



An Daras
Multi Academy Trust

Windmill Hill Academy Monthly Family Newsletter

'Gateway to Lifelong Learning'
'Porth dhe lyenn'



Mr A Terry
Head of School

Issue 27– Wednesday 1st February 2017



Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems a little late to be wishing you a Happy New Year but I do hope 2017 will be positive for you all. Although Christmas is now becoming a distant memory, I just wanted to congratulate all the pupils for their magnificent performances last term. I thoroughly enjoyed them all and I am sure that you did too. Well done to them all and to you for once again providing costumes and support throughout.

The spring term is always be a busy one both in the classrooms and outside. Our sports teams continue to be very active and we have hopes again this year for success on the football and cross country fronts. Other classes will be involved in multi-skills events at Launceston College and the joint academy trust events continue to take place. As we look towards the warmer spring weather, wild tribe activities will also be taking place and the pupils can hopefully enjoy some time exploring Windmill woods. There are various Friends activities (see dates for your diary) to look forward to including a Valentine's disco on the 10th February.

Just a reminder that half term is from Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February and we will see you all again on Monday 20th February.

Thank you once again for all the continued support you give us. It is greatly appreciated by myself and all the staff.

FilmClub

February 22nd 2017

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

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



e-mail: windmill@andaras.org

Tel: 01566 772143 Fax: 01566 776783

Writing Awards for Autumn 1 Well Done



| | |
|--------|----------|
| Year F | Evie TG |
| Year 1 | Amiee N |
| Year 2 | Flora D |
| Year 3 | James P |
| Year 4 | Claudio |
| Year 5 | Hester R |
| Year 6 | |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 10th Feb | Valentines Disco |
| 2nd March | World Book Day |
| 113th—17th Feb | Half Term |
| 17th March | Non School Uniform for Easter Egg Day |
| 10th - 19th March | Science Week |
| 24th Mar | Easter Egg Bingo |
| 27th Mar | Parent Consultation Evening |
| 28th Mar | Parent Consultation Evening |
| 20th-21st Apr | Sponsored Bounce |

Maths Awards for Autumn 1 Well Done



| | |
|--------|----------|
| Year F | Ethan C |
| Year 1 | Connor D |
| Year 2 | Zack G |
| Year 3 | Tegan C |
| Year 4 | Rio A |
| Year 5 | Nikola D |
| Year 6 | |

Attendance Figures for January 2016

| Year | 3rd Jan | 9th Jan | 16th Jan | 23rd Jan |
|------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| YF | 97.1% | 94.3% | 96% | 86.3% |
| Y1 | 95.4% | 94.7% | 94.7% | 94.3% |
| Y2 | 94.6% | 98.2% | 95% | 96.1% |
| Y3 | 91.1% | 90% | 99.3% | 92.1% |
| Y4 | 99.1% | 95% | 96.8% | 93.2% |
| Y5 | 99.1% | 93.1% | 94.5% | 95.7% |
| Y6 | 97.4% | 99% | 98.6% | 93.8% |

Stars of The Week

| | Year F | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5th Jan | Ruby H Summer L | Karol J Casey Y | Jayden L Dillan H | James P Angel B | Toby G Kai H | Jasmine W Tyron H | Jezeryle A Grace A |
| 12th Jan | Finlay T Violet H | Dominik Connor D | Patryk B Bailey M G | Reuben K Lola H | Evie H Adam W | Kiara A Connor S | Karl S Tia R |
| 19th Jan | Owen S Lacey -May | Keeley Niamh J | Kaspian L Alfie T | Emily H Liam G | Kai H Cameron U | Nicholas B Linette H | Izzy K Oliver M |
| 27th Jan | Casey lee Filipe K | | Ewan B Marley L | Tem B Tegan C | Lewis C Rio A | Finley R Leland H | Gamze M Anniya O |

Key Stage 1 Diary Dates

Spring Term 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We endeavour to keep parents informed so please do take the time to read and take note of the following dates for this term. In addition, during the course of the year, you will receive updates in the form of letters, newsletters, social media sites (Twitter and Facebook) and text messages but also please take a look at our website. **As a reminder children in Foundation are part of our Key Stage One. It will be indicated when classes are doing separate events.**

Thursday 2nd February 2017 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in

If your child has completed project homework related to 'Can we fix it?' in Year 1 or Year 2, please ensure that they have brought it in today.

