

Windmill Hill Academy

Monthly Family Newsletter



Inspiring Passionate Life Long Learners

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We have come to the end of another school year and what a lovely few days we have had to end it on! I was hoping that by now Covid-19 would be a thing of the past but it has continued to bring its challenges this year.

Firstly, the children have blown us away with the progress they have made this year and the way in which they demonstrate great resilience. They adapted well to their new classes during transition week and they are certainly ready for the new challenges that will be on offer in their new classes. They have enjoyed their end of term enrichments and we look forward to more trips next year. It has been great to see the huge amount of smiles and the sound of laughter echoing down the corridors particularly during the final few days of term. It was lovely to get together for our annual trophy assembly on Monday and whole assembly today albeit virtually.



There will be some children that we won't see in school in September—Year Six. I know that you have enjoyed your end of term trips and enrichments and it was wonderful to watch your Leavers' assembly on Tuesday. You have all been fantastic during your time here at WHA and we are going to miss you dearly. I taught most of you when you were in Year Two and I thoroughly enjoyed teaching you then. It has been lovely to see how you have grown into such wonderful Year Six pupils and how you have taken on extra roles and responsibilities on with such pride. You have been great role models to our younger pupils and whom they all look up to. Now, enjoy the next stage of your schooling and please visit us in the near future.

Next, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, as parents and carers, for your continued engagement and support. There has been a huge amount to take onboard this year, due to updated restrictions and guidelines, but you have made everything much easier with your wonderful support.

I want to also say a HUGE thank you to my wonderful team of staff. They continue to work tirelessly, going above and beyond and always putting the children and parents first. They also deserve a well-deserved break and much needed rest so will not be responding to any ClassDojo messages during the summer holidays.



We are trying to be an 'Eco friendly' school so we don't send home newsletters. Black and white copies are available in the foyer. It will also be available on the website under 'Newsletters' in the 'Parents' tab and will be posted on ClassDojo.





I would also like to thank the Governors for their continued support this year. It is now time to say goodbye to our Chair of Governors, Ruth Bawden. As her grandson has now finished his time here at WHA, it is now the time for Ruth to move on and enjoy her retirement. I would like to thank Ruth, on behalf of the school, for all of her hard work and support. She has kindly donated us a new clock for our playground. We wish Ruth all the best.

Mr Harris will take on the role as Chair of Governors in September. He has been a governor, as well as being the vice chair, for quite a few years so knows the school very well.

We had some wonderful news at the start of last week as Mr Bullock's partner gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. We hope he enjoys the summer holidays with the new addition to his family.

We do, however, have to say goodbye to Mr Horn. He has been working at the school for the past five years and has provided the children with some wonderful opportunities, particularly related to PE. We wish him the best of luck in his new ventures.

Although it has been another challenging year, there have been many positives which we have incorporated into our plans, together with feedback from pupils, staff and parents, for the new academic year. We will keep you updated on these. I am very proud to be your Head of School and my job has certainly been made easier with the great support I have received throughout this year.

I think we are all ready for the summer holidays and a well-deserved break. Please take time out to enjoy as a family and we look forward to seeing your smiling faces in September. We look forward to welcoming our new families in Year F.

Please note that the children return to school on Tuesday 7th September.



Year F

Year F Sports Morning

Year F competed as teams in different races. They all did very well and cheered their team mates on. Mr Horn was very impressed with their physical ability. Well done Year F!



Wild Tribe Enrichment Morning

Year F spent a morning exploring the natural world using their senses. They also enjoyed cooking s'mores and popcorn on the campfire!



Year 1 enjoyed their campfire s'mores, hot chocolate and teddy bears' picnic.



Year 1



Year 2

Wow, what a year it has been! Year 2 have made us extremely proud. We will miss them next year!

