



March 2023

The clocks have changed and hopefully Spring is on the way. I cannot believe another term is already finished. I have been super proud of the children across the school. It is always a pleasure to visit them in their classes and see how eager and engaged with their learning they are. We have certainly done lots of additional activities with the children this term. Below are some of the highlights.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Girls' Football:**

The girls took part in a football tournament at St Neots football club. They played well and excelled themselves. From the start of the tournament to the end of the tournament the improvement was massive. They worked well together and were fantastic sports. We were really proud of how well the children represented the school.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Young Voices:**

Year 6 visited the O2 to take part in Young Voices. This is the largest children's choir in the world. They spent the day rehearsing the songs that they would perform in the evening as well as learning a few dance moves. When the evening performance arrived, the O2 gave all the children a new surprise. They switched the lights off and produced a spectacular lighting display using the children's white tops to project many different colours around the arena. The children came back very excited having sung with thousands of other children.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 The Royal Opera House:**

The Year 5 and 6 children had an amazing opportunity to visit the Royal Opera House. Here they watched the Magic Flute. After a long coach journey, the children made it to the Royal Opera House. On entering the Opera House, the children could not believe how beautiful it was. They were lucky enough to watch an Opera. It certainly was a once in a lifetime experience.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 Panathlon Bowling event:**

The children got to go bowling with lots of other schools from around St Neots. Some of the children managed to get strikes, which they were proud of. All the children came back with certificates and a wide smile on their faces.

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 Tag Rugby:**

A group of girls and boys from Year 5 and 6 attended a Tag Rugby competition at Middlefield. They came second in the tournament and only lost by 1 point. The team won 2 of their games, drew one and lost one. Not only did they perform amazingly but the teamwork and respect towards other teams was fantastic! They congratulated the winning team and shook hands at the end of every game.

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Hockey Event:**

Two teams represented Winhills at a hockey competition at St Ives Outdoor Centre. One of our teams came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 15 other schools. They won all their games except one which they drew 0-0 and they did not concede one goal during the whole tournament! All the children played exceptionally well, and their sportsmanship really shone. They ensured members of other teams were ok when injured and even when one of their own teammates were injured, they continued to play with one team mate less. It was commented on by other schools how well-mannered and kind all the children were.

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 World Book Day:**

The children took part in World Book Day and came with an accessory or dressed as a character from their favourite book. The children had some fantastic outfits and accessories. Throughout the day, the children took part in various activities. One of the highlights was the Year 6 and Year 1 children reading together.

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 Football Tournament:**

We hosted a football tournament here at Winhills involving four other teams. The children were amazing, winning one game and drawing another game. All the games were competitive with a team only ever winning by one goal. I was so impressed with the spirit in which the games were played.

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Science trip to Magdalene College:**

Year 6 had the opportunity to visit Magdalene College in Cambridge. Here they had Scientists talk to them on a range of topics including Chemistry and the Black Hole. The children had the opportunity to question the Scientists and produced some very thoughtful questions. After this, they visited the Scott Polar Research Institute. Here they were able to look at what they had been learning in class all about Antarctica and see it in the Research Institute. It helped bring the topic to life.

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Girls Football Tournament:**

Recently, a group of year 3 and 4 children went to a girl's football festival at St Neots Football Club. Although the weather was cold and wet, all the girls had a great time and always had a smile on their faces! The girls played 7 a side but the organisers were looking for values like honesty and teamwork rather than scoring goals. One of the girls from Winhills received an honesty award from the event organisers at the end of the session, which was brilliant. The girls all played amazingly and enjoyed every second.

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023: Football Tournament:**

We hosted two other schools. The children all took part with huge smiles on their faces. All the games were very close with the odd goal deciding each match. The children improved so much throughout all the games, and I was so impressed with their work rate and never give up attitude.

### **Red Nose Day and Purple Day Supporting the Daisy Garland Trust:**

The children helped support some wonderful causes over this term. The children all got to wear something red to support Red Nose Day. They were then able to take part in an assault course organised by the school council. We did have to postpone it until the Monday due to wet weather.

Finally, we took part in Purple Day which is to raise awareness of Epilepsy. The children all wore a purple accessory. This finished with a bake sale in the school Hall. The children managed to raise a massive amount for both wonderful causes.

£217.82 going to Comic Relief and £262.00 going to Daisy Garland Trust, well done to all who helped and supported.

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Netball:**

Some of the KS2 children went to a netball tournament at Wintringham. The children all had loads of fun and the games were played in good spirits. The team came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 8 teams and did not lose a single match.

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023- Rock Steady Concert:**

Some of the children from across the school who had signed up for Rock Steady performed a concert for their parents. Rock Steady come to school and taught the children different instruments and then they put these together and became part of a band. The children were all amazing. I loved to see how much progress they have made over the term.

If you are interested in signing up your child for Rock Steady, please look at the website below or speak to the office about what is involved and how much it will cost.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 NFL Festival:**

Eight children from Y5 and 6 attended the NFL Flag Football practice festival at St Ives on 28<sup>th</sup> March. 13 teams attended in preparation for the tournament in May and the children from Winhills performed wonderfully in a sport new to a lot of them. They won three of their four matches and really enjoyed learning the rules and different plays. We look forward to seeing how they perform in the tournament in the summer term.

