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Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
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Welcome once again to our newsletter. This half term has been very busy for all classes but a special mention has to go to classes 2 and 6 who have been especially hard at work with their SATs and special work. They all showed great resilience throughout the week so we say a big well done to them all.

Last week (17th—20th May) I accompanied Y5 to Carnyorth for their residential. I have been going there for about 15 years now and each year brings new experiences for me. It is always lovely to see how much the pupils develop throughout the week and they all, as always, conducted themselves very well. We often get complimented from passers by on their very good behaviour and how polite they are. Thank you Y5.

Just a reminder to parents that our KS2 sports day will take place on the 24th June, at the college fields. It will once again start at 9.45. KS1 sports day will take place on 13th July, in the school playground. All parents, friends and family are invited to attend. Refreshments will be available courtesy of the Friends.

I hope you all enjoy the half term and we will see you on Monday 6th June.

FilmClub

Wednesday 22nd June 2016

In the hall 3.30 - 5.30

£1.50 for the drinks and film

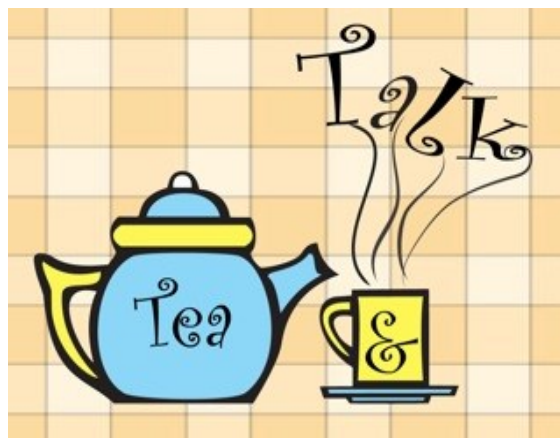
Sweets and ice creams and popcorn are available



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

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 Thursday June 23rd at 2.30 This meeting will be in the library and there will be plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits available!



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Water bottles

We have now found a new supplier of water bottles, unfortunately Cornwall Healthy Schools no longer provide them at such a competitive price. The new bottles with the school name and logo on them will cost £1.80 and replacement lids can be purchased for 50p, and both are available from the office.



Kwik Cricket Festival

On Monday 23rd pupils from both year 5 and 6 represented the school at a local cricket festival. There were two teams, a girls and a boys. The girls tried really hard and did manage a couple of wins. The boys got through to the knock out stages but were sadly beaten in the final. Everyone played really well and it was a great festival. Well done to all who took part.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30th May-3rd Jun	Half term
10th June	Summer Disco
17th June	Afternoon Tea
24th June	KS2 Sports Day
4th-8th July	London Residential
13th July	KS1 Sports Day
15th July	Summer Fair
19th July	Leavers Assembly
21st July	Last day of school
22nd July	Inset Day

Sun Hats



New caps have arrived and are available from the office at £4.00 each.

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 evening of the 21st June. It will start at 6.30pm and finish at approximately 7.45pm.

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

Attendance Figures for March/April 2016

Year	2nd May	9th May	16th May
YF	99.2%	94%	97.3%
Y1	94.6%	98.7%	96%
Y2	97.8%	89.6%	95.4%
Y3	97.8%	96.6%	97.2%
Y4	88.4%	96.4%	95%
Y5	99.1%	98.1%	97%
Y6	97.9%	99.3%	97.3%

Year 2 Forest Schools

As part of the Year 2's topic 'Walking in Windmill Woods, they have enjoyed taking part in many Forest School activities both in Windmill Woods and our school garden.



Fantastic 'Walking in Windmill Woods' Year 1 and 2 homework

The teachers were overwhelmed by the standard of homework that they received from the Year 1 and 2 children, which linked to their 'Walking in Windmill Woods' topic. A massive well done! It was also lovely to see that so many parents attended the Project Showcase. We have displayed them outside the Library – please take a look when you are next in.



Role Play Areas for KS1

Many thanks to the 'Friends' and those of you that attended the 'Wine and Wisdom' evening as we now have role play areas for all of the Key Stage One classes. We are very much looking forward to using them after half term.

Sewing Club

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 have been very busy making their own creations. Here are just some of them.



Launceston Library Events

Just a note to let families know about events happening during the Charles Causley Festival Weekend 3-5th June

Visit www.charlescausleyfestival.co.uk to see a full events list.

Saturday 4th June: Lego event held in Launceston Library: 10-12pm - Join us for a free session for children to build Lego models and create their own local scenes accompanied by Charles Causley's work as an inspiration.

