



West Drayton Academy Newsletter

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Principal's update

In recent weeks, I repeatedly shared the importance of children attending school. Attendance is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is directly linked to exam performance, happiness and better job prospects. Attending school is also a legal requirement.

Whilst I have previously focussed on what may happen if children's attendance is low, today I would like to share with you the rewards we can offer if attendance is high.

At the end of every ½ term, each child achieving 100% attendance will receive a certificate. Let's see if they attain the complete set of 6 certificates! At the end of every term, each child (Y1 - Y6) whose attendance is 97%+ (a maximum of two days off school during the term) will be entered into a year group prize draw to possibly win £50 shopping vouchers. Finally, at the end of the year, each child will receive up to six entries (one entry for each ½ term their attendance is above 97%) in a whole school prize draw to win a brand new bike. Good luck!

Have a great Diwali on Monday and a great ½ term.

Dates for your diary

24th - 28th October

Half term holidays

31st October

First day back to school after half term.

31st October - 4th November

Y5 Swimming lessons

2nd November

Academy Council Parents meeting 9.00am - 10.00am

2nd November

Federation Spelling Bee Competition 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Message from the Chair of WDA Council

Dear Parents and Carers,

Have you heard of the school's academy council? Do you know what it does and how it works? Did you know that parents are elected to the council, and if you did, did you know who they are?

The academy council wants to share with you some of the work we do and to hear from you about your hopes and aspirations for the school. We have arranged to hold an open meeting on Wednesday 2nd November at 9am when you will have the chance to hear about our work and to ask us about general questions about the school and its long-term aims.

We look forward to seeing you on 2nd November.

Very best wishes

Adrian Ingham
Chair of West Drayton Academy Council

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: 2CS & 6C with 96.3%

2nd place: 4L with 95.4%

3rd place: 5R with 95.17

It will be a non-uniform day for 6C and 2CS on Friday 4th November. A special mention goes to 6C for being at the top for three consecutive weeks. Well done!



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Halloween Disco

Witches, ghosts and many other spooky costumes all turned out to the PTA's Halloween Disco on Thursday. All year groups enjoyed the day with games, dancing, laughter and some sweet treats. Fun was had by all.

Thank you to our school PTA for organising such a wonderful event for our children, the organisation for the event is fully appreciated. Money raised from the event will be going back into the classroom as the PTA support developing the Love of Reading through personalised reading areas.

We look forward to the next PTA event at Christmas.

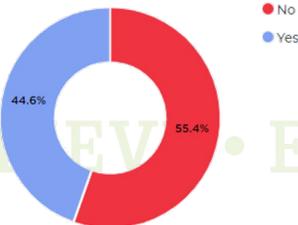


Votes for Schools

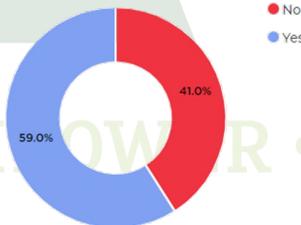
On Friday 14th October during Votes for Schools, we discussed the question: **Does the internet change how we feel about ourselves?**

Here are the results:

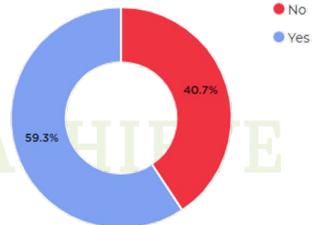
Your School



Regional (Greater London)



National



This week, we will be discussing:

Should we stop paying for the BBC?

To mark the BBC's centenary year, voters reflect on its relevance in today's world and consider the implications if the public decided not to pay for it anymore. In the assembly, they find out more about the history of the BBC and what they are doing to celebrate 100 years on the air.



Diwali

To get into the festive Diwali mood, everyone wore party outfits to school on Friday. It was fantastic to see the range of different outfits that everyone dressed in on the day and it makes us proud to belong to such a diverse community.

The Culture Club organised an after school Diwali festival. The event was extremely well-attended and we thank everyone for coming and making it a success. We hope you enjoyed the food, decorations, dancing and music!

What a great way for us all to begin the Diwali celebrations!



Head Pupils

I am delighted to announce the Children's Leadership Team for this academic year. The Year 6 children went through a rigorous selection process where they were asked to present on 'What the four pillars mean to West Drayton Academy'. The audience included, Mr Yates, Mrs Nel and Miss Richards. Everyone who put themselves forward should be very proud of their efforts - they showed much courage, professionalism and passion for their school. The final team:

Head Pupils:

Akula Pandit 6B
Laila Sakr 6M

Children's Leadership Team:

Adam Bachir-Bey 6C
Halimah Rahman 6C
Aden Shahnawaz 6M
Rahmah Sultan 6C

Shahzain Haider 6C
Ibrahim Qureshi 6M
Belen Tesfaye 6M
Dhruvan Narayanamoorthy 6M



Celebration Assembly

Each half term, we hold a special assembly in order to recognise and celebrate children's achievements. Congratulations to the winners. Continue to work hard and perhaps you could win next time!

Award

Highest Number of Books read on Bug Club (Year 1)

Accelerated Reader Raffle (Year 2-6) (Meeting half term target = one raffle ticket entry)

Millionaire's Club (Read one million words!)

Highest Accuracy on Numbots (Year 1)

Highest Accuracy on TT Rockstars (Years 3 and 4)

Highest Score on Mathletics

100% Attendance

Winners

Dr Seuss: Arjunvishwa Subramanian Rajasekar
Milne: Zarlisht Ahmadi
Donaldson: Yasmin Nor

Year 2: Yoshini Manihalli Puravarga Matta
Year 3: Paul Field
Year 4: Lola Jeff
Year 5: Dunya Yakubi
Year 6: Adam Bachir-Bey

Shahzain Haider 6C: 1,136,436

1st: Anvi Krishna
2nd: Asra Baratali
3rd: Emilie-Rose Stroud

Year 3: Yafet Nassa
Year 4: Siddharth Sathish Babu

Year 1: Srinika Vennam, 13482
Year 2: Samuel Aidefer Beyene 14812
Year 3: Shravani Sivashankar 10867
Year 4 Sid Soumya Akash 21179
Year 5 Azaan Farooq 18,010
Year 6 Laswini Sivanewaran 20834

Certificates were awarded to all children who attendance is 100% this half term.

