



West Drayton Academy Newsletter

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Principal's update

For the last five years, the Park Federation has been working with a charity called ActionAid, helping to support women and girls from around the world. Last year, across the ten Park Federation schools, we raised nearly £30,000.

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 'Help at Home' Week. There's a brief summary in this newsletter. Let's raise some money and teach our children some important life skills and values at the same time.

Have a great weekend!
Richard Yates

Dates for your diary 6th - 10th October

Help at Home

7th October

Black History Month assembly

8th October

School Photography

9th October

Athlete Visit

17th October

Diwali Fair

22nd October

Y1 Library Visit

23rd October

Black History Month Class Exhibition Y1- Y5

24th October

Black History Month Class Exhibition Y6

Parents Meetings

Parents' Meetings

With the start of new academic year, we are pleased to see that children have now settled well into their classes and routines - and this is a good time to invite parents to discuss children's progress and answer any questions.

This year we are offering extended consultation with your child's class teacher - this will allow you to discuss more personalised support for your child if needed and provide an opportunity for a holistic review on their academics and beyond.

The meeting will be held on **Monday, 3rd November**, and in the coming days you will receive an invitation via email to book your slot. Meanwhile if you have any questions or need any support please do not hesitate to contact us.

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this academic year is:

1st place: 3A with 98.28%

2nd place: 4OR with 98%

3rd place: 1M with 96.55%

It will be a non-uniform day for 3A on Friday 10th October!

Well done!

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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 6th 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!



Black History Month

Black History Month began on this Wednesday and will continue throughout the month of October. This year's theme is **Standing Firm in Power and Pride**. Each year group has been busy learning about and celebrating the profound contributions made by Black leaders, activists, and pioneers and discussing how to look forwards to a future of empowerment and unity.

We are proud to announce that WDA will be holding a Black History Month Classroom Exhibition on **October 23rd** for Year 1-Year 5, and **October 24th** for Year 6.

We would like to invite our parents and community into our classrooms to showcase pupils' work. Please join your child's class from 2:20 pm on the dates shown. Entry to the school will be through the main reception area. At the end of the session, please exit via the reception doors and pick up your child at hometime in the usual way.



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Routines

Routine Reminders

This week's Monday assembly reminded all our pupils about a few key routines, and we'd appreciate your support at home in reinforcing these essential habits.

1. Prepare for the Weather

As the weather turns cooler and more unpredictable, please ensure your child is prepared for changes during the school day.

Action for parents: Your child must bring a waterproof coat to school every day.



2. Arriving to school on time

Being on time maximises learning time and reduces the anxiety for the child

Action for parents: Ensure your child is brought to school before the main gates close at 8.50

3. Daily Water Bottles

Staying hydrated is vital for your child's learning. It significantly helps their concentration, cognitive function, and overall mood. Children have access to their water bottles throughout the day.

Action for parents: Please ensure your child brings a full water bottle to school every day.



4. Uniform

Wearing a school uniform is important because it fosters equality by reducing socioeconomic differences, promotes a sense of belonging and embeds school pride.

Action for parents: Ensure your child wears their school uniform every day. Get in touch with Reception if you have any questions

5. Toilet Breaks

We want to maximize learning time while ensuring children's comfort and health. Teachers will remind children to use the toilet during scheduled break times. Children can use the toilet during lessons if required.

Action for parents: Please encourage your child to use the toilet before they set off for school in the morning.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain these important routines.

Welcome

Team GB Sprinter VICTORIA OHURUOGU

to our school

“Be good to your
body and mind
today - so it can
thank you for it
tomorrow”



Scan to sponsor
Search our school



Great Athlete Visit

Your child will have brought home **sponsorship forms** so you can sponsor them for their fitness circuit with Team GB sprinter Victoria Ohuruogu! You can either scan the QR code to pay online or you can send the money and sponsorship form back into school with the children to give to their class teacher.

On the day of her visit which is Thursday 9th October, every class will have a chance to participate in a structured physical activity session. These sessions will focus on importance of physical activities, warm up routines and teamwork.

