

Headteacher's update

For the last two years, the Park Federation has been working with a charity called ActionAid on a project called 'Global Park 60'. 'Global' because we are helping to support women and girls from around the world, 'Park' because we are the Park Federation and '60' because we are helping 60 people.

ActionAid is an international charity that works with women and girls living in poverty. For women and girls, poverty means having fewer opportunities than men and boys. In the world's poorest places this means women and girls often face discrimination, exploitation and violence. From the moment they're born, many girls are seen and treated as less than boys. All over the world women and girls have fewer choices than men and boys. At West Drayton, girls and boys are treated equally.

Each year, the West Drayton community donates money to ActionAid. This year's first opportunity to donate is a new initiative called, 'Help at Home' Week. There's a brief summary below. Let's raise some money and teach our children some important life skills and values at the same time.

Dates for your diary

10th - 14th October

Help at Home Week

12th October

School Photo Day

14th October

Black History Month Exhibition

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)

Help at Home Week

Part of West Drayton's curriculum offer is the '100 Club' - this provides your children with 100 opportunities to engage in a range of 'wow' experiences, develop essential life skills and further grow their knowledge. Each activity or experience that the children complete will earn them one stamp on their 100 Club passport. We want all children to fill their passports before they leave us in Year six.

'Help at Home' week begins on Monday October 10th and incorporates numbers 11 and 33 on the [100 club list](#) - helping out at home and supporting a charity.

We would like you, parents and carers, to sponsor the children to complete household chores. This could be making their bed, washing up, tidying their rooms or washing your car. All money raised will be donated to the Park Federation's partner charity, ActionAid.

Although we want to raise money for good causes, we also want to teach children about kindness, responsibility and to appreciate those people who help look after them every day...you! By the end of the week, we want to find out how many beds have been made and how many rooms have been tidied!

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: 6C with 98.8%

2nd place: 3A with 98.6%

3rd place: 1D with 98%

It will be a non-uniform day for 6C on Friday 14th October. Well done!



Spelling Bee House Competition



This week the finalists from Year 1 - Year 6 competed in our annual Spelling Bee house competition. The final was incredibly competitive and all the finalists and winners can be proud of their achievements!

The winners and runners up of the Spelling Bee Competition for 2022 are:

- Year 1** - **Diya** (1st) & **Noah** (2nd)
- Year 2** - **Jacob** (1st) & **Raveen** (2nd)
- Year 3** - **Shravani** (1st) & **Aarav** (2nd)
- Year 4** - **Aarin** (1st) & **Adhavraj** (2nd)
- Year 5** - **Rishab** (1st) & **Ashrith** (2nd)
- Year 6** - **Akula** (1st) & **Aden** (2nd)

Total house points awarded to each house:

- Blue House:** 60 house points
- Green House:** 50 house points
- Red House:** 22 house points



Year 5 Pupil Corner

This week, me (Millie Metcalfe) and Kai Colin got front row seats to report on The Spelling Bee House Competition in Years' 4 and 5 and take some photographs. The atmosphere was electric and the talent was amazing. Children from each class came to support their friends. In Year 5- only having winners from blue house and green house in the past, red team came this year with fire. Unfortunately, after a few spelling rounds, red team were out and blue and green battled until the final two- Rishab and Ashrith. Ms Nel was so excited, she asked the teachers to pick out the names.

In Year 4, the audience were on the edge of their seats and even Ms Nel was shocked at their level of spelling.

Well done to all involved. We had the best time watching.

Written by Millie and Kai (5S)



Votes for Schools

This week, during Votes for Schools, we debated:

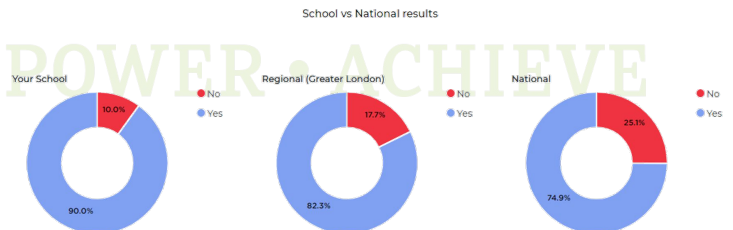
Are actions more important than words?

On Friday we will be discussing:

Does the internet change how we feel about ourselves?

VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

Regional results vs national results



Digital 5 a day

At WDA, we recognise that finding the right digital balance means enjoying all the fun, exciting and creative things about being online while making sure that we aren't feeling overwhelmed, worried and doing the same things all the time.

This year the children will be encouraged to engage in technology use using Digital 5 promoting a balanced diet and healthy wellbeing.

Connect: Message and have fun with friends and family both online and offline

Be active: Take some time off and get active to boost emotional wellbeing

Get Creative: Don't just browse the internet but use digital tools to create content, to build skills and discover new passions

Give to others: Be positive online and report bad content

Be mindful: If time online is causing stress or tiredness then take some time off and ask for help when you need it



Black History Month Exhibition

On **Friday, 14th October**, the Culture Club is excited to hold an exhibition to display all the learning that the children of WDA have been doing during Black History Month.



The children have been busy learning about a range of topics and can't wait to share their work with you. Some year groups have been learning about significant figures, such as Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson and Martin Luther King Jr whilst others have been celebrating the work of artists and writers such as Benjamin Zephaniah and Lubaina Himid. We have also been looking in more detail at the experiences of the Windrush generation and the culture that is displayed at the Notting Hill Carnival.

Please join us after school on Friday to have a look at the work the children have created and all the learning they have done. At 3:30, Year 6 will be putting on a special fashion show where they will present some of the carnival costumes they have produced. Weather permitting, the event will take place in the small playground where we exit at hometime. We look forward to welcoming you.

School Photographs

On **Wednesday, 12th October**, photographers from the School Photography Company will be in the school to take siblings and individual photos.

Your child will bring home the photo card for you to view the image and place an order, if you wish to do so.

Please be reminded that all students are expected to come in their full uniform. If it is their PE day, they should bring their PE kits and change for the lesson.