work (see article in the newsletter). The demolition team came and within a day our YF classroom was gone. It was, in fact, a day of mixed emotions for myself and for the rest of the 'more senior' staff in the school. On one hand it was a relief to finally get the project underway but on the other it was sad to see the wonderful building being reduced to rubble. However, we must move on and we will look forward to seeing the new building take shape over the next few months. The estimated finish date is now

February half term.

Change of Date

Unfortunately the KS2 Christmas concert date has had to be changed and will now be on Tuesday 18th December at 2.00 and 6.00 at St Mary's Church. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Friends News

Bags 2 School collection raised a total of £60. Thank you to everyone who donated.
The Christmas Snow Fair will be held on 14th December 3.30. More details to follow.

Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
5th Oct	Max Y Millie C	Lilly A Riley M	Emily F Morwenna C	Marissa and Callie D Aimee N	Joseph G Dominika T	James P Liam M	Joe G Abi F
12th Oct	Isabella M Dante W	Jack C Harry L	Zac A Ruby H	Ava R Elise N	Lola L Jayden L	Reuben K Summer A	Julia K Toby G
18th Oct	Jessica J Harry S	Umut M Florence T	Summer L Harry P	Jayden L Dominik B	Stanislav S Alfie T	Isabel P Sonny T	Logan B Adam W

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The Disappearing Classroom !

On Thursday the 11th of October 2018 our old Year F building was demolished into small chunks of rubble. It was started in the early morning hours, with children looking from the playground and some through the windows of the school. It was very exciting for the children but also educational as it



was sorting rubble from the roof, layer by layer. Even with a digger so vast and strong it still was able to pick up the tiniest bits of rubble. At one point it even picked up a piece of paper!! It was all over by the end of the day and I think everybody enjoyed watching it! Some of

the teachers were a bit sentimental because the building had been standing for so long. It has been standing for almost 70 years. Everybody is excited for the new build to begin. (Especially Miss Jones and Mrs Rutherford who can't wait for it to be finished). Year 6 will keep you posted all through the build and hopefully it will be finished soon.

By Joe Gent and Abigail Fraser

**Visible Learner for Autumn 1.
Well Done.**

Year F

Ella B

Year 1

Sifi L

Year 2

Wenna C

Year 3

Aimee N

Year 4

Abigail S

Year 5

Ria H

Year 6

Heidi Y



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd Dec

Decorations Day

5th Dec

Christmas dinner

11th Dec

KS1 Nativity

14th Dec

Christmas Fair

17th Dec

Wrap-a-Gift Day

18th Dec

KS2 Christmas performance

19th Dec

Christmas Party Day

21st Dec - 7th Jan

Christmas Holiday

8th Jan 2018

New term begins

Children have begun collecting team points this term and are working hard to help their team. The current scores are as follows:

REDS: 981

YELLOWS: 1005

BLUES: 1042

GREENS: 1136

WELL DONE TO THE GREEN TEAM!!

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Year F

Freddie C

Year 1

Tommy H

Year 2

Iannis V

Year 3

Benjamin F

Year 4

Jayden L

Year 5

Liam G

Year 6

Lewis C



Individual School photographs

Tempest (photographers) will be in school on the morning of Thursday 8th November. Everyone should have received a letter and a form to complete. If you haven't received one please call into the office. We do need them returned by Friday 2nd November at the latest.

Attendance Figures for October 2018

Year	1st Oct	8th Oct	15th
YF	97.6%	92.8%	84.1%
Y1	92.3%	93.3%	95%
Y2	96.3%	96.7%	93.5%
Y3	96.3%	96.7%	96.3%
Y4	93.4%	93.1%	92.7%
Y5	95%	95.7%	80.8%
Y6	95.7%	94.3%	90.2%

Key Stage 1 News



KS1 Pirate Day

On Tuesday 16th October Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a day packed full of pirate activities. The children arrived at school dressed in fantastic pirate costumes ready to learn pirate songs, make pirate treasure maps and collect their very own treasure. The day finished with the children sharing their pirate song and home learning with parents.

Harvest Celebrations!



As part of our Harvest celebration, Windmill Hill

brought

in food to donate to the local food bank. This was then presented to Yvonne by the children in Year F. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated food for this worthwhile cause.

