

## Principal's update

### Diversity

At home and school, children are taught that all people are not exactly the same but that our differences are not necessarily as important as our similarities. Striking a balance between celebrating our differences and the belief that despite these differences that people have more in common than divides. At West Drayton, we see the importance of celebrating diversity.

This is the reason why we have created the 'Culture Club'. This is our parent group that regularly meets to discuss what and how to celebrate important dates from all ethnic groups. What pupils learn in their formative years will influence them long after they have left education, even in ways they may not realise. As teachers and educators, there is a duty to prepare children for the world ahead of them. It is important to teach children to understand how our differences do not define us but how we treat others, in regards to our differences. I do hope you will want to get involved. Please contact Mrs Malik to have a voice and make a difference.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank school staff, children and parents for their tremendous efforts. We have had a brilliant start. We know it's important to work as a team – this ensures a sturdy platform from which pupils can learn more quickly. If challenges occur, as they sometimes do, it is important that we discuss how to move forward. Consistent, positive and proactive communication between home and school will support children's progress. Have a great weekend!

## Dates for your diary

### 26th September

LKS2 Information Meeting

### 28th September

Y4 Trip to Kidzania  
Book Fair

### 3rd October

UKS2 Information Meeting

## Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: 5Z with 98.2%  
2nd place: 4L with 97.4%  
3rd place: 1A with 96.6%

**It will be a non-uniform day for 5Z on Friday 30th September. Well done!**

## Votes for Schools

Last week, during Votes for Schools, we debated:

**KS1: Would you want to be Prime Minister?**

**KS2: Is it a good time to become Prime Minister?**

## Here are the results:



## On Friday we will be discussing:

**KS2** Can the fashion industry slow down its impact on the environment?

**KS1** Would you buy second hand clothes to help the environment?





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## Parents' Information Meetings

This week, KS1 parents were invited to parent information meetings. We had a great turnout, thank you to all of you who were able to attend.

Parents who attended were provided with key curriculum information, statutory assessment details, uniform and homework expectations as well as advice and strategies to further support their child.

At WDA we value the role parents play in their child's education. Strong partnerships between home and school will greatly benefit your child in achieving the best possible outcomes.



Over the coming weeks, we look forward to meeting our year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 parents too!

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## Jeans for Genes Day

Today the school celebrated Jeans for Genes Day.



This day is all about raising money for the charity helping children affected by a genetic disorder. Children attended a special Friday Assembly, where they learnt about the importance of celebrating this day and how this charity is supporting families in need.

Thank you to everyone for helping raise the money for such an important cause. The money raised goes towards supporting families who need help and support.



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