Tuesday 7th February 2017 Year 1 and 2 Can we Fix it? Project Showcase 2.45pm – 3.15pm

You are invited in to see what your child has been learning in their 'Can we Fix it?' project this half term (including the homework that the children have produced).

Thursday 9th February 2017 Year 1 and 2 'Challenges' Enrichment Day

As part of Year 1 and 2's topic 'Can we fix it?', we will be having a 'challenges' themed enrichment activity day. The children will be taking part in lots of challenges. The children need to wear old clothes for this day.

Monday 13th February 2017 Half Term Week

Monday 20th February to Monday 21st March 2017 Year 2 Swimming for this half term

Children must have a swimming kit (labelled with their name) in school for these sessions.

Monday 20th February to Monday 27th March 2017 Year 1 Wild Tribe

Children will be taking part in Wild Tribe sessions (previously called Forest Schools) in our school grounds and/or Windmill Woods on a Monday afternoon. These sessions will be taking place regardless of the weather so we ask that children have wellies/old trainers and a set of old clothes. The school provides a waterproof coat and trousers. Please label these items with their name, including their bag.

Friday 24th February 2017 KS1 parents 'Come into Class and Read with your Child' 9am - 9.30am

Year F, 1 and 2 classrooms will be open for parents to come and read with their child.

Thursday 2nd March 2016 World Book Day

Your child is invited to dress up as a book character to celebrate World Book Day. We also ask them to donate £1 to raise money for Book Aid International which sends books to children who might otherwise have no access to reading materials.

Wednesday 8th March 2017 KS1 Cake Sale

Cakes will be sold during KS1 break time. We would appreciate it if you could donate cakes this time. The school will provide the cakes next time. All cakes will be 20p. Please can children bring money in a purse/envelope labelled with their name.

Friday 10th March 2017 Year 2 Andaras Multi-Academy Trust Event

During the morning, the children will be taking part in a Trust Event with the Year 2 classes from the other Academies within the Andaras Multi-Academy Trust. The event will take place at Windmill Hill Academy.

Thursday 16th March 2017 KS1 PJ Night 6-7pm

Children are welcome to dress in pyjamas and be entertained in the hall whilst parents are able to see their child's work and class teacher. Children can only stay if their parent(s) is/are staying to see their child's teacher and work. We hope more parents will attend this term as the ones who have attended before have said it is a worthwhile experience.

Friday 17th March 2017 Year F Andaras Multi-Academy Trust Event

During the morning, the children will be taking part in a Trust Event with the Year F classes from the other Academies within the Andaras Multi-Academy Trust. The event will take place at Windmill Hill Academy.

Thursday 23rd March 2017 Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in

If your child has completed project homework related to 'Walking through the Jungle', please ensure that they have brought it in today. A homework menu will be sent out after half term.

Friday 24th March 2017 Year 1 Andaras Multi-Academy Trust Event

During the morning, the children will be taking part in a Trust Event with the Year 1 classes from the other Academies within the Andaras Multi-Academy Trust. The event will take place at Windmill Hill Academy.

Parent Consultations: Monday 27th March and Tuesday 28th March 2016 (after school)

Please note that parent consultations will only take place on these dates after school.

Tuesday 28th March 2017 Year 1 and 2 'Walking through the Jungle' Project Showcase 2.45pm – 3.15pm

You are invited in to see what your child has been learning in their 'Walking through the Jungle' project this half term (including the homework that the children have produced).

Thursday 30th March 2017 Last day of term for the children (INSET day on the 31st March)

The Summer term starts on Tuesday 18th April.

There may be other events that will take place during this term but they need to be finalised, e.g. trips, and we will send you details of them in due course. You have already been sent a list of dates with events that the 'Friends' have planned for the year.

Many thanks for your continued support,
The 'Key Stage One' Team

Key Stage 1 News

Year 1 and 2 Theatre Trip

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth watching 'The Emperor's New Clothes'. They were amazed by the actors who managed to act out so many parts (including puppets) and there were only two of them! This experience has really supported their writing of the story and their own invented story. Many thanks for all of the parents who volunteered and helped on this visit.