Year 2 Visit to Pendruccombe



The children in Year 2 recently visited Pendruccombe where they sang and talked with the residents as part of intergenerational care. They will be making these visits regularly throughout the year.

Key Stage One Wild Tribe Club



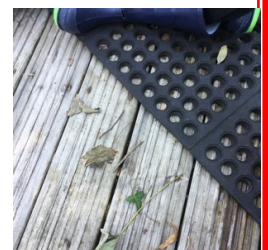
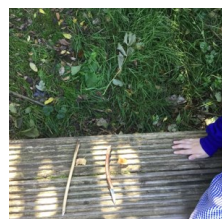
As part of their afterschool provision, some of the children in Years 1 and 2 have been taking part in Wild Tribe.

The children have used a variety of skills to help them with activities such as roasting marshmallows, making clay animals, climbing trees, making a magic wand along with a magical potion, and that's only in the first three weeks!

Outdoor Learning in Year F



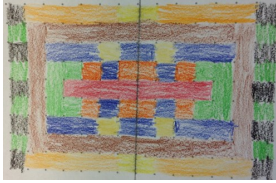
As part of their Wild Tribe outdoor learning, Year F have been applying what they've learnt in maths. The children collected their own natural materials and used them to create repeating patterns. They were able to describe their patterns to each other. Can you tell what they are?



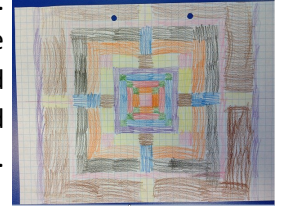
Key Stage 2 News

KS2 Maths Morning

This morning (Friday 18th October) KS2 enjoyed a morning of maths challenges. Children split into their teams and then visited each year group to carry out a different challenge.



They leapt frogs in Y3, went through training to get onto the mole police force in Y4, designed rugs using symmetry on vertical and horizontal lines in Y5—look below for some examples and carried out mini challenges using coins, counters and matchsticks in Y6.



Windmill Hill Academy Breakfast Club

If you have an appointment, or need to get to work early, you may need childcare before school starts. Our Breakfast Club is open from 8am until 8.45am which is before school officially opens. Why not drop your child off with us where they will be looked after (and have a breakfast if wanted.) by qualified staff? Price per child per session is £2.30. (to be paid in advance or on the day.)

For any more information, please contact the office staff who will put you in touch with Mrs Williams (Leader) or Mrs Rutherford.



Bowling Club

Mrs Millard and Mr Terry are very pleased to see new faces joining the bowling club. It is held after school on Wednesday afternoons until 4.45. We go down to Kensey Green bowling club where we are expertly taught by two very nice ladies from the club. During the winter we train indoors and in the spring we begin playing outside on their beautifully kept lawns. In May the team gets a chance to play in competitions against other schools. At the end of our training each week we all get a drink and a biscuit. A few spaces are still free, if you are interested, please see Mrs Millard or Mr Terry for further Information..

Visiting poet to Years Three and Five

On Tuesday 16th of October, Year Three and Five were very lucky to have had an afternoon with a visiting poet. Jen has travelled all the way from the Shetland Isles to run workshops from Lawrence House Museum for local groups. To start Year Five off on their environmental topic next half term, we looked at the poem *Beachcomber* by George Mackay Brown ; the children then wrote one of their own based on what they might find on the beach .

Monday, down the Jurassic coast,
Hammers hitting
Finding fossils and going home. (Summer Scott)

Saturday—a fossil or two,
Old bone,
Off to the Museum.
(Milo Spokes)

Tuesday, I found an old tap shoe,
Wet and mouldy,
I threw it back so the sea could tap dance (Sonny Tisserant)

Wednesday, I found a message,
Enclosed in glass,
I put it safe and sound.
(Ria Hagger)

Arena Primary Football League

On Monday the 1st of October, our school football team travelled to Callington for the first of the league matches played there. They were up against Stoke Climsland Primary who, unfortunately, proved to be the stronger team on the night. Windmill fought hard and strong but failed to win the match on this occasion. The Stoke Climsland team players voted Windmill's striker, Sam Walker as their man of the match. Well done to all the players. We look forward to the next match which is on the 15th October which will be against Burraton.