Sports Day



Ball Skills



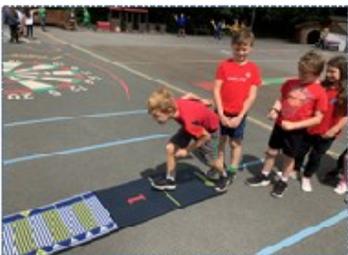
BEACH DAY!



Year 3

During this term, Year 3 have engaged in a variety of learning and enrichment activities. Sports day was a huge success and enjoyed by all that took part. Year 3 gave it their all and remained resilient throughout the day. Year 3 also enjoyed a trip to Launceston Park where we played a range of field games and spent some time enjoying the apparatus in the park.

In maths, Year 3 have continued to develop their reasoning and problem solving techniques, focusing on measurement of time. In English, Year 3 did an excellent job in creating an informative poster about deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest.



Year 4

Year Four had a great time during their sports afternoon. They all completed all the activities to a really high standard, watched their team and cheered for each other.



They also had a lovely time at the park. The children completed lots of different activities and showed respect and towards each other and other members of the public.



Year 5

Year Five enjoyed a cultural enrichment day that took in part of the Launceston Trail and visited some of the settings of Charles Causley's poetry; we certainly had a packed day. We read the poems of Charles Causley in situation; visited his birthplace and wrote new stanzas for 'As I Go Down Zig Zag' (in chalk). We collected evidence of physical and human geographical features as well as learning some history of our beautiful town.



Year 6

WELL, HERE WE ARE AT THE END OF YEAR 6—THE END OF OUR TIME AT WINDMILL

We are all upset at the thought of leaving our Primary School, although some of us are really looking forward to going off to college and starting the next chapter of our lives. We have so many happy memories of our years at Windmill but we are looking forward to making new ones at college.

After all our assessments we had a real treat and spent the day at Trethorne having fun. We were thoroughly spoiled by Mrs. Bawden our Chair of Governors (and Jowan's Grandma) who treated us all to lunch in the Restaurant—thank you so much for that, we thoroughly enjoyed our something



and chips and the ice cream afterwards! Here are some photos of our day out.....

We have also been practising like crazy to perfect our Leaver's performance — Windmill has got Talent — We do hope all of our parents enjoyed it on Tuesday morning. You may have even cried with a bit of pride and sadness at our growing up so fast!

On Friday 16th July we had a 'silent disco' after school for all of the Year 6s. It was so much fun and something we will never forget! Everybody was dancing and singing.....even the teachers!



Goodbye Windmill and thank you for all that you have done for us and for all our happy memories. Goodbye to all our teachers—past and present. We will miss you all but will come back and visit from time to time. We won't forget you and know that you will not forget us!!!

A HUGE GOODBYE to you, Year 6, from all the staff at Windmill - we have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you and wish you EVERY SUCCESS in college. The World is your oyster—STRIVE to do your best and reach the standards that we know you are capable of. We will follow your success with pride and look forward to hearing about all that you achieve. GOOD LUCK and GOODBYE Class of 2021.



Amazing Achievements

Stars of The Week

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
2nd July	Teo Harrison	Autumn Margo	All of the class	Abe Samuel	Finlay Oscar	Alex Caitlin	Alfie Oliwia
9th July	All of Year F	All of Year 1	Elif Max Y	Lexie Jack H	All of Year 4	Lola Barnaby	Abigail Jowan
16th July	N/A	All of the new Y1	All of the new Y2	All of the new Y3	All of the new Y4	All of the new Y5	All of the new and current Y6

Respect and Kindness

	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
2nd July	Holly (YF)	Breanna (Y3)	Oliwia (Y6)
9th July	Taya (Y1)	Owen (Y4)	Aris (Y6)
16th July	Max T (Y2)	Lilian (Y2)	Chelsea (Y4)

Positive Role Model

2nd July
Elsie (Y5)
16th July
Bailey (Y6)

Raffle ticket winners

9th July
Noah, Hope and Rosey

Writers and Mathematicians of the half term

	Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Writing	Holly	Autumn	Talia	Jude	Iannis	Marissa	Dillan
Maths	Archie	Alex	Zachary	Abe	Elias	Benjamin	Poppy

Visible Learners of the half term

Year F	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Harrison Lilly	Isla Yushang	Tomasz Elif	Violet Jack H	Zak Casey-Leigh	Ella Chelsea	Joseph Lola

This term's winning house team is **Red team** (Northgate) with an AMAZING **6385** house team points. All of the children enjoyed choosing a prize for their reward. Well done Red team!