### **Arbor Information**

Please make sure that you are signed up on Arbor. This is the school's main use of communication, payment system and online booking system for parents evening. If you have changed your contact details, please can you make sure that these are all up to date on Arbor too. Due to GDPR we can no longer send data collection sheets home for you to check, this can be done through the Arbor portal, and it is your responsibility to ensure the information is kept up to date. Arbor has recently released the Arbor app, which can be downloaded from the app store.

### **Dates**

Please look at the future dates at the end of the newsletter so you are aware of training days and holidays. All dates are on the website under the calendar section:

<http://www.winhills-cambs.co.uk/diary/list/>

### **Parking**

The school car park will be locked from 8:30am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:30pm. Parents and staff will not be allowed to drive into the school car park at these times. Please ensure you park considerably outside of the school, ensuring you do not block anyone's driveway or emergency access point.

### **Red Post Box in Office Reception Area**

Envelopes and forms should be posted in the red quick drop box in the office reception area, please ensure all items are clearly named and easily identifiable. We encourage you to use this facility to save you time unnecessarily waiting.

### **Little Gems Before and After School Club**

**Please can I remind you that all bookings and cancellations should be made via the school office.** 24 hours' notice must be given if your child cannot attend a session to avoid being charged. Breakfast is between 7.30am and 8.30am. Please let the staff know if your child has not had breakfast at home. Children attending after-school club sessions from 4.30pm onwards will be provided with tea. Please speak to staff if you wish to see the menu.

### **Term time holidays**

Following Government Guidance, we as a Trust do not authorise leave during term time unless there are extra ordinary circumstances, which are judged on an individual basis. As a

result of this we will apply to the Local Authority for a penalty notice if you take a child out of school for any unauthorised leave of more than 3 days.

**School Uniform Children** need to always have their PE kit and a pair of wellies in school.

As a reminder, the standard uniform consists of:

- White or blue polo shirts (plain)
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore with the length of skirt to be no shorter than just above the knee
- Grey or white socks, royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan (available from school with the school emblem)
- Royal blue pullover or cardigan.
- **Black footwear, shoes (not trainers)**

Hair – all long hair to be tied back, so that your child's vision is not impaired. Children may wear gel, ponytails, or hair bands, but no extreme fashion hairstyles please. **Please name every item of your child's school uniform.**

**It is The Diamond Learning Partnership Trusts policy that earrings must not be worn for PE, and your child must be able to remove them if they wear them to school on PE days. Earrings should be small studs.**

### **PE Kit**

The children need a plain white T-shirt and plain blue/navy or black shorts. Please avoid strappy tops for the girls.

If your child comes to school without the appropriate items or kit a letter will be sent home with them indicating the missing item or appropriate school wear.

**Uniform points will not be given out to pupils if they do not have the correct kit. If children do not gain enough points over the term, they will need to come to school in their uniform on reward day.**

### **School Dinners**

The cost of a meal at school from September for children in Year 3, 4 5 & 6 is £2.35, meals for nursery children are £2.10 and adult meals are £2.75. **Payment can now be made online**, please ask the office staff for more information. You may order lunches daily but according to the Local Authority's policy, all school lunches must be paid for in advance or on the day taken. **School is not allowed to give more than one day's credit per child.** As you know, any parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle can book a dinner with a child in the school any day of the week, but we do need at least one day's notice where possible.

### **Achievement Awards**

Well done to all the children who have received awards this half term. I look forward to many more children receiving awards next half term.

### **Friday 27th January 2023**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Henry	Teiloras	Noah
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Tristan	Kira	Emily
Jonah	Rosie	Hayden

**WAC** – Logan

**RRR** - Romilly

**Art** Aluna

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023**

**Achievement Awards**

Abigail	Ella	Ava-Mae
Kye	Adrian	Kitty
Remy	Alexandra	James

**WAC** – Evelyn

**RRR** - Lily

**Art-** Saffron

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Achievement Awards**

Celina	Archie	
Kathleen	Evie	
Logan	Mateo	
Maia	Oly	

**RRR** – Chase

**WAC-** Leilah

**Art-** Evalyn

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**

**Achievement Awards**

Jacob	Hollie	Livy
Eva	Ryan	
Robert	Mason	
Kyle	Abigail	

**RRR** – Kai

**WAC-** Livy

**Art-** Tristan

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Achievement Awards**

Paisley	Amber	
Lily	Lucy	
Colin	Alisia	
Luke		

**RRR** – Cohen

**WAC-** Katy

**Art-** Thomas

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Achievement Awards**

Leila	Lemuel	
Jennifer	Sophia	
Rhys	Ethan	
Sam	Emily	

**RRR** – Ethan

**WAC-** Kye

**Art-** Mitzie

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Achievement Awards**

Joey	Leo	Shaya
Riya	Scarlet	
Charlie	Mason	
Alice	Tomaiya	
<b><u>RRR</u> –</b> Blake	<b><u>WAC</u>–</b> Shaya	<b><u>Art</u>–</b> Riley

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Achievement Awards**

Patrick	Ruby	
Rudi	Elliott	
Jade	Alivia	
Deondre	Noah	
<b><u>RRR</u> –</b> Evie	<b><u>WAC</u>–</b> Sharnella	<b><u>Art</u>–</b> Marnie

**Term dates 2023**

**Spring Term 2023**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April –Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Half Term
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Training Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Summer Term Starts
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Grafham Residential Yr. 4 and Yr. 5
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	May Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023- Friday 2 June 2023	Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Training Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Summer Term Continues

Yours sincerely

Mr. John Turner

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)