Year F's 'Superheroes' Enrichment day

As part of their 'Superhero' topic, Year F took part in an enrichment day. The children had discovered 'The Evil Sprout' was on the loose and was causing lots of mischief around the classroom. They did a fantastic job of helping free the frozen carrots and wrote their own wanted posters for 'The Evil Sprout'. The children also designed and made their own traps to try and catch him. Many thanks to all of the parents for providing the children with superhero costumes. Year F had a fantastic day!



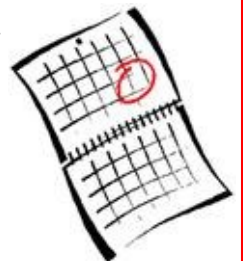
Year 1's 'Outside the Box'

This week Year 1 have had a chance to practice some 'Outside the Box' creative thinking. Their mission was to help Queen Hitan make her castle safe from attack by the creatures who live in Larland. The children had to learn about the Lirs, Tapples, Tooms, Riffars, Bollips and Boons who live in Larland and then use their best problem solving skills to work out how to help Queen Hitan.

KS1 dates for Jan/Feb

Please refer to the KS1 diary dates for a full list of dates and details for this academic year.

- Wednesday 25th January: KS1 Cake Sale
- Tuesday 31st January: Year F and 1 Parents 'Come and Learn Phonics Workshop' 2.30pm – 3.15pm
- Thursday 2nd February: Year 1 and 2 Project Homework hand in
- Tuesday 7th February: Year 1 and 2 Can we Fix it? Project Showcase 2.45pm – 3.15pm
- Thursday 9th February: Year 1 and 2 'Challenges' Enrichment Day
- **Monday 13th February: Half Term Week**
- Monday 20th February to Monday 21st March: Year 2 Swimming for this half term
- Monday 20th February to Monday 27th March: Year 1 Wild Tribe
- Friday 24th February: KS1 parents 'Come into Class and Read with your Child' 9am - 9.30am



KS1 Learning Observations

We are using 2Build a Profile to make learning observations of the children in Key Stage One (including Year F). The really great thing about this system is that we have the ability to e-mail a selection of observations to you at the end of each half term. This system also gives you the opportunity to e-mail photos and observations to us at school. So if you see your child using what they have learnt in school at home, or if there is a wow moment you would like to share, simply take a photo, type a little bit about what they were doing and simply reply to this email. In order for this to be set up, we will need to have an up to date email address—please ensure you have informed the School Office of this. Please note, the first set of observations will be emailed at the end of the Spring term (just before the Easter

Key Stage 2 News



KS2, KS2, singing all the way!!



On the 7th of December, KS2 performed a carol service called “Hosanna Rock,” at St Marys Church, amongst all the beautifully decorated Christmas trees. It was a wonderful performance and everybody enjoyed it. The main characters were Mary, played by Tia Ritchie and Joseph played by Oliver Sheldrake. Most of the main characters sang solo songs in the performance. Other songs were performed by the Three Kings and the Mary Belles, as a group. The whole of KS2 provided the backing choir and they sang beautifully. Mr Arnold (our singing teacher) taught us all of the songs and played the piano and organ to keep us all in tune!

Column written by Abigail Fraser (Year 4)



Cedar grange

On 8th December 2016, Year 6 went to Cedar Grange to sing the songs from the Carol Service. Ellie from Year 6 said: “It was good fun and I enjoyed singing to the residents!” The residents in the home were really interested and keen to join in with the carols they knew. After every song they applauded us enthusiastically. Afterwards we were given a box of chocolates by the carers and we shared them amongst ourselves and the residents. We were asked to go back again next year!

Composed and edited by Emily Gist and Emily Vanstone

Football



On Monday the 9th of January, Windmill Hill Academy football team travelled to Callington to play against St Neot. As the half time whistle blew we were drawing 0 -0. In the second half we conceded once, then again. The whistle blew and we lost 2-0. We can’t mess up again. We need to win every match to win the league! On Monday 16th we played Stoke Climsland A team and WON 2-0. Then we played again on Tuesday 17th against St. Breock, in the County cup competition and the score was 2-2 after extra time but we WON 2-1 on penalties! Keep it up WHA football team!!

