



Windermere Primary School

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A word from the Headteacher

We have all hit the ground running after the Easter break, with most of KS2 in their summer uniform. We have had a refresher on our classroom expectations and routines, focusing on our behaviour for learning and community, working together to make improvements.

We have been exploring horology: the study of clocks and time in our assemblies, and how people worked on their inventions by making small improvements each time and persevering with their ideas. We have celebrated children who find time for others and those who do something for the benefit of others.

Wishing you all a good long weekend. Most children return to school on **Wednesday 3rd May**, with **invited children** and **Reception** in for the **full day on Tuesday 2nd May and Year 6 in for that afternoon**.

Sarah Gilliver

Staffing update

Before the Easter break, we conducted a rigorous recruitment process to find our new Deputy Headteacher for September 2023. I am pleased to say the process was successful and will give further details regarding the successful candidate in due course. We have also secured a new teacher for Year 6 from September who is experienced and very much looking forward to working with our children, parents and school team. We welcome to our team a new Teaching Assistant, Miss Jackson who has already begun working with us.

Pupil Council

We have established a new Pupil Council this term with the purpose of gathering children's views from within the individual classes. Children put themselves forward to stand for the role, created posters and speeches before each class voted for their 2 representatives, helping them to begin to understand the processes of democracy.

Congratulations to the following Pupil Councillors:

Leo & Lennon, Jack and Matt, Martha & Simon, Charlotte & Freya, Josh & Thissa and Efehan & Ilia.

Ask Your Child...

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

Reception- What are the different parts of a tree or plant?

Year 1-What activities might you do if you were spending the day in Blackpool?

Year 2- What did Florence Nightingale do when she was alive that people still benefit from now?

Year 3 – Can you explain how smoking can affect the body?

Year 4 – What is an adverbial?

Year 5 – Can you name parts of a flower needed for pollination to take place?

Year 6 – How do you code to add scores in Scratch?

Class Attendance: Apr 24th to Apr 28th

Class	Present %	Authorised absence %	Unauthorised absence %
Reception	95	2.2	2.8
Year 1	95.2	3.2	1.6
Year 2	94	2.6	3.4
Year 3	97.8	1.8	0.4
Year 4	91.4	8.2	0.4
Year 5	98.6	0.5	1
Year 6	97.4	0	2.8

(May not total 100 due to rounding)

ALL absences must be reported to the school.

6-a-side football tournament

Wednesday saw a team travel to Samuel Ryder for a 6-a-side tournament. This was a different footballing experience for many of the team, learning how to play on a smaller pitch at a quicker pace of change. The players gave it their all and really rallied as a team which is a credit to their positive sporting attitudes.

Smartwatches

Please keep Smartwatches at home. These can be expensive items that can easily be damaged, but also regularly cause a distraction in class while learning. A simple analogue watch supports children with reading and telling the time, or a basic digital watch with all alarms and beeps switched off.

Dates for your Diary:

1st May Bank Holiday School Closed
2nd May Strike Day (see separate letter)
5th May Year 1/2 Cake Sale
8th May Coronation Bank Holiday School Closed
9th May KS2 National Tests week (Y6)
26th May Last day of half term
29th May- 2nd June Half Term Holiday