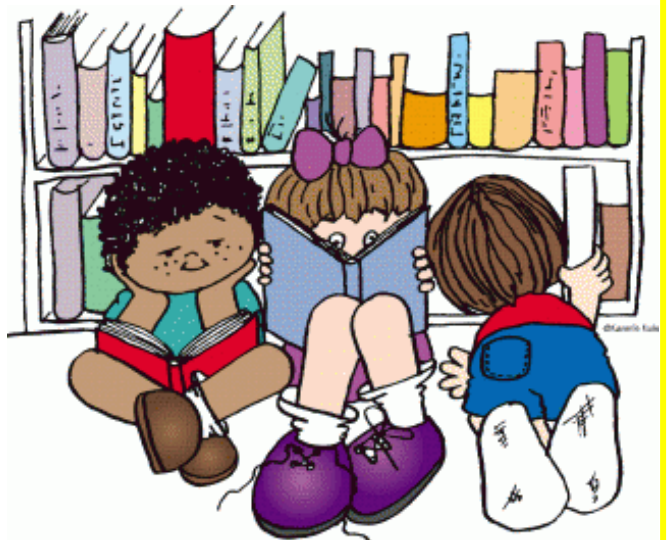
4th June: Art event in Town Hall: 11am-2.30- drop in for a Free print workshop with Swanskin in the Town Hall to create your own 'Portrait of Causley'. Photographs and prints to be displayed in the library after the event.

4th June- Food Fair and Fun in the Square

Sunday 5th June: Launceston Steam Railway : 10.30-3.30pm . Drop in event to 'Read and ride with the Railway Rabbits'. The Library will be supporting author Georgie Adams in a series of readings, signings and free 'make and take' art activities throughout the day down at the railway.

Free entrance to museum, bookshop, gift shop and platform where these events take place.

Regular train fares apply should you want to travel on the train.



We are now partners of Launceston Food Bank



If you would like more information about what the food bank offers, please contact Sheila Jackson via reception.

Please note: all conversations are confidential.

Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
9th May	Ava R Karol J	Emma B Cayden	Liam G Chloe R	Cameron U Heidi Y	Tyron H Thomas D W	Shaya C Annija O	Madi V Mary M
16th May	Samuel B Ryan H	Maja M Samuel M	Emma B Madison P	Oscar H Jessica M	Lara P Olivia S	(At Carnyorth)	Wenny C Oliver N

Cross Country at Duchy College May 2016



Year 5 Carnyorth Residential

Year 5 have been on their residential to Carnyorth, where they enjoyed exploring mines, finding out about the local history, building shelters, learning survival skills, finding out how to be part of the circus, building coracles, and of course trying them out - resulting in one or two soggy children! Everyone had a wonderful time and it was great to see them working well together in a variety of tasks.

We went on a school trip to Carnyorth for four days. We built coracles, made shelters and cooked pancakes and popcorn. We also did a lot of walking! - Scarlett

We did lots of fun activities like: building coracles, exploring mines, orienteering and learning survival and circus skills. - Zofia



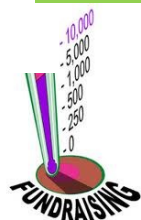
On Tuesday 17th May our wait for Carnyorth was finally over. Carrying heaps of bags we got ready to depart on my first residential of my life. I enjoyed going in the river after building my coracle - I got soaking wet! I loved the food especially the pasties which were well worth the wait and the pancakes we made on the fire whilst learning survival skills. -Daisy

On the first day we went and explored the arsenic mines before making rubbings of the rocks which we then used to create a picture of the scenery. - Lilly

It was a very exciting experience at Carnyorth. We did lots of different activities such as fire building before cooking pancakes and popcorn on it; constructing coracles and sailing them and much, much more - Emily G

It was a good experience for all that went on the most amazing trip I have ever been on. - Louis

Carnyorth was a very enjoyable experience because we had much fun and different activities to do. We learned how to make and sail coracles. - Peony



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



Tesco Bag Pack

TESCO

On Friday 10th June, Y6 will be at Tesco for the day helping customers to pack their shopping for a small donation. It would be great if you could do your shopping on that day and some polite and very helpful Y6s will help you put away all your goods. All the proceeds will go towards the Y6

theatre trip on their residential. We will be doing three shifts: 9.30 - 11.00, 11.00-1.00 and 1.00 -3.00. If any Y6 parents are available to help with this event, please see Miss Young or Mrs Clark.

Afternoon Tea

The Friends would like to invite you all 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 and juice and squash for the children. 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. Invitations will be sent out shortly and a plea for any cakes, buns or biscuits. Any donations will be very gratefully received!



Summer Fair

On Friday 15th July the Friends will be holding our annual summer fair. We hope to make this event the main money raiser in our calendar so we will make it the biggest we have done so far! The fair will be held in the playground (weather permitting) and stalls will include class hampers, cake stall, Pimms/beer tent, tombola, craft stalls, plant sale, BBQ, face painting, bric-a-brac, bottle tombola, tattoos, Marble game, teddy bear tombola, boat squirt, coconut shy, bouncy castle, splat the rat, Mars bar game, badge making, lucky dip, and soak Mr Terry (which was very popular last year)!! Refreshments (tea, coffee and cold drinks), popcorn, ice-creams, sweets, candyfloss, Year 6 games. In the hall we will be having a human 'Hungry Hippos' game!! We will also include lots of 10p games and some free events and we hope to invite the fire brigade to bring one of their fire engines. Look out for more information in future newsletters and posters.

