

Friday 27th September 2024

Weekly Newsletter

The **DIAMOND**
Learning Partnership Trust
Be Inspired



To be the best you can be!

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to share some updates on our progress during the first three weeks of the new school year at Winhills Primary Academy.

Both Mrs. Beale and I have conducted several learning walks, and I'm happy to report that they have been overwhelmingly positive. Our children are deeply engaged in their learning and are demonstrating commendable effort across all activities. The school environment remains tidy and purposeful, reflecting the hard work of both our staff and children.

Attendance is also looking strong! Thank you for your support in ensuring your children are present and punctual. We've had three classes achieve 100% attendance, and to celebrate, they enjoyed a fun day where they could break two uniform rules. Let's keep this momentum going by encouraging regular attendance.

We're also excited to announce that the school council– turn the page to find out. This will provide our children with a wonderful opportunity to develop leadership skills and play an active role in school life.

Warm regards,

Mrs d'Ancy

My first few days in Year 6

By Abigail Ann Buckmaster



As the last year of primary school, Year 6 feels like a large transition when you start. The teachers were (and still are) very reassuring and you soon realise that it's not as scary as it first seems. Not only did they tell us about the changes of the transition but also answered our questions as best they could. Also, they slowly progressed the difficulty of our learning allowing us to settle back in to the school routine after the six week school holiday. Thanks to this the classroom remained a safe, calm and enjoyable environment to learn and progress.

Start the day with ZUMBA!!!

Get ready to move and groove! We're excited to announce Zumba will happen every day at 8:35 am in the KS2 playground starting Tuesday 1st October. This fun, energetic session is a great way to start your day, whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner. All welcome to join in before they go into class at 8.40am.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Thursday 26 th September	Parent Garden Force Morning– <i>Watch this space for a sign up sheet.</i>
Tuesday 1 st October	Fun with Phonics: Y1 and Y2 parents invited to sit in a phonics session.
Wednesday 9 th October—Tuesday 15 th October	Bookfair in the main hall from 3:20pm until 4:20pm.
Wednesday 9 th October	SEND Parents Evening
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents Evening
Monday 28 th October—Friday 1 st November	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Training Day
Tuesday 5 th November	Autumn Term continues
Wednesday 13 th November	Sums and Buns: Parents invited to sit with your child in a math lesson.
Wednesday 20 th November	Reception—Einstein Class Vision Screening

Attendance Matters!

Any class with 100% attendance for the week will be able to break two uniform rules the following Friday. For example, wear trainers, wear bright coloured socks, wear nail varnish, wear a bright coloured jumper etc. The class with the best attendance of the week will receive an extra playtime the following week.

Class	Weekly Attendance %	Weekly Attendance %
	WB 9 th September	WB 16 th September
Einstein	90.43%	90.60%
Coleman	97.19%	96%
Rashford	94.62%	93.46%
Frank	98.10%	97.41%
Attenborough	100%	95.33%
Nightingale	99.38%	88.38%
Armstrong	98.33%	97.70%
Jordan	96.44%	81.43%

Weekly Wellbeing Challenge



1. Play a card game or board game you haven't played in a while
2. Write down five things you are grateful for.

Remember to try and do these things to keep your mind and body well and to keep on a positive path.

Weekly Achievers Awards

Each week, class teachers will choose a achievers award to someone who has shown excellent effort and outstanding learning in school. These will be announced during our Friday assembly :-)

Class	Achievers
<i>20th September</i>	
Einstein	Deacon
Coleman	Isaiah
Rashford	Delta
Frank	Luke
Nightingale	Rhys
Attenborough	Freddie
Armstrong	Mitzie
Jordan	Tristan

Class	Achievers
<i>27th September</i>	
Einstein	Archie
Coleman	Zyad
Rashford	Christian
Frank	Aaron
Nightingale	Kayden
Attenborough	Georgia-Lee
Armstrong	Alfie
Jordan	Amzi

Amazing Achievers 20th September 2024

RRR Award:

Anna-Lea Jordan Class

I am delighted to present Anna-Lea with the RRR award. I have seen impressive qualities from Anna-Lea already in these last three weeks at school that demonstrate: resilience reliance and responsibility. Anna-Lea is always ready to learn; she listens at the start of a lesson; is organised with her resources and books; and is a wonderful role model to her peers. Her maturity and kind character is refreshing to see and I have loved seeing Anna-Lea support her peers in lesson time and give them wonderful feedback when peer assessing. It has been a pleasure to have Anna-Lea back in my class again and I look forward to seeing many more of her successes this year.