List of Cups and Trophies 2020/21

We had a super virtual whole school trophy assembly on Monday where we all joined together to announce the winners for each category. It was a lovely way of getting together and celebrating the successes of the year. It was great to see the happiness for each other and hear the cheers from down the corridor. Your teachers and teaching assistants have been busy nominating and voting during the last few weeks. It has been a difficult decision due to being so many pupils doing great things.

Here are the winners:

Progress - YF: Elsie

Progress - Y1: Sol

Progress - Y2: Max Y

Progress - Y3: Siqi

Progress - Y4: Isabella

Progress - Y5: Marissa

Progress - Y6: Jowan

KS1 Mathematician: Franky (Y2)

KS2 Mathematician: Ewan (Y6)

Caroline Writing KS1: Meadow (Y2)

Caroline Poetry KS2: Callie (Y3)

KS1 Sports: Harry (Y2)

KS2 Sportsperson: Dillan (Y6)

KS2 Outstanding Athlete: Poppy (Y6)

KS1 Creative Arts: Elif (Y2)

KS2 Creative Arts: Bailey (Y6)

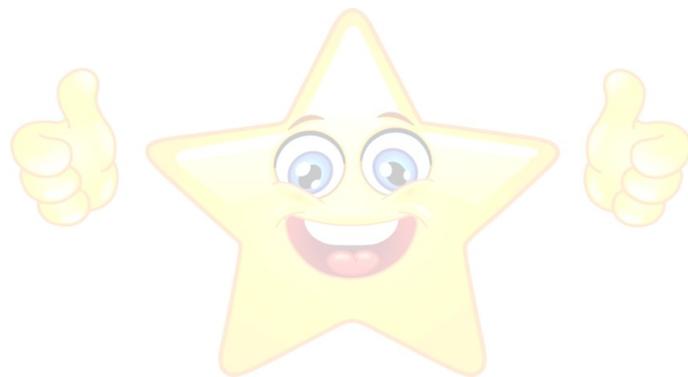
KS1 Citizenship: Lilian (Y2)

KS2 Citizenship: Zack (Y6)

KS1 Pupil of the Year: Olivia (Y2)

KS2 Pupil of the Year: Abigail (Y6)

Mrs Bassett Award: **The staff for their continued hard work for our wonderful pupils.**



The children have taken home their trophies to enjoy them during the summer holidays. We then ask for them to be returned after the summer holidays for us to display in our trophy cabinet for all to see. These will then be passed on the following year.

Well done everyone!

Attendance Figures for July 2021

Our annual attendance target is **97%+**. Our whole school attendance figure is: **96.4%**. This is an increase from previous years but let's all work together to achieve 97% or higher next year.

We understand in some circumstances this cannot be avoided, e.g. sickness, diarrhoea, Covid-19 symptoms. However, if it is just a cold or similar they are okay to be in school. Please note that holidays cannot be authorised during school term time so

Year	2nd July	9th July	16th July
YF	87.9%	90.3%	85.9%
Y1	93.7%	97.8%	93.6%
Y2	88.9%	93.1%	89.6%
Y3	96.2%	99.3%	97.4%
Y4	98.3%	95.3%	96.7%
Y5	93.2%	94.2%	96.8%
Y6	95.8%	85.4%	93.8%
Whole school	93.4%	93.8%	93.3%

please bear this in mind when planning ahead. By not being in school, it has a significant effect on their learning, as well as their social skills, building relationships, self-esteem etc.

