

Wainwright Primary Academy

Newsletter

24th November 2016



Road Safety Week

This week we have been focusing on how we stay safe on the roads after a pupil was hit by a car outside school. We have been working with the charity 'Brake' during Road Safety week and every child has been encouraged to make the Brake Pledge - you can do it too! Please visit <http://www.brake.org.uk/schools-communities/make-the-brake-pledge> to sign the pledge, whether you drive or not.

Luckily, the pupil only had minor injuries. Please ensure your child crosses the road with Mrs Munks, our lollipop lady. If your child walks to school unaccompanied, please talk to them about safe places to cross on their route to school.

Reception Visit to Wollaton Hall

Don't forget Foundation Stage Two are going on a trip to Wollaton Hall on Monday 5th December. Please could you send your donation and confirmation slip to Miss Limb/Mr Blackwell in a sealed, named envelope. Your child will need to wear school uniform, sensible footwear and warm clothes please.



Winter Wonderland

As part of our curriculum, we are helping to empower young people to harness their personal and business skills. To develop this understanding the children will be running a Winter Wonderland:

- Each class from Nursery to Year 6 have been given a budget of £5 to set up a stall. The children have come up with great ideas and what they sell will be the profit the class makes. There will be an enterprise award for the class that has demonstrated great teamwork, used their initiative and shown financial capability.
- Winter Wonderland will take place on **Friday 9th December**, straight after school for 1 hour. There will be stalls where prizes can be won and crafts to buy. Refreshments will be served along with mince pies. There may be a special visitor for our younger children!
- The children at Wainwright Primary invite you to our Winter Wonderland.



Reminder - Parent Governor - Vacancy

The Governing Body of Wainwright Primary Academy has a vacancy for Parent Governor and is looking for parents/grandparents/carers who are interested in this role and who currently have children at the academy. The closing date for nominations must be received at the school by 10.00 a.m. on Monday 28th November 2016. If you have any further queries about the role of Parent Governor, please contact Mrs Hazlehurst or the Clerk to the Governing Body, Emma Paine, on 01623 623559.

Children in Need

Lots of fun was had in school on Friday as we wore wacky clothing and bought Pudsey biscuits.

We are pleased to say that we raised a total of £500! Many thanks to all who contributed to our Children in Need day.

Year 5 and 6 Enjoy a Victorian Christmas

Our visit to Newstead Abbey was a great success! The children enjoyed a wide range of activities based on how the Victorians celebrated Christmas. This included making a traditional sugar mouse, creating a little posy of perfumed herbs, taking part in parlour games and watching an authentic lantern show. The children interacted with professional actors and it gave them an insight into the way a Victorian child lived and celebrated the Christmas season. This all took place in the grand surroundings of Newstead Abbey itself. The children were a credit to Wainwright Primary Academy and the memories created will be with us for a long time to come.



Parent Coffee Morning

Many thanks to those parents who came to our first coffee morning. It was a good opportunity to have a chat about school life and events that are happening.

Feedback from the parents who attended is that it enabled them to ask questions to clarify a number of things they didn't fully understand and also to make suggestions about the events we could hold in school.

It was agreed that the coffee mornings would run fortnightly. We strongly encourage parents to drop in and have a chat. We would like parents with pre-school children to know that during these sessions we set up a play area so your little ones are more than welcome.



The next coffee morning is Thursday 1st December between 9:00am and 10:00am.

Disco

The children thoroughly enjoyed the school discos last week which raised £261.46 for our School Funds.

Remembrance Day

A big well done to the Year 6 pupils who we took to Queen Elizabeth's Academy on Remembrance Day. We took part in a very special open-air service which was very poignant. Many people, including the Academy Director of Queen Elizabeth's commented on the outstanding behaviour of our pupils; we are very proud of them all!



Changes in Nursery 2017!

We are currently reviewing our nursery offer and are looking to implement the following changes in the new year:

1. A flexible offer in the way parents choose to use the allocated hours. For example, this could be a mixture of half days and full days.
2. The option for parents to purchase additional hours on top of the free entitlement.

Further details about this will be shared in coming weeks.



Football Team

Our football team came 4th in the Mansfield Town Football Club competition which was against 9 other schools. Well done to the children who took part!

In addition to this we are in a 3 week Futsal competition that started Tuesday and have had a very good start.

Anti-Bullying Week

Last week was Anti-bullying week and we did a lot of work around how to be a good friend, what bullying is and what we can do about it. On Friday afternoon, we had a whole-school assembly where we shared some great anti-bullying work, ideas, poems and role-play. Thank you to those children who entered the poster competition; we had some great entries. For more information, please visit <http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/parents-carers.aspx>

REMINDER - SCHOOL CLOSED – FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

School is closed for a staff training day tomorrow!

Important Diary Dates

Friday 25 th November	Whole School	INSET DAY
Tuesday 29 th November	Y5/6	Inter School Futsal Festival 4:00pm, West Notts College
December		
Monday 5 th December	FS2	Wollaton Hall Trip - All day
Tuesday 6 th December	Y5/6	Inter School Futsal Final 4:00pm, West Notts College
Tuesday 6 th December	Y3/4	Inter School Multi Skills 1:00pm West Notts College
Friday 9 th December	Class 2P	Class Assembly 9:10am. Parents Welcome