

Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

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28th March 2014

Dear Parents,

March has been an extremely busy month and the children enjoyed the events that have taken place recently as well as learning in their classrooms and the ICE Zones.

As you know this term we have been talking to the children about Reading for Pleasure. Most classes have now visited St Neots library to learn about how the books are organised and how they can borrow them. Many children took the opportunity to join the library and are now using their cards regularly.

Thursday 6th March was World Book Day and we certainly celebrated in style! During the week all the children from Year 1 to Year 6 visited Waterstones bookshop to spend their £1 WBD vouchers. We were made very welcome and the fantastic behaviour of the children was commented on by other users of the bookshop.

On World Book Day itself the children brought in potatoes they had decorated as their favourite book characters; we were amazed and impressed at the creativity of our children and parents. Throughout the day the children were encouraged to 'Drop Everything And Read' which they did with great enthusiasm. Children were spotted reading out in the playground, sitting in corridors and even in the middle of PE lessons! It's a pleasure to see how much our children love books.

As a result of our regular involvement in the Cambridgeshire Picture Book Award, this year we were asked to be one of only six school in the county to help select the eight books for the shortlist from a 'long list' of 23 books. It was a fantastic learning opportunity for Year 5 in particular to think about and discuss which features are most important in a good picture book. All children in the school voted for their favourite book from the shortlist so we are now waiting to hear which book is the overall Cambridgeshire winner.

It was wonderful to see so many children coming to school by bike or scooter during our Big Pedal weeks. We completed over 900 journeys to school which helped Winhills finish in 184th place overall. This is a fabulous achievement as there were thousands of schools involved across England. We hope this healthy habit continues for many of the children (and for the many adults who joined it too!)

Some children in Year 5 and Year 6 took part in four days of 'Bikeability' training which is designed to give them the skills to be safe cyclists on the road. The instructors commented that the children really enjoyed developing their skills and

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confidence in riding. Each pupil made fantastic progress throughout the course and hopefully are now enthused to cycle more.

Last week all children were involved in running, walking, skipping or dancing around the school for Sports relief. Some children were involved in measuring the playground and field so we knew exactly how many laps were required to complete this challenge. The children and adults thoroughly enjoyed this and we were really pleased that we raised £193.25 for the charity. Thank you for all your donations.

This week Year 4 and 5 had a visit from a 'real' Viking who explained all about the Viking way of life. Many children and adults came dressed in amazing costumes – thank you parents!

The children were able to handle some Viking weapons including swords, axes and special spears for hunting wild boar. They also pretended to be archaeologists investigating other artefacts such as a metal brooch, a bone comb, a knife sharpening stone and a tool for making fishing nets. They did this by observing carefully, looking for clues and discussing their ideas.

The Viking visitor put their learning in context by helping the children make a timeline to show exactly when the Vikings were exploring, invading and settling Northern Europe.

Finally the children were taught to play a Viking game of strategy with a board and counters called Hnefatafl (a bit like chess). Lunch for the teachers was Viking 'Green Soup' - very green and very tasty! Thank you to our Viking chefs.

Newsletter List – Celebration Assemblies 27th & 28th March 2014

Multiplication Awards

Stage 1 Bronze

Toby Brown	Westleigh Bruce-Patmore	Freddie Bundy
Matthew Clarkson	Alexandra Jeffery Villarta	Connie Nutter
Oliver Herbert	Thomas Williamson	

Stage 1 Silver

Frederick Ayres	Alex Kaitano	Ines Lopez Company
Harmony Murkett	Sam Prentice	Erin Riley
Blake Tunnah	Matthew Swanser	Rosie McAughey
Tommy Loveridge	Jack Oddy	Jaydon Rhodes

Stage 1 Gold

Tommie Fordham	Mason Judge	Charlie Fowler
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Stage 2 Bronze

Ellie Rose Scotcher	Marc Warwick	Dominick Browne
Emily Matzk		

Stage 2 Silver

Tora Coleman	Ben Musgrove	Lilly Bailey
Ryan Williams	Toby Simpson	

Stage 2 Gold

Jake Keighley		
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Stage 3 Silver

Callum Wray		
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Stage 3 Gold

Archie Palmer	Joshua Nielsen	Archie Palmer
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Reading Word Wall Bronze

Connie Nutter		
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Reading Word Wall Silver

William Simpson	Alfie Taylor	Toby Brown
Freddie Bundy	Matthew Clarkson	Dylan ElwartAlexandra Jeffery Villarta

Reading Word Wall Gold

Cerys Dunnett	Cayden Greet	Shannon Wray
Ellie Allen	Frederick Ayres	Westleigh Bruce-Patmore
Harley Richardson	Oliver Herbert	