There will be a whole school assembly, where children will be able to listen to the Athlete and there will be an opportunity to ask questions from her at the end.

We hope that it will be truly inspiring day for all students.

Important Information

All children from Y1 - Y6 to come in their PE kits on
Thursday 9th October



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Get ready for Photography Day on

Wednesday 08/10/2025
at West Drayton Academy

Look out for the order form coming home with your child



www.schoolphotographs.co.uk

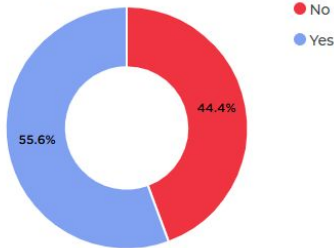


Votes for School

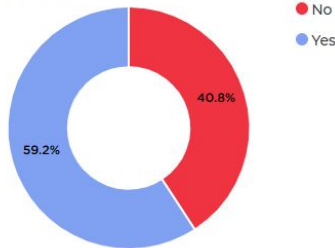
This week, during Votes for School, we discussed:

- Do your clothes show who you are? (KS1)
- Does fashion teach us about Black History? (KS2)

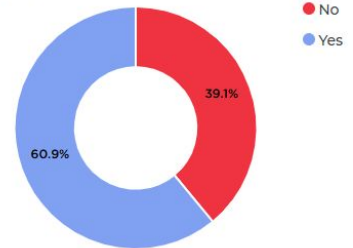
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Coming up:

- Do rules always help you feel safe? (KS1)
- Will 'respect orders' work? (KS2)

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WEST DRAYTON ACADEMY

2025 FAMILY FIREWORKS NIGHT

**THURSDAY,
6TH NOVEMBER, 2025
GATES OPEN @ 4:45PM
FIREWORKS @ 6PM**

Pre-purchase your tickets via ParentPay

Adult £8

Child £6

Family bundle £25 (2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children)

((Under 2s FREE))

Gate price (on the day of event via Card payments):

Adult £10

Child £7

Family bundle £30 (2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children)

((Under 2s FREE))



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COFFEE MORNING SEN SUPPORT



Being a parent/carer of a child with Special Educational Needs and/or a disability can be challenging at times, but you are not alone and support is available.

We will be holding Coffee Mornings every Friday from the 3rd October in the Paddington Library from 8:50am to 10.00am where parents and carers of children can join us for a drink, relax and share ideas, tips and offer advice in a friendly environment.

**EVERY
FRIDAY**

8:50am - 10:00am
Paddington Library

If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Malik
(Family Liaison Officer) on 07718 492006

Donation Request: We are looking for donations of resources to help enrich our children's learning, things we need:

- Cause-and-effect toys (toys that light up, make sounds, or react to touch)
- Touch-and-feel books (sensory story resources)



Magnetic Shapes



Connector Toys



Gear Ring Spinner



Shape Sorters



Pop Up Toys



Adapted Switch Toys

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CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

THE FOUR PILLARS ARE WEST DRAYTON'S VALUES THAT THREAD THROUGH THE CURRICULUM. EVERY DAY, WE ASPIRE TO DEMONSTRATE AND APPLY THESE VALUES IN EVERYTHING THAT WE DO. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PILLARS WILL HELP TO PREPARE OUR CHILDREN FOR TODAY, THE NEXT STAGE OF THEIR EDUCATION AND BEYOND.

EACH WEEK, FROM EACH CLASS, ONE CHILD WILL BE SELECTED AS THE WEEKLY CHAMPION. THE CHAMPION IS SOMEBODY WHO HAS CONSISTENTLY EXHIBITED THEIR CLASS VALUE OF THE WEEK.

Year 1

- Emma K
- Hodo I
- Preksha D

Year 2

- Clarissa G
- Mariam K
- Hania K

Year 3

- Zaheedat S
- Harper P
- Diya V

Year 4

- Tanav N
- Riya S

Year 5

- Saffa A
- Adnan M
- Onays I

Year 6

- Kian W
- Shamso M
- Robert C



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