Winhills Achievement Cup (WAC):

Jade Nightingale Class

Jade has been working incredibly hard over these first few weeks of Year 4. She is an able and conscientious member of the class who displays a real interest in her school work. Her resilience and drive to improve and challenge herself is truly inspiring, it's amazing to see her be the best she can be. She takes control of her own learning and enthusiastically embraces new challenges to deepen her understanding.

In particular, Jade has been working hard to improve her writing in English and I know that the other adults in the class are very impressed with her beautiful handwriting. Jade is a great role model for her classmates and a valuable part of the classroom. She is a delight to teach and a true **Winhills Wonder**. Keep up the super attitude and excellent work Jade!

Art Award:

Grace- Einstein Class

Grace has shown a natural creative flair for all thing's art and crafts since the beginning of the term. She has confidently mixed her own colours, named them all and used them to create an amazing self portrait. She chooses her equipment carefully and thinks about the brushes she needs to create her paintings. Whilst being at the play dough table, Grace can create an array of amazing objects anything from food items to a whole zoo of animals. I simply can't wait to see what Grace with create next.

Keep being awesomely arty Grace.

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Winhills Achievement Cup (WAC):

Ahearn –Frank Class

Ahearn has made brilliant progress in his learning this term and is always trying his best to make improvements to his work and to cheer up his peers. He has highlighted his knowledge in History and his passion is truly infectious! His work ethic is simply amazing and he has slotted into our class perfectly. Ahearn can be relied upon to do absolutely anything that is asked of him. He always has a smile on his face and is a good friend and role model to all of his peers. He treats everyone with respect and kindness. Well done, Ahearn. You are truly amazing!

Art Award:

Mia—Coleman Class

Mia has already demonstrated her artistic flair in Year 1 and is an incredibly creative superstar in Coleman Class. She is a regular painter, independently gathering her resources and working away using techniques she has learnt as well as experimenting with a few new ones. Recently, she has also learnt about Andy Goldsworthy and used his artwork as fabulous inspiration for her own piece of outdoor art. Mia is happy to work on her own with her artwork, but if there is some collaborative art she shares her ideas brilliantly and contributes in such a fantastic way. In English, Mia has also managed to incorporate some art with superbly detailed story maps. Well done Mia, we can't wait to see what you will create next!

Introducing Winhills School Council

Joining a school council provides a valuable opportunity for children to develop leadership and communication skills. It allows them to take an active role in improving their school environment, representing their peers, and sharing ideas to make positive changes. Being part of the council encourages responsibility, teamwork, and a sense of belonging, as children work together to address issues and organise events or activities for all.

Being a member of school council, fosters confidence and helps children learn the importance of listening to others' opinions, making decisions, and contributing to their community. Overall, the experience helps shape responsible, thoughtful, and engaged future citizens.

As always, school council representatives were voted for within each class. Children shared why they would be a good councilor and a secret vote took place (democracy link within our British Values).

The school council for this year at Winhills Primary Academy are:

Coleman Class (Year 1 and 2)	Rashford Class (Year 1 and 2)	Attenborough Class (Year 3 and 4)
Amelia Lucas	Teddy Maja	Mia Freddie

Frank Class (Year 3 and 4)	Nightingale Class (Year 3 and 4)	Armstrong Class (Year 5)	Jordan Class (Year 6)
Emily Luke	Jade Rudi	Kingdavid Hollie	Amber Warren

Winhills Parent Association

Volunteers Wanted!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with our PTA events at school. Your support is crucial in making these events successful and enjoyable for everyone!



If you're available to assist, whether it's setting up, organising activities, or lending a hand during events, we'd love to have you on board.

Please let us know if you can help out by contacting the School Office—we really need you!