Spelling Word Wall Bronze

Eleanor Latimer-Spoels	Alfie Backhouse	Eleanor Latimer-Spoels
Cian Walton-Smith	Aaron Albone	Jayden Best
Lily Cruttenden	Teddy Duff	Cerys Dunnett
Cayden Greet	Ella Hayward	Ellis Nicholson
Kina Patel	William Simpson	Mijana Snapkauskaite
Alfie Taylor	Ryan Wilson	Shannon Wray
William Simpson		

Spelling Word Wall Silver

Katie Gallacher	Ella Hayward	Suki Judge
Sarah Wray	Shannon Wray	

Spelling Word Wall Gold

Alicia Hodgson		
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Numeracy Counting to 5

Josie Griffiths	Keira Hohnson	Tulah Nixon
Jessica Porter	Liam Pullen	Elliot Rayner
Gianna Rhodes	Lucas Robinson	Hattie Sargeant
Lyndon Tunnah	Riley Parker	Tayla Storey
Teigan Storey	Jack Smith	Elliott Harrison-Patmore
Sam Cheswick	Klaudia Omilian	Justin Rhodes

Numeracy Counting to 10

Josie Griffiths	Jessica Porter	Liam Pullen
Elliot Rayner	Hattie Sargeant	Riley Parker
Arina Podoprighora	Mujahid Saddique	Teigan Storey
Scarlet Watson	Jack Smith	Sam Cheswick
Justin Rhodes	Archie-Rhys Scotcher	Cameron Shaw

Numeracy Counting to 20

Charlie Sizer	Kaitlyn Conlon	Keanen Hanley
Halley-Sue Hodgson-Dipper	Keyan Round	Sam Cheswick

Numeracy Pairs to 10

Yasmin Bryan	Ryan Eldridge	Jessica Hawking
Summer Hurley	Justin Rhodes	Archie-Rhys Scotcher
Cameron Shaw	Mijana Snapkauskaite	Jack Vogel
Chloe Webster		

Phonics Phase 1 Bronze

Aiden Crawford	Alicia Ford	Andrew Laing
Jack Smith	Elliott Harrison-Patmore	Klaudia Omilian
Sam Cheswick		

Phonics Phase 1 Silver

Ethan Dorsett	Sebastian Stray	Callum Oxborough
Riley Parker	Keyan Round	Mujahid Saddique
Alfie Shaw	Tayla Storey	Teigan Storey

Jack Smith	Elliott Harrison-Patmore	Sam Cheswick
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Phonics Phase 1 Gold

Ethan Dorsett	Sebastian Stray	Milla Clarke
Harley Gutteridge	Halley-Sue Hodgson-Dipper	Callum Oxborough
Lucy Parker	Riley Parker	Arina Podoprigora
Owen Riley	Keyan Round	Mujahid Saddique
Sophie Sefton	Alfie Shaw	Tayla Storey
Teigan Storey	Sezin Su Surensay	Jack Smith
Elliott Harrison-Patmore	Sam Cheswick	

Phonics Phase 2 Bronze

Ethan Dorsett	Sebastian Stray	Peter Collins
Archie McQuaide	Lucy Parker	Arina Podoprigora
Owen Riley	Keyan Round	Sophie Sefton
Alfie Shaw	Teigan Storey	Sezin Su Surensay
Kieron Young	Elliott Harrison-Patmore	Sam Cheswick
Justin Rhodes	Cameron Shaw	

Phonics Phase 2 Silver

Archie McQuaide	Oliver Peach	Sam Cheswick
Justin Rhodes	Archie-Rhys Scotcher	Cameron Shaw
Mijana Snapkauskaite		

Phonics Phase 2 Gold

Alfie Backhouse	Kaitlyn Conlon	Keanen Hanley
Sophia Hodgson	Eleanor Latimer-Spoelstra	Samuel Lopez
Joshua Ralph	Elsie Ray	Cian Walton-Smith
Cameron Fraser	Justin Rhodes	Archie-Rhys Scotcher
Cameron Shaw	Mijana Snapkauskaite	Korinthian Thiele
Yasmyne Bryan	Cameron Fraser	Jack Vogel

Phonics Phase 3 Bronze

Ryan Eldridge	Cameron Fraser	Connor-Rocco Maltby
Kc-Tia Maltby	Ryan Moser	Ashley Picking
Cameron Shaw	Mijana Snapkauskaite	Korinthian Thiele
Chloe Webster	Cameron Fraser	