It is also important that children are not late to school. Remember all year groups will start at 8.50am from September and finish at 3.15pm.

We closely monitor our attendance and have to inform the Education Welfare Officer if individuals fall below 95%.

The class with the highest attendance each week, receives an extra playtime and the attendance trophy.

Each term each child can earn a different colour attendance badge. And, for each term within the year, they can earn themselves an additional bronze, silver or gold badge. These have been awarded today and there was a very high number.

SchoolMoneyAPP (Eduspot)

A HUGE thank you for all of your support with Edupot and booking school lunches. We nearly have the whole school using it and it really is speeding up the morning return so we can fit more learning in.

The menu choices for the new term will be on there soon for you to select your choices.

If you are having any problems with it, please contact Mrs Zoffman who will happily help you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are a few key dates for the new academic year.

Please note that the term dates for 2021/22 and 2022/23 are on our school website for your reference.

21st July	Last day of term for pupils
22nd and 23rd July	INSET Days
6th September	INSET Day
7th September	Pupils return to school
Wk beg 25th October	Half term
17th December	Last day of term

Parking

You are welcome to use our drop and go system in the mornings from September but there is strictly NO parking in our school car park apart from if you have asked for a permit due to having a disability. However, you all are able to apply for a parking permit to park in one of the local carparks for a short stay. Please enquire with Mrs Zoffman in September for more information.



School Uniform

Our school has a very practical but smart uniform. It follows a colour scheme of royal blue and grey/black and consists of:

- A white shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- A royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- Black or grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue and white gingham dress (Summer months)
- Flat black shoes

It is essential that children have a change of clothing for PE.

This should be:

- Black or grey shorts
- White t-shirt (not vest or crop top)
- White/black socks
- Black or grey joggers or leggings
- Additional school jumper or a fleece (recommended for the colder months)
- Plimsolls or flexible soled trainers (strongly recommended for wet weather)

Uniform can be purchased from Price and Buckland at <https://price-buckland.co.uk/> Now is the perfect time to get prepared for the new academic year. **Please note the last ordering date is the 1st August in order to secure uniform for September.** When you visit the website, select the school finder tab from the menu and view the range.

You will notice that you can now buy cardigans, aswell as jumpers. There is also the option to buy addition items, such as PE shorts/t-shirts. Please note there is no requirement to purchase the t-shirts/shorts/fleece advertised on the website, but there is the option to should you wish. Please note, the fleece is not to be used in place of a school jumper/cardigan and is only to be used as an extra layer in the winter months or for PE. Similarly, that the hoodie is only to be used for PE.

It is essential that all items of clothing are CLEARLY named.

Please remember that we have our uniform donation station which is well stocked and lots of nearly new and new items on there. Please pop into the main office if you would like any. In addition, we are running low on school jumpers so if you have any ones that you can donate, please drop them in.

The wearing of jewellery and makeup is not appropriate. Children who have their ears pierced may wear small studs or rings.





A 'big' thank you to the Friends of WHA

A huge thank you to the Friends for all of their kind donations and support this half term. This has included funding the Year 6's silent disco, Year 6's signing books and party snacks for all classes.

The rainbow raffle was a huge success and has raised approximately £150 which will be used towards supporting classes next year. Thank you for all of the donations and buying of raffle tickets.

We look forward to returning to our usual Friends events next year. We will keep you updated on these.

The Friends raise much-needed funds so that the pupils can enjoy and have access to a range of resources. If you have any ideas regarding fundraising, please do not hesitate to let us know. Also, if you have any spare time, no matter how small, and would be interested in helping us, please say.