Written by Finley Sismore and Olly Sheldrake



Our Tree at St. Mary’s Church

Mr. Terry took 4 children to St. Mary’s Church so that we could decorate our tree for the Tree Festival. The whole school had made decorations for the tree based on the Twelve Days of Christmas song. Thank you to everyone for helping and to the four people who were chosen to decorate the tree. It looked amazing.

By Ellie and Harrison

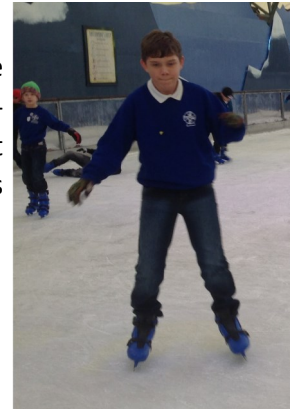
Key Stage 2 News

Eden Project



On Monday the 12th of December KS2 went on a trip to the Eden Project . Everyone had a fantastic time. Most people enjoyed the ice-skating the most but the biomes were still a visit that couldn't be missed . There were so many unusual plants and birds to be seen. It was fascinating.

By Lilly Kirwan and Ellie Baugh



An

Afternoon with Daya – RE Workshop

When we came into class Daya was sitting on a chair with a table next to her that had a red table cloth on it and a silver tray with cotton to thank god for the clothes we wear. She had an orange powder that she put on our forehead to symbolize the mind's third eye and a pot to put a little bit of food inside to bless the food we are eating. There was also a bell to ring to wake the gods from their sleep.

She asked us what was different about her from us: her clothes were different and she wore a bindi, which was mostly for fashion.

We talked about the different bindi, one was a little dot, another was a bit of powder, which symbolises the third eye of the mind and there was one just for fashion.

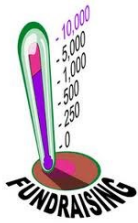
Daya told us about two main Gods, one of them had an elephant head called Ganesh.

After that we learned the Hindu alphabet and what it is. It was very hard to say as we needed to roll our tongue to say some of the words.

Some Hindu clothes lay on the table, all really colourful and bright. The girls wore some traditional dresses and the boys wore black turbans on their heads. Some boys wore plain, cream jackets.

Then with all the clothes on we watched two videos of people dancing like Hindus do and then we got in a circle and had a go at dancing. It was quite hard but in the end we got the hang of it. Then all the boys sat down and watched the girls do a special dance and then we said goodbye to Daya. That was the end of our RE workshop with Daya. We all had a fun afternoon and learned a lot.

By Gemma Cann, Jasmine Wadland and Matthew Crockford—Year 5



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



The friends have decided to change some dates and events in this year's calendar as we feel we are always asking parents for money and we do not want to do that. Please look at the events on this and following newsletters to see our calendar of events. We are very sorry if this causes any inconvenience.

Valentine's Disco 10th February

KS1 3.30 - 4.30

KS2 6.00 - 7.00

Chris Brown (Disco man) will be the DJ again for us as he is so brilliant and the children really enjoy his discos. Drinks, sweets and popcorn and wooden roses will be available during the disco. The theme will be Valentines so hearts, sparkles, red etc. would suit the theme very well. KS1 children can bring their party clothes into school in the morning and get dressed at the end of the day. Please bring money in a marked envelope. KS2 will come dressed in the evening and bring their money with them. £1 entry



Bag 2 School

there will be a collection on 27th March and bags will be distributed on 6th March. Please continue to use this scheme as it is a very worthwhile cause to both us and the countries that benefit from affordable clothing.



Easter Egg Bingo

We will be holding an Easter Egg Bingo on Friday 24th 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. More information on the next newsletter.



Non School Uniform Day

Friday 17th March will be a non school uniform day. Children will be able to come into school on that day in 'mufti' in exchange for an Easter Egg. The Easter eggs will then be used as prizes for the Easter Bingo the following week.



Sponsored Bounce

On Thursday 20th and Friday 21st April the Friends will be holding a sponsored Bounce in aid of funds for the school. We will be hiring 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!

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!

