



Windermere Primary School Newsletter 17th March 2023

A word from the Headteacher

The adventure playground surfacing is finally complete. Children will be using it from Monday 20th and the KS2 gate will reopen then too. This week we bid a fond farewell to longstanding Teaching assistant Mrs Clark. We wished her well as she moves into a role outside of schools. Mrs Khan will be joining Year 6 from next week.

We have been exploring ideas around anger and our responses, and have talked about St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. We have celebrated children who have shown they can regulate their emotions, and those who have bounced back from a setback.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Sarah Gilliver

Parent Governor Election

Following the recent nominations process, Mrs Natalie Wilson has been elected unopposed to the Governing Body. The second available post has not yet been filled. Further information on this will be shared in due course. If you are interested, please get in touch with the Chair, Mrs Joanne Perry at chair@windermere.herts.sch.uk

Clubs for Summer Term

You should have received an email outlining the after school clubs for the summer term.

Funded club preferences are through <https://windermere.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Monday - Netball, Years 4&5

Tuesday - Multisports, Years 2&3

Wednesday lunchtime - Athletics, KS2

Wednesday - Cricket/ Rounders, KS2

Thursday - Multisports, Reception and Year 1

Streetdance will also be available on Wednesdays, now open to the whole school.

A new coding club will also be available to KS2 on Monday lunchtimes. Both of these are bookable directly through the providers (see information in the email or posters in school office).

Attendance

We have had a Local Authority (LA) review of attendance at our school, in particular those children who have less than 90% attendance; a key trigger point. They have asked us to remind you it is your legal duty to ensure your child attends school. All absences, no matter the reason, must be reported to school. Where there is high absence, this is widely acknowledged to impact learning, progress and relationships. The LA can issue fines for unauthorised and low attendance. We would like to avoid this by working with you to help you improve your child's attendance. Therefore, you may be invited to discuss your child's attendance further and we would encourage you to engage with this process.

Breakfast Club Timings

It is great to see many of you making use of our breakfast club. Provision opens at 7:45am and runs through to 8:45am when children go to their classes. Please be aware that children dropped off after 8:30am often struggle to finish eating before getting ready for the day ahead, so prompt drop off before 8:30 is preferred.

Ask Your Child...

This is a way to start to discuss your child's learning. You aren't expected to know the answers.

Reception- When you know the whole, how do you find the parts?

Year 1-What coins do you know?

Year 2- Why is it not a good idea to have an orangutan as a pet?

Year 3 -Can you name 3 different ways we can reduce our use of plastic?

Year 4 - How do sounds travel?

Year 5 - What makes bread rise?

Year 6 -What happened to Bess?

Class Attendance: Mar 10th to Mar 17th

| Class | Present % | Authorised absence % | Unauthorised absence % |
|-----------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Reception | 90.9 | 2 | 7.2 |
| Year 1 | 89 | 2.8 | 8.3 |
| Year 2 | 96.3 | 2.5 | 1.2 |
| Year 3 | 97 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Year 4 | 75.6* | 11.1 | 13.3 |
| Year 5 | 95 | 2.2 | 3 |
| Year 6 | 97 | 3.4 | 0 |

(May not total 100 due to rounding)

*Many unexplained/unauthorised absences on the strike days.

ALL absences must be reported to the school.

Dates for your Diary:

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| 24 th March | Rocksteady Concert for parents |
| 31 st March | Certificate Assembly |
| 31 st March | End of Spring Term |
| 17 th April 2023 | INSET day (change of date) |
| 21 st April | Year 2 Cake Sale |
| 1 st May | Bank Holiday School Closed |
| 8 th May | Coronation Bank Holiday School Closed |



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