



West Drayton Academy Newsletter

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Headteacher's update

This week, our year six pupils have completed their SATS tests - SATS assess attainment and progress in reading, grammar, spelling and maths. I am immensely proud of how the children applied themselves - they have worked incredibly hard and demonstrated how to 'aim high' - they really were 'first class'.

Thank you to all staff who have been involved with teaching and supporting Y6 this year; Mrs Walker, Ms. Richards, Mrs Warren-Searle, Mrs Aykel, Ms. Preedy, Mr. Stanimerakis and, year group lead, Mrs Randell. In addition, many staff members have been part of the children's 'journey', from Nursery through to Y6. Brilliant job all round! Results are announced in early July.

Next term, many of the Y6 children are going to a PGL outdoor centre, a company that provides school activity courses and camps. They will have a great time and a deserved reward for their recent efforts. We have organised an activity programme for Y6 children not attending PGL.

Wishing you all a happy weekend!

Richard Yates
Principal

Dates for your diary

21st May

Federation Mini Tennis
Tournament
Y3 Greek day

22nd May

Borough QuadKids Athletics

23rd May

PGL pre-departure meeting
3:30 - 4:00pm

24th May

Diversity Day Celebration
Last day of term

3rd June

School reopens
Science Week

5th June

Y5/6 Girls Cricket Festival

6th June

Y5 Visit to Gurdwara

7th June

Family Read & Shine at
8:40am
Summer Fair at 3:30pm

APPLY NOW

Nursery Applications

September 2024

If your child's date of birth is between **01/09/2020** and **31/08/2021** you may apply for a nursery place starting in September 2024. Our nursery application form can be collected from the school reception during normal school hours. The completed application form should be returned as soon as possible as we are currently allocating the places.

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: 6M & 6C 99.33%

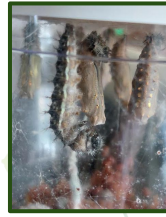
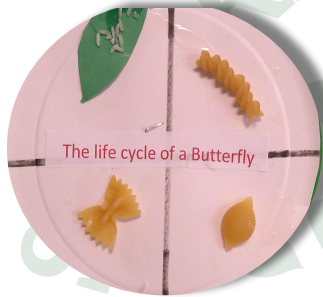
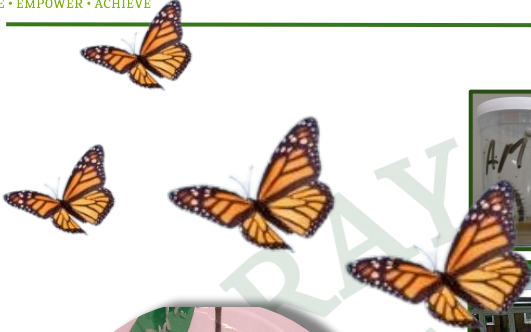
2nd place: 6B 98.21%

3rd place: 4L 97.67%

It will be a non-uniform day for 6C & 6M on Thursday 23rd May. Well done!

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Butterflies in Nursery

This term the nursery have been learning about minibeasts and continued their learning about life cycles. To help them embed their learning about life cycles. The children observed the transformation of baby caterpillars, to bigger caterpillars, that formed their own chrysalis, to that of butterflies. They then recreated their own butterfly life cycle using pasta.

Nursery then had the opportunity to watch the butterfly release with their parents and carers.

A lovely moment was shared by all.



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Favourites Day



Children in KS1 enjoyed their Favourites Day menu with Mrs Nel, Deputy Principal on Thursday 16th May.

We encourage parents to use Universal Infant School Meals (UIFSM), which provides all children in KS1 with a free, nutritious meal during the school time. There are some advantages to having UIFSM: it will save you time and money, and school receives additional funding to spend on our children.



A huge thank you to Tesco Yiewsley for donating food and other items to our school pantry.

We are also thankful to all the parents and other members of the community who have been continuously supporting the school with this initiative.

If there is any of our families in need of pantry during these difficult times, text 'Pantry' on to 07718 492006.

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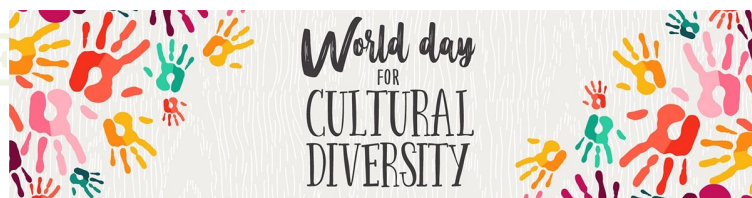
As part of our Celebration of Diversity, we would like to invite you to join us on **Friday 24th May** for our . . .

International Food Fair

Come and sample a range of foods from around the world kindly provided by our families. This is your chance to try something new from countries such as Japan, India, Spain, Somalia and so many more!

The fair will take place in the small playground opposite Paddington Library and being at 3:30.

See you there!



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SUMMER FAIR

7th June | 3:30-5:00pm

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
FUNDRAISER**

Food | Games | Prizes

Raffle Draw | Face Painting | Crafts



If you would like to hire a stall please contact
Mrs Malik on 07718 492 006

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has genuine friends who they play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with others safely in the digital world.



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This week Y6 children attended breakfast at school from 8:00am - 8:30am. This gave them an opportunity to be with their friends and teachers and feel ready for the tests. We wish them the very best for their SATS results.

**SUMMER HALF TERM
MULTI-SPORTS COURSE**

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WEST DRAYTON ACADEMY

**DODGEBALL HOCKEY FOOTBALL
GYMNASTICS TENNIS CRICKET
BASKETBALL ATHLETICS**

Course Information

What
Multi-Sports Course for all children aged 5-11. This course will focus on developing fundamental skills, learning new games, making friends and having FUN!!

Where
West Drayton Academy, UB7 9EA

When
Summer Half Term
Tues 28th - Thurs 30th May
9am - 3pm

Cost
1 Day £20 | 2 Days £36 | 3 Days £48

Sibling discounts available!

Need more Info?
T: 01932 568 570
E: westlondon@sportspusscheme.com

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WDA Weekly Champions

Year 1

Julia Donaldson

Amara C

Dr Seuss

Jacque L

AA Milne

Jendi R

Year 2

Michael Bond

Amelia T

Chitra Soundar

Riya S

Eileen Browne

Anish S

Year 3

Roald Dahl

Humira M

Atinuke

Ryad A

Beatrix Potter

Pranavi B

Year 4

J K Rowling

Asima K

Onjali Rauf

Raoni B

Mark Lowery

Sreemanth A

Year 5

Zephaniah

Jazlyn K

Rick Riordan

Destiny P

Louis Sachar

Zayyan N

Year 6

Lewis Carroll

Maja F

Michael Morpurgo

Arnav A

Blackman

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