



Windermere Primary School Newsletter 2nd February 2024

A word from the Headteacher

February already! It seems like the year is off to a very fast pace.

In assemblies, children have been thinking about their right to education and the responsibilities that go along with being in school and accessing learning opportunities. They have explored feelings of anger and what they can result in, and the rewards of working hard. We have celebrated children who stand up for what is right and those who persevere. Year 6 are working through their Mini Police programme, learning about online safety, bullying and anti-social behaviours. They even completed a bleep test this week testing their fitness. Attached is information from our Family Support Worker, Jemma Hope, about courses to support you on your parenting journey.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Sarah Gilliver

Sporting results

Last week, the girls football team recorded their first victory of the season, comprehensively defeating Skyswood Primary School 5-2. All of the girls played fantastically well and showed great teamwork, resilience and determination. This was also noted by the opposition, who were extremely impressed with how well we played.

The netball team played a fantastic match against Oakwood, winning 10-2. The goals came thick and fast with great quality passing and play. Well done all!

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 is your favourite animal and why?

Year 1- Which shape did we use in our digital painting?

Year 2- What does an array have?

Year 3- Can you name 4 regions in England?

Year 4- Which circus act would you most like to see and why?

Year 5- Can you explain the phases of the moon?

Year 6- What is the composition of blood?

Rapid Catch Up workshop

Miss Clark held a workshop for parents whose children are being supported by the Little Wandle Rapid Catch Up phonics programme. The programme helps children with their phonics knowledge and reading development. Further workshops are planned, so if you missed this one there will be another opportunity to learn about the programme and how you can support your children at home alongside it.

Support for getting children to open up

Ollee is a great resource to help you, as parents, support your children. It is a digital friend to help children navigate some tricky situations and can give support on a range of topics.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/ollee/parents>

Caretaker Opportunity

We are looking for a new school caretaker to support us with our site maintenance. If you know anyone who may be interested, please get in touch with the school.

Dates for your Diary:

19th -23rd February Half term
26th & 28th March Parent Consultations
Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April Easter Break
20th May Sport and Art Week
27th May to 31st May Half Term
3rd June INSET day
Tea Party TBC Summer Term

Staff Car Park

Please avoid driving into the staff car park for pick up and drop off as this can make access for school staff, delivery vehicles and waste collection difficult and could lead to accidents between children and vehicles. Staff may also need to leave promptly to attend meetings after school.



Online relationship support for parents



Parents in this area can now access **THREE ONLINE COURSES** from the relationship experts at **OnePlusOne**. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.



Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. You will learn:

- How to recognise stress and how it can affect you.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.



Me, You and Baby Too

Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives, including:

- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.



Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to manage conflict to minimise the impact it has on your children, as well as:

- How to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

To access the courses, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. They are all **FREE** to use, so you'll just need to select your local authority area and create an account with a username and password.

You can get started by scanning the QR code or visiting:
www.oneplusone.org.uk/parents



If you would like help with accessing these courses, please email our Family Support Worker; Jemma Hope
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