

Principal's update

There's so much happening at school this term - the list of 'diary dates' is long!

Due to strikes on July 5th and July 7th, Lark in the Park, the community picnic and Summer Fayre will all now be on Thursday 6th July. The picnic still begins at 12pm and the Summer Fayre begins at 3:30pm.

This week is Health and Fitness. Whilst the weather is unsettled, it remains warm and mainly sunny. Please ensure you apply sunscreen before school starts and provide a water bottle for the children to use throughout the day.

A couple of 'shoutouts' from last week. Rishab, Tayyibah and Menaal were all brilliant at the Strictly Speaking competition. Our girls cricket team came second place in the Park Federation tournament. Very well done.

Celebration Saturday

On Saturday 10th June, 17 children took part in Celebration Saturday. It is a lovely event where each school in the federation showcases their school in a performance.

This year the theme was proud and the children definitely showed this. Their hard work and dedication paid off and they performed a brilliant piece where we showed what we are proud of. They sang, they danced some even read poetry. It was so lovely to see the children work together and represent our school. There will be a performance for the rest of the school and for parents to see too. Thank you to those that took part, you did WDA proud! We will be sharing the official photographs in the coming issues, watch this space.



Dates for your diary

19th - 23rd June

Health & Fitness Week

23rd June

KS2 Sports Day
9:00am - 11:50am

26th June

KS1 Sports Day
9:00am - 12:00pm

30th June

Y2 Local Area Visit

4th July

Y6 Transition Day
Y4 Go Ape Visit

5th & 7th July

Strike Action

6th July

Lark in the Park (ActionAid)
Community Picnic
12:00 - 12:45 pm
Summer Fayre
3:30 - 4:30pm

10th July

Y3 Visit to KidZania

10th - 13th July

Y2 Visit to Crazy Golf

12th July

Y5 End of Year Disco

13th July

Nursery Graduation &
Sports Day
Y6 Production
(12:45 pm - 2:45 pm)

14th July

Y6 Leavers' Party

18th July

Parents' meetings
End of Year Cake Sale



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Year 6 Transition

Transitioning from primary to secondary school is a particularly significant change for children and we strive to prepare our children and equip them with the skill, knowledge and confidence to continue their learning journey.

Close liaison with all secondary schools ensures that all needs of all children are met accordingly. Year 6 teaching staff share their knowledge about each child with their future schools and provide detailed information in response to secondary school requests, including information about academic ability, friendships, children's strengths, areas that may need support and also about any children who need additional support transitioning for a range of reasons. Children will also have the opportunity to speak with staff from their new school and have any burning questions they have answered.

Children will spend a transition day at their new school on **Tuesday 4th July 2023**. Secondary schools should contact parents directly regarding arrangements for the day.

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: 1S with 98%
2nd place: 6C with 97.9%
3rd place: 6B with 97.6%

It will be a non-uniform day for 1S on Tuesday 27th June. Well done!

attendance
MATTERS

Federation Strictly Speaking

This week Rishab, Tayyibah and Menaal represented WDA at the Y5 Strictly Speaking federation competition. They debated their views on digital technology and whether it had a positive impact on children.

They were fierce in their proposition and spoke in favour of digital technology. Rishab particularly focused on the benefits of digital technology in the realm of learning and education and how it has allowed information to be more accessible and inclusive. Both Tayyibah and Menaal supported the line of argument and articulated logical arguments with confidence and poise.

We are very proud of all three of them for such great team work. Well done!

STRICTLY SPEAKING



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Health & Fitness week

Next week, the children will be taking part in health and fitness week. This is an exciting week where the children take part in a range of different activities that promote the children having a healthy body and a healthy mind. During the week, different year groups will get to experience mindful art, a climbing wall, BMX bikes, basketball and much more. We will also get to meet Team GB Basketballer Pierre Henry-Fontaine. Don't forget to get as many sponsors as possible for our athlete visit on Wednesday 21st June. You can sponsor your child using the following link: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/westdrayton>

As the weather has been quite hot, please ensure that your child is well prepared with a bottle of water, a hat and some sun cream. The children will need to wear their PE kit to school every day next week as they will be keeping fit and healthy throughout every day.

We will finish the week with KS2 sports day on Friday 23rd from 9am until 11:50 am and KS1 sports day on Monday 26th June from 9am until 12pm. We hope that the children have a fantastic week and watch out for the photos next week!

Artificial Intelligence & Online Safety

What is artificial intelligence (AI)?

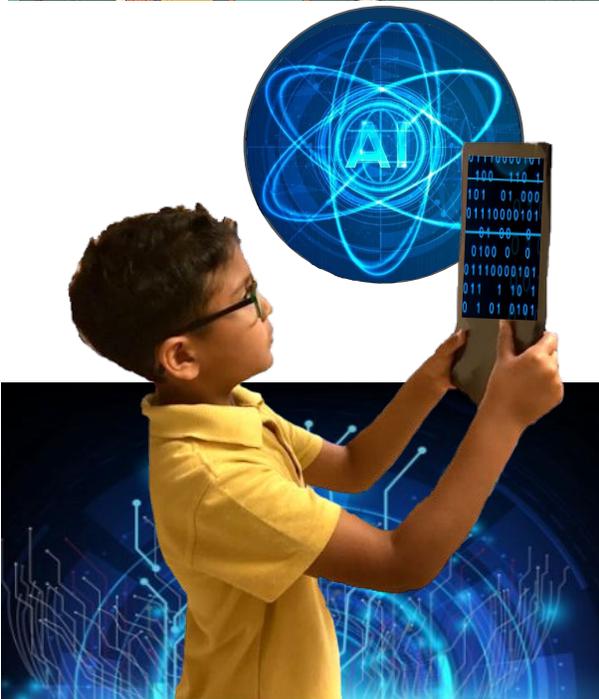
AI is when a computer/machine can learn and perform tasks like a human.

Its popularity is increasing due to the likes of ChatGPT and more recently, My AI from Snapchat. Internet Matters have created a guide about using AI with your child and lists some popular AI tools that you should be aware of:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificialintelligence-ai-tools/>

In addition, Childnet have produced this blog about Snapchat's My AI:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/snapchats-new-ai-chatbot-and-its-impact-onyoung-people/>





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Setting-up new devices & Parental Control

In light of recent incidents of breaches of online safety shared on national news and the increasing use of smartphones in UKS2, we encourage parents to ensure that they are taking the necessary precautions to keep their children safe online. Please see the attachments to support your child using a smartphone (iPhone and Android). Ensure to take the following precautions if your child has a smartphone.

- Talk to your child about the apps they are using and explore them together.
- Check and discuss with your child who they are talking to online
- Agree on what's appropriate together and check your settings



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