

WINDERMERE PRIMARY SCHOOL



26th October 2018



And they're off!!

Cross Country, Coffee and Cakes

We had a lovely morning at the end of September for our annual cross country event. The PTA ran a coffee and cake stall during the morning and a cake sale after school to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief. With your support they raised a fabulous £219. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and to the PTA for organising the event.

The children had a great morning and really pushed themselves to achieve their best. The winners were:

Reception: 1st Jamie, 2nd Eleanor, 3rd Marlie

Year 1: 1st Edward, 2nd Zachary, 3rd Sami

Year 2: 1st Tomos, 2nd Ellie, 3rd Emily

Year 3/4 Boys: 1st Robert, 2nd Augustas, 3rd Abubakr Year 3/4 Girls: 1st Hannah, 2nd Ava, 3rd Alexandra

Year 5/6 Girls: 1st Elena, 2nd Maleha, 3rd Catherine Year 5/6 Boys: 1st Gabriel, 2nd Hayden, 3rd Elliot

Turtle-ly Fun!

Our Learning Together Week this term was focused on the theme of *Lost* - lost on a desert island, lost at sea etc.



During the week we ran art workshops with a professional artist supporting the children's activities. KS1 produced some fabulous sea themed panels which will be displayed on the new boundary fencing (when it is installed). KS2 created these incredible turtles from willow and tissue paper. They are quite large, so we are now working out where to display them.



Question: Why does it take pirates so long to learn the alphabet?

Answer: Because they spend years at 'C'.

Governor Gossip

The role of a school governor is crucial in leading and managing schools, so we were thrilled to have three parents who were willing to step up and take on this interesting, but challenging role. I was also delighted to see how many parents took the time to vote in our parent election. The outcome was very close, but I am pleased to say that **Zoe Pilmer** and **Akikur Rahman** were elected on behalf of parents.



Cycling

In November we will be running a Bikeability training course for our Year 5 and 6 pupils. At Level 1 new riders learn to control and master their bikes in a space away from traffic such as a playground or closed car park. Level 2 takes place on local streets, giving pupils a real cycling experience. They learn how to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school or the local shops. These are really important skills for children to learn in order to keep themselves (and others) safe on the roads.

You will have seen from the PTA newsletter that we are working with them to add an additional bike shelter to accommodate the increasing number of cyclists at school.

Whilst it is great that parents and pupils are cycling to school rather than coming by car, it is important that **bikes are not ridden on the school grounds by children or adults!** Children should leave their bikes in the shelter and adults need to walk their bikes round to the classrooms.

Disappointingly we are still seeing children (pupils and siblings) playing on the equipment after school. Please supervise your children and do not allow them on the equipment at all after school.

All Change!

Some of our after school activity clubs were particularly heavily oversubscribed this term. Clubs such as Creative Club and Game On Y1/2 will be swapping groups after half term, so please make sure that your child does or doesn't attend as appropriate.

If you are unsure, please ask at the office.

Harvest Collection



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Collection. We raised an impressive **£302** towards a Shelterbox.



Pudsey and friends will be fund-raising during November. If your child would like to wear spots or Pudsey items to school on Friday 16th November, then they are welcome to do so, in exchange for a donation towards Children in Need.

We will be selling Pudsey and Blush headbands (£2.50) and colour changing wristbands (£1) during the week beginning 12th November.

Remember, Remember the 5th of November...

Don't forget that Monday 5th November is a training day for teachers and that the school is closed to pupils.

Please note that the school office is not manned before **8am** or after **5pm** (4:30pm on Fridays). The telephone will not be answered outside of these times.

Sports Update

Our cross country season started mid-way through September with a competition at Colney Heath. This was an eye-opener for some of our competitors who came up against a very tough field. Elena and Gabriel (Year 5) in particular did well, but some highly focused training is needed to improve our scores.

The next cross country event was at Fleetville. This is a tricky course with hills, twists and narrow turns. However, our team joined with Garden Fields to compete this time; as a result, Gabriel translated that into a 50 place jump in the positions, finishing in a fantastic 36th place!



Fleetville was also the scene of our first netball match this season. Quite a challenging opening game for a relatively inexperienced, mixed team. However, after the first quarter, we found our stride and started to compete more confidently, taking control of the ball and moving it to our end of the court. A good start, albeit not a winning one.

Cunningham Hill's netball team are always tough competition - being a larger school they have a larger pool of players from which to choose. So it wasn't a surprise that this was a tough day at the office, playing against a stronger and more experienced team, but the team performed well and kept their heads held high. Dan's superb defending in the second half was particularly noteworthy.

The football team got off to a fantastic start with a 4-4 draw away to Aboyne Lodge. A Year 5 heavy team took control and held a strong Aboyne team to the draw, although their final goal came at the final whistle, we had been dominating for most of the game. Special mention to Dan in Year 5 and Abubakr in Year 4 for great performances.

Unfortunately our first home game - against Margaret Wix - was less successful (3-1 to our visitors), but there was a strong performance from the boys and they should feel proud of their achievements, which bode well for next year when most of the team will be in Year 6.

The first girls' football match of the season - away to Bowmansgreen - offered a spectacular performance from the girls, resulting in a 6-0 win! No subs and little playing time together didn't matter for this squad, they dominated from the first kick, scoring within the opening minutes. The rest of the match followed in similar fashion. Special mention to Evie in Year 6 and Maisie in Year 5 for scoring all 6 goals between them.

Open Day

Tuesday 13th November is our Open Day for prospective parents for Reception in September 2019. Year 6 will be showing parents around the school and governors and staff will be available to answer questions. If you know of anyone who has a child due to start school next September, please let them know. There are three tours - 9:30am, 2pm and 6pm.





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PE Kit

Some children are still regularly 'forgetting' their PE kit so that they are not able to participate in PE lessons. Not only is PE part of the statutory curriculum, participating in sport and leading an active lifestyle is important to maintain a healthy adulthood. Our children are likely to live shorter lives than their grandparents because, despite improvements in medical science, they are more inactive - watching TV and playing computer games. Getting involved in sport could give your child a longer life!

And finally...

We have accumulated a mound of lost property over recent months. Please ensure that your child's clothing (especially ties and jumpers/cardigans) are NAMED. Simply cutting out the label so that your child knows it is theirs does not help us to return lost items to their owners. The children are particularly good at *not recognising* garments that they would prefer not to have.

Poppies

Year 6 will deliver our Remembrance Assembly as usual. This year it will be on Friday 9th November. Parents are welcome to join us, but this is intended to be a solemn occasion, so please do not bring cups of tea/ coffee into the hall and please observe the silence.

It is extremely frustrating to have the staff and 200 children observe the silence, whilst a couple of adults whisper to each other!

Poppies and other poppy related items are available from the school office if you would like to buy them to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

Dates For Your Diary

HALF TERM: Saturday 27th October – Sunday 4th November

Monday 5th November

Friday 9th November

Tuesday 13th November

Friday 16th November

Thursday 22nd November

Friday 23rd November

Friday 30th November

Tuesday 4th December

Saturday 8th December

Friday 14th December

Monday 17th December

Tuesday 18th December

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Friday 21st December

Inset Day – **school closed to pupils**

Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6, parents welcome (10:40am)

Open Day for 2019 Reception Parents

Year 5 Sharing Assembly/BBC Children in Need

Maths Curriculum Evening (6pm)

Year 4 Sharing Assembly

Year 3 Sharing Assembly

Reading Curriculum Evening (6pm)

Christmas Fair (provisional)

Reception Nativity 9:30 am

Under 5's Afternoon Performance

Afternoon Performance (adults only)

Evening Performance (adults only)

Certificate Assembly (9 am)

School finishes at 2pm on Friday 21st December

Children return to school on **Tuesday 8th January 2019**

Question: Why are ghosts so bad at lying?

Answer: Because you can see right through them!