



West Drayton Academy Newsletter

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Headteacher's update

Having a sense of community unites us. Being involved in a community can make us feel part of something greater than ourselves. It can give us opportunities to connect with people and makes us feel safe and secure. Last month's Diwali Fair was a fantastic event, organised by and for our community.

At West Drayton Academy, the Christmas Fair is another event that encapsulates our community - the school unites to celebrate being part of a family who can support each other for the good of children's learning.

This year, the Christmas Fair is on Friday 15th December, 3.15 - 5pm. As ever, these events cannot go ahead without sufficient support and all offers of help will be greatly appreciated. You can email the PTA directly to volunteer your time and/or skills or to book a table/stall: wdapta@theparkfederation.org Alternatively contact school via the school email or telephone.

Have a great weekend.

Dates for your diary

27th November

Google Classroom Workshop
(9:00 - 9:30am)

30th November

St. Andrew's Day

4th December

Assessment Week

8th December

Christmas Panto
(EYFS, Y1 & Y2)

18th & 20th December

Y1 Nativity Performance

13th December

Y3 Visit to Beck Theatre

14th December

Flu Immunisation
(Reception - Y6)

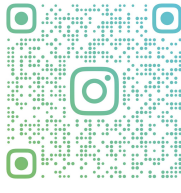
15th December

Christmas Lunch & Christmas
Jumper Day
Christmas Fair (3:20 - 5:00pm)

Join us on Social Media

We are so excited to be sharing information with you about the wonderful events and celebrations happening at WDA on social media.

We respectfully ask that all followers of our X and Instagram page adhere to the school's guidelines for the safe and supportive use of social media.



Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

- 1st place: 2CS with 98.7%
- 2nd place: 4OR with 97.2%
- 3rd place: 4L with 97%

It will be a non-uniform day for 2CS on Friday 1st December.

Well done!

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*West Drayton Academy PTA
Christmas Fair*

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER
3:15-5:00PM

RAFFLE

TOMBOLA | **Games** | **CLASS STALLS**

Stop off at the Elf Cafe

Refreshments | Burgers & Hot Dogs | Sweets

Santa's Grotto
Grotto tickets on sale soon



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This Week's SPECIAL MENTION



Netball Win

A great week for our Girls Netball Team, who won their league match against Ryefield Primary School on Monday. They gave no chance to the home team to score and by the end it was 7-0, which was very exciting.

The team comprised Hiya, Jeet, Sanaya, Nishka, Adelina, Lavanya and Emilia.

A fantastic result and great performance girls. More power to you!



Football Prodigy

Courtney in Y6 plays for Denham United Ladies (U11). She has been a vital member of her team and in a recent game, she earned the **Player of the Match** award. How incredible is that!

We are very proud of her!

Y4 trip to Sadler's Wells

Year 4 were incredibly excited to see a ballet performance of *The Snowman* in London this week, as part of our 100 club opportunities.

After travelling by coach to the theatre we settled down into our seats and eagerly waited for the show to begin.



The stage design was amazing! We got to see snowmen dancing throughout the show, snow falling from the ceiling and some characters flew across the stage! Even Santa made a surprise appearance! The story of *The Snowman* was both interesting and exciting to watch and we ended the show by clapping and dancing along with all of the characters.

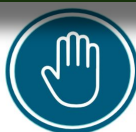
Year 4 are definitely feeling festive now!



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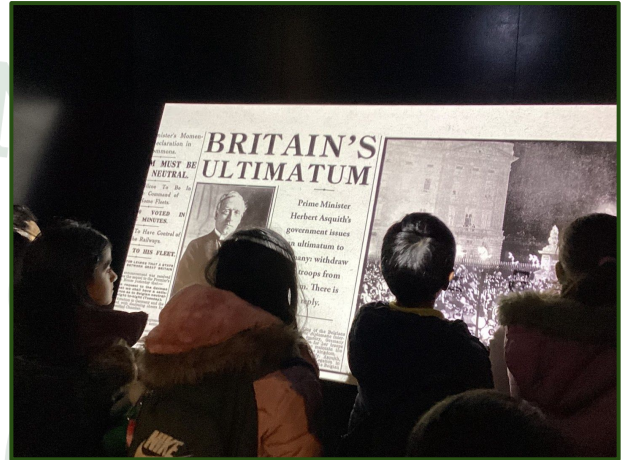
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Year 6 Trip to the Imperial War Museum

On Friday 10th November, Year 6 travelled by coach to visit the Imperial War Museum. This trip is in preparation for our History topic next term, 20th century conflict and is part of our 100 Club (visit a museum). For some children this was their first visit to a museum and they were very excited! We explored the WWI and WWII exhibitions, getting to walk through the trenches and climb inside anderson shelters! All of the children took part in a workshop, where they got to create their own short videos about one of the objects in the WWII exhibition. The children were in small groups and had a microphone, a clapperboard and a phone. They all chose an object and created three short videos: what the object was; why it was important at the time and why it is still important today. The children loved being actors/presenters and camera crew! We can't wait to watch these videos back in school! It is fair to say, we are all excited about our History topic next term!



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WDA Weekly Champions

Year 1

Julia Donaldson

Salma A

Dr Seuss

Sakina W

AA Milne

Ruby F

Year 2

Michael Bond

Vivaan S

Chitra Soundar

Eleanor N

Eileen Browne

Aviraj S

Year 3

Roald Dahl

Sana Y

Atinuke

Theo P

Beatrix Potter

Aadhav K

Year 4

J K Rowling

Irfan J

Onjali Rauf

Chino S

Mark Lowery

Emma L

Year 5

Zephaniah

Frankie D

Rick Riordan

Destiny J

Louis Sachar

Zayyan N

Year 6

Lewis Carroll

Irfan M

Michael Morpurgo

Lavanya N

Blackman

Martha N



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CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

This year at the Christmas Fair we are appealing for donations for our Tombola Stall

Can you donate any new and unwanted toys, gift, games, sweets or chocolate?

If you can help by donating please hand items to the class teacher or Mrs Malik.

Thank you for your support.



Calling all WDA Alumni

At West Drayton Academy, we value our connection with former pupils. We celebrate the achievements and experiences of our alumni with our current pupils and the local community.

If you are one, or know someone who has been part of West Drayton Academy, please sign up with us by following the link: [WDA Alumni sign up](#)

We look forward to listening to your stories about your life journey. Please share it with your family and friends and help us spread the word, thank you!

PTA Meeting

Support your school!

We are inviting new parents to meet us on Tuesday, 28th November at 9.00am and have a coffee with Vice Principal & Family Support Worker.

This will be an opportunity for you to have an informal chat about the upcoming events and discuss how you can be more actively involved.

We look forward to seeing you there, please report to the school reception when you arrive.