

Principal's update

Once again, I am thrilled and very proud with how the teachers and children have immersed themselves in Black History Month. The product of their efforts were displayed at Friday's exhibition of children's work. A dazzling collection of narrative, recount, art and fashion. Thank you to Miss Mirza, Mrs Sall, Mrs Malik and all Culture Club and staff contributions. Your support was amazing! Next year we will use the large hall.

During Monday's assembly, we will be celebrating children's successes in reading, maths and attendance. The Celebration Assembly is always a brilliant event that rewards children for their hard work.

Finally, if you haven't signed yourself up with a time to see your child's teacher next Tuesday, either telephone the school or book online using the school website.

Have a great weekend.

Dates for your diary

18th October

Parent and Teacher Consultation Meetings
3:30pm - 7:00pm

20th October

Halloween Disco Party
EYFS/Y1&2 1:40 - 3:00pm
Y3&4 3:30pm-4:30pm
Y5&6 4:45pm - 6:00pm
(No clubs on this day)

21st October

Diwali (non uniform day)

24th - 28th October

Half term holidays

31st October

First day back to school after half term.

Secondary School Admissions

To apply for secondary school place for your child, please ensure you complete your Common Application Form by 31st October 2022.

You can apply online which is a quick, easy to do and secure way of making an application. You must supply proof of address for yourself and your child at the time of application.

If you need any assistance, please contact school office.

Starting secondary school
September 2023
For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at
www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions
Closing date for applications is
31 October 2022

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Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: 6C with 98.5%
2nd place: 3A with 97.2%
3rd place: 4R with 96.6%

It will be a non-uniform day for 6C on Friday 21st October. Well done!





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Sports Round up

It has developed nicely into a fruitful and productive half term at West Drayton Academy within the sports department. Children have worked hard to develop new skills and gained valuable experiences across all year groups and within differing sporting disciplines.

The WDA Football Team have enjoyed a fine 6-3 victory against Rabbsfarm Primary School, with flowing football on show, the hard work in training is paying off handsomely. In addition, the squad enjoyed an away game against Hillingdon Primary, where the team used the game to practice new shapes and formations within matchplay.

The WDA Basketball Team concluded their preparations for the Federation Basketball Tournament under the stewardship of Coach Bryan. The result, a 4th place finish.

The WDA Netball Team have been training progressively and have enjoyed the start of their league campaign against Hermitage this week. The result was a negative scoreline however Miss Heapy can see promise in performances and future positive results are sure to follow.

A huge 'thank you' to all parents who have come to watch competitive matches, washed kits, prepared water bottles and given positive encouragement. We appreciate you all.

Keeping children safe at WDA

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and we each have a role to play. A key aspect of school's role is to ensure that children are kept safe from harm, and are enabled to have the best possible outcomes. At WDA, we have clear systems and procedures in place outlined in our [Child Protection policy](#). Our strong safeguarding ethos has promoted a culture of listening to children and ensuring that what they say about safeguarding issues is taken seriously. Annually, as specified in [Keeping Children Safe in Education \(2022\)](#) all staff complete Level 1 Child Protection training and this takes place during the September INSET days. Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) formally refresh their training every two years, and undertake other training annually to allow them to understand and keep up with any developments relevant to the role. This week, two of our DSLs, Mrs Roca and Mrs Sall, completed the Refresher Working Together to Safeguard children Level 3 DSL training. This continuous update to staff knowledge and skills helps to ensure that adults in school feel confident to recognise and respond to safeguarding and child protection concerns.



From left to right: Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL), Mrs Roca, Mrs Sall and Miss Howard - Mr Yates and Mrs Nel, our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



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Black History Month

Thank you to everyone who came along to Black History Month Exhibition after school on Friday - we hope you enjoyed seeing all the work that we have been doing in the school and were able to look at the work from all year groups. Children have been working hard during this month and learnt a lot about Black history and culture and it was great to be able to share this learning with our school community. There was an amazing atmosphere in the hall during the Year 6 fashion show and the costumes they created were fantastic to look at! All in all it was great display of creativity and learning.



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West Drayton Academy PTA

As a PTA we work together to support our teachers and children by organising fund raising activities. The PTA raises a significant amount of money each year for the school, funding resources which provide a wider experience for the children of West Drayton Academy.

Projects we have funded so far

The money raised by the PTA is used directly for the benefit of West Drayton Academy. In the past we have funded many school projects and purchased education equipment.

- Funded the launch of the House system
- Enrichment opportunities including the Platinum Jubilee
 - Supported the Y6 Leavers project
- Purchased new music equipment for the children's music lesson.

Upcoming events this year

- Halloween Disco
- Christmas Fair
- Spring Disco
- Easter Competition
- Mother's Day
- Father's Day
- Summer Fair and many more.

Our 2022/23 fundraising aims

This year we will continue to support the House System that was established in 2020.

We will also be working with the teachers to encourage the Love of Reading, this will include supporting reading corners in the classroom and supporting the school libraries..

Plus many more experiences for our children throughout the year.



This year, alongside supporting the curriculum, we are fundraising for a WDA Parent Hub . This will be used to host coffee mornings, parent support groups, a Preloved Clothing range and a food pantry.