Friends of WHA Welcome Leaflet

Welcome to Windmill Hill Academy! The Friends are a group of individuals (both staff and parents) who are interested in planning events for the pupils to enjoy. The money raised at these events goes towards purchasing much-needed resources and other items to enrich the school day. We are an integral part of the school community and have already raised thousands of pounds which has been spent on improving equipment and resources to enhance the children's' education and the facilities in school in general. We are about much more than just fundraising. Existing to provide closer links between home and school; it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and children together socially in support of the school. It is fun too – as we are sure you will find out if you join us at one of the varied events throughout the school year.



How do we raise money? Like most PTAs, the majority of funds is raised through the events that we run. Some of our most popular events are the Christmas Fair, Easter Egg Bingo, Sponsored Bounce, Wine and Wisdom and Summer Fair. Donations from parents – of time, money, items for sale, raffle prizes or services and skills – are what determine the success of our fundraising activities. Even small donations make a big difference to us. We are always on the lookout for other good fundraising ideas too.

The committee and our meetings. Any parent is welcome at our meetings and we are particularly keen to meet new parents. Meeting dates are advertised via Class Dojo. They usually take place in the school grounds at 3.30pm. Our Annual General Meeting is held in the autumn term and this is an opportunity to come along and hear in more depth about events we run, funds raised and how the money is to be spent or has been spent. We also elect our new committee at this meeting.

Community Links. We have developed strong links with the local community and are always well supported by both residents and businesses. Many of our local shops, leisure facilities, community groups and restaurants are very generous in their donations of raffle prizes and funds and provide invaluable support, particularly at our fairs. We are extremely grateful to these community members as they make a huge difference to our fundraising efforts. If you think your workplace could offer us time, services or raffle items please do let us know.

How do we spend the money we have raised? Decisions on what items are to be purchased from the Friends funds are made during committee meetings. Requests can come from parents, staff or children. Normally, all the items the Friends approve for purchase are the extras that are not covered by school budgets. We always endeavour to spend our funds in ways that will benefit all our children across all areas of the school and curriculum.

How can you get involved? There are lots of ways you can help and support your child through the Friends. Offering to help before an event is so valuable, it doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis. There are always little jobs that can be done from home if you have half an hour to spare e.g. wrapping gifts, preparing raffle tickets etc. We really could not achieve what we do without the unseen army of help that exists in school. You can, of course, if you feel able, volunteer to be a

Committee Member, or you can simply come along to the meetings and give us your ideas for fundraising events – this is also the time to ask questions or voice your opinion. You can help by letting us know if you have any contacts or skills we could use – everything is potentially valuable to us.



Windmill Hill Academy is at the heart of our local community and we strive to work closely with families of the school and the local community to maintain a successful partnership that thrives on our values and vision. Windmill Hill Academy sits on a wonderful site in the middle of Launceston and we make the most of outdoor learning opportunities, both in our school grounds and within the local area.

At Windmill Hill Academy, we all believe that Primary Education is an important stage in any child's life. Their experience at our school will lay the foundation for all their future learning and we strive to give every child the best start possible in their school careers.



If you have a child starting school in **September 2022**, I will be hosting tours in the Autumn term 2021. Follow us on Facebook to receive the latest updates and the dates for the tours will be posted on there. Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/AnDarasWHA/>, by searching for Windmill Hill Academy or @AnDarasWHA.

Take a look at the video of our wonderful school created with the help of the School Forum Pupil Parliament group: https://youtu.be/lwGbD_Z9uq8

You can see in the video the Year F classroom is a wonderful relatively new building which is spacious and has free flow access to the outside area.



We have a breakfast club that runs daily from 8am and we are hoping to have after school care, in addition to after school clubs, that will run from 3.15pm until 5.30pm from September.

Please also take the time to look around our website: www.windmillhillacademy.org

Please note, we still have a few spaces in our Year F class starting in September 2021 and a few places in some of the other year groups. Please enquire if you would like to find out more.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please email windmill@andaras.org or phone on the school number (01566 772143).