Phonics Phase 3 Silver

Connie Nutter	Jayden Best	Teddy Duff
Ryan Eldridge	Cameron Fraser	Jessica Hawking
Connor-Rocco Maltby	Kc-Tia Maltby	Ryan Moser
Ellis Nicholson	Ashley Picking	William Simpson
Mijana Snapkauskaite	Alfie Taylor	Korinthian Thiele
Chloe Webster	Ryan Willison	Cameron Shaw

Phonics Phase 3 Gold

Aaron Albone	Jayden Best	Lily Cruttenden
Teddy Duff	Cerys Dunnett	Ryan Eldridge
Cayden Greet	Jessica Hawking	Ella Hayward
Suki Judge	Ellis Nicholson	Ashley Picking
William Simpson	Alfie Taylor	Ryan Willison
Connor-Rocco Maltby	Kc-Tia Maltby	Ryan Moser
Cameron Shaw	Mijana Snapkauskaite	Korinthian Thiele
Connie Nutter		

Phonics Phase 4 Bronze

Aaron Albone	Jayden Best	Lily Cruttenden
Tadey Duff	Cerys Dunnett	Ryan Eldridge
Jessica Hawking	Suki Judge	Connor-Rocco Maltby
Ryan Moser	Ellis Nicholson	William Simpson

Alfie Taylor	Ryan Willison	
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Phonics Phase 4 Silver

Freddie Bundy	Matthew Clarkson	Dylan Elwart
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Phonics Phase 4 Gold

Toby Brown	Sarah Wray	Shannon Wray
Freddie Bundy	Dylan Elwart	

Phonics Phase 5 Bronze

Frederick Ayres	Westleigh Bruce-Patmore	Harley Richardson
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Phonics Phase 5 Silver

Sam Prentice		
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Phonics Phase 5 Gold

Alexandra Jeffery Villarta	Lilly-Sue Johnson	
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Phonics Phase 6 Bronze

Kyle Christie	Erin Foley	Alex Kaitano
Amanpreet Kaur	Ines Lopez Company	Harmony Murkett
Erin Riley	Blake Tunnah	Thomas Williamson

Maths Whizz Awards

Year 3 Bronze – Connor Morphew Silver – Rosie McAughey Gold – Sunny Singh	Year 4 Bronze – Harry Hedges Silver – Marc Warwick Gold – Lorraine Tembo
Year 5 Bronze – Trevor Tembo Silver – Ocean-Faye Stoner Gold – Jacob McAughey	Year 6 Bronze – Rebekka Herd Silver – Kieran Simmen Gold – Hannah Wilkinson
Overall Winners Bronze – Hannah Wilkinson Silver – Jacob McAughey Gold – Lorraine Tembo	

Friends of Winhills School Association

The next meeting of Friends of Winhills School Association will be at 6.10pm on the 2nd April 2014. All welcome to attend and support our hardworking committee.

Schoolcomms

Please ensure you have completed and returned the form to the school office to be able to receive email versions of all school letters. We intend to start using Schoolcomms by Friday 28th March.

School Photos

Two dates for your diaries

- Friday 9th May classes and teams
- Friday 3rd October individual and family groups

School Uniform

Children need to have their PE kit and a pair of wellies in school at all times.

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. Girls and boys may wear gel, ponytails or hair bands, but no extreme fashion hairstyles please. **Please name every item of your child's school uniform.**

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 is £2.10 per child and £3.00 per adult. Payment can now be made online, your child should have come home with a letter regarding online payments if this has not been received or you need help with setting up please contact the office. Thank you. You may order lunches on a daily basis but according to 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 days credit per child. As you know any parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle can book to have a dinner with a child in the school any day of the week but we do require at least one days notice where possible.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2014

4th April

Term Ends

Summer Term 2014

22 April

Staff Training Day

23rd April

Term starts

5th May

May Day

26th May – 30th

May Half Term

23rd July

Term Ends

Autumn Term 2014

3rd September

Staff Training Day

4th September

Term Starts

27th – 31st October

Half Term

3rd November

Staff Training Day

19th December

Term ends

Spring Term 2015

5th and 6th January

Staff Training Days

7th January

Term Starts

16th – 20th February

Half Term

27th March

Term ends

Summer Term 2015

13th April

4th May

25th – 29th May

1st June

22nd July

Term Starts

May Day Holiday

Half Term

Staff Training

Term Ends

I hope everyone has a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 23rd April.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Diane Mitchell

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

We welcome any comments you may have below:

To: Mrs Diane Mitchell, Head of School, Winhills Primary Academy, Off Duck Lane, St Neots, PE19 2DX

Child's name:

Comment: