



May 2023

It is the end of another half term, and the wet weather has finally eased which has meant that the children have managed to get out and enjoy the fine weather. Below are some highlights from over the last half term.

Wednesday 19th April Year 5 Math's Challenge

On Wednesday 19th April, four Year 5 children took part in the Maths challenge against seven other local schools. There were a mix of challenges with a lot of them making the adults scratch their heads. The children were amazing and came second. Well done, Winhills.

Year 4 and Year 5 residential trip to Grafham Water

From Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th April, Year 4 and 5 children had the opportunity to go to Grafham Water for a residential. The children took part in canoeing, low ropes, sailing and much more. Their determination, resilience and resolve were fantastic to see. When asked at the end of the trip, which their favourite activity was there was a real mix which was lovely to see. My personal favourite was the canoeing.

Football Festival at St. Neots Football Club.

On Tuesday 25th April, some of the Year 3 children went to St Neots Football Club to take part in a football festival. They all had an amazing day and could not stop talking about it on the way home.

Wednesday DLPT Sports Event – Dodge Ball

Some 5 and 6 children were selected to take part in a Trust Dodgeball event held here at Winhills. Teams from all the schools in the St Neots Trust hub were present and it proved to be another thrilling event. Team Winhills ended their league fixtures with an impressive tie for first place. However, a close play-off match saw them lose their final game and finish with a well-earned tie for second.

Coronation of the King:

As a school we celebrated the Coronation of the King by holding a picnic. The children all made their sandwiches during the day and in the afternoon, all came together to celebrate in style. We started the proceedings off with an egg and spoon race which the children loved followed by all sitting down and eating together. The afternoon was finished off with some dancing led by the staff. It was lovely to see the whole school having such fun, dancing together.

SATS Week

The Year 2 and Year 6 children have had a busy few weeks completing SATs tests. These are tests that all Year 2 and 6 children must complete and are used by the government to monitor how the children are getting on. I was really impressed with how resilient the children were throughout. A massive well done to the children and thank you to the staff.

NFL Flag Football regional competitions

Some of the children took part in our first NFL tournament on Monday 15th May. They were playing against teams that had played in this tournament for the last couple of years and so knew what to expect. We went along expecting just to have a fun day out but ended up winning the whole tournament. This means that the children now get to go to the National Finals where they will be playing against schools from other parts of the country. The children, as always, were extremely well behaved and we are so proud of every one of them. We even made the papers.

<http://www.huntssp.org/winhills-eagles-soar-to-regional-nfl-flag-football-title/>

DLPT Sports Events

Over 800 Key Stage children were welcomed to Winhills for the annual summer Trust events. Years 3 to 6 all took part in activities ranging from Athletics to Rounders and Netball. All the events were keenly contested with the Year 6 and Year 4 children both coming a close second. All the children displayed fantastic determination and effort as well as participating with great sporting values.

Cross Country Competition at Priory Park

On Tuesday 16th May, some Year 5 and 6 children went across to Priory Park to take part in the Cambridgeshire Cross Country competition. Over 50 teams from across the county took part. All the children had a fantastic time and produced some quick times. It was lovely to see their positive attitude and not giving up even when the going got tough. The children showed great sportsmanship with one of our children stopping to help another child who had tripped up. It really emphasised the values that the Winhills children have.

Year 3 and Year 4 Tennis Festival at St. Neots Tennis Club

On Tuesday 23rd May, some Year 3 and 4 children went to St Neots Tennis Club and took part in the festival. There were lots of other schools there. The children all really enjoyed it and learnt lots of new techniques to use whilst playing tennis.

Girls Football at Winhills

On Wednesday 24th May, the girls had a friendly against Alconbury. It was a fantastic game to be part of. The girls all took part with smiles on their faces, and it was a close game with Winhills winning a tightly contested game 4-3. The girls were a credit to the school with their determination and commitment. Well done, Winhills.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Film Night- The Emperors New Grove

The PTA held a film night on Thursday 25th May. Over 100 children attended, and they all had a wonderful time. They all really enjoyed their interval snack. Thank you for the hard work of the PTA for organising and running this event for the children.

Friday 26th May Rounders Tournament at Kimbolton Academy

Winhills took some children across to Kimbolton to take part in a Rounders tournament. It was a lovely afternoon and the children had great fun. Every one of them really enjoyed it and played with huge smiles on their faces.

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 £2.41. **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 28th April

Achievement Awards

Anisa	Alfie	Mateo
Arza	Reegon	Jessica
Jade	Noah	Erin
Lexie		

WAC – Thomas

RRR – Mason

Art Owen

Friday 5th May 2023

Achievement Awards

Raisa	David	Tom
Logan	Lacii	Corey
Rudi	Warren	

WAC – McKenzie

RRR – Maia

Art- Joel

Friday 19th May 2023

Achievement Awards

Calie Jay	Roxie	
Isla	Carmen	
Saoirse		
Lily		

RRR – Isaac

WAC- Adania

Art- Celina

Friday 26th h May 2023

Achievement Awards

Owen	Amelia	
Caiden	Amelie	
Bea	Jaidyn	
Violet		

RRR – Ella

WAC- Georgia Lee

Art- Lily

Term dates 2023

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 6th June 2023

Thursday 8th June 2023

Monday 12th June 2023

Thursday 15th June 2023

Wednesday 28th June 2023

Thursday 13th July 2023

Friday 14th July 2023

Monday 17th July – Wednesday 19th July 2023

Summer Term Continues

Reception Summer Trip – Paxton Pits

Individual School Photographs

Year 4 and Year 5 Summer Trip -Gulliver's Land

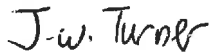
Sports Day (times to be confirmed)

Reward Day

Year 1, 2 and 3 Summer Trip-Paradise Park

Year 6 Residential to Hilltop.

Yours sincerely



Mr. John Turner

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)