

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 will be shared in a couple of weeks. The West Drayton Academy BHM gallery, exhibiting children's work, is after school on Thursday 23rd October. Thank you to Miss Tinning, Mrs Malik and Culture Club for their contributions.

Last week, the children participated in a 'lockdown' practice. A school lockdown is a safety procedure where all children and staff are required to remain inside the building and lock all doors and windows to protect themselves from a potential threat inside or outside the school. Although we are not legally required to have security lockdowns, all schools are required to have emergency procedures in place which cover a number of potential threats.

At West Drayton, we have been practising 'lockdowns' for many years and they are scheduled once every term. Please talk with your child about their lockdown experience to reinforce how important they are.

Have a great week.

Richard Yates
Principal

Dates for your diary

17th October

Diwali Fair 3:30pm
Basketball competition
Y3&4 at Western House
11:00am

22nd October

Y1 Library Visit

23rd October

Black History Month
Exhibition 3:15pm

27th October

Half term

3rd November

Inset Day & Parents'
Meetings
School will be closed for
children

4th November

School re-opens for
children

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this academic year is:

1st place: 5S & 3A with 99.32%
2nd place: 6C with 98.89%
3rd place: 4W with 98.3%

It will be a non-uniform day for 5S & 3A on Friday 17th October! Well done!

Parents' Meetings

Monday 3rd November from 1:30 – 7:00pm

We are booking now!

You should have received an email invitation to book a consultation with your child's class teacher. If you have not received a link or you are having an issue booking online, please contact the school office.

Online bookings will close on 19th October





TRIPLE TREAT DOJO WINNERS

Donaldson Jiva K	Dr. Seuss Emma K	AA Milne Preksha D
Browne Arthur P	Soundar Jaswik T	Bond Vibisha B
Beatrix Potter Hanifa H	Atunuke Diya V	Dahl Arya J
Lowery Zuri M	Onjali Rauf Zariya A	Wilson Yasmin F
Riordan Arya S	Zephaniah Aroush H	Sachar Jayron M
Caroll Aminah A	Blackman Lina S	Morpurgo Amaal A



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Great Athlete Visit

On Thursday we were honoured to welcome **GB Athlete Victoria Ohuruogu**! We also had **Commonwealth Games athlete Nerys Pearce** with us too! Both athletes led the children in a fitness circuit: we were so impressed with the energy and participation. They cheered and supported each other brilliantly too! What a great demonstration of our health and heart pillars. In the afternoon, Victoria shared her story of patience and perseverance with the children. She shared how she had to overcome challenges and injuries and how it took her many years to qualify in the top two positions at the National Championships, in order to compete in events such as the World Athletics Championships, which she has just returned from. It was a story of resilience, perseverance, patience and one that the children can apply when reaching for their own dreams and goals!

A huge thank you to all the children who raised sponsorship for this event! Watch this space for an update on the grand total. The last date to bring in sponsorship money is next Thursday 16th October and the children will receive their sponsorship gifts shortly after. The money raised will enable the school to purchase PE equipment which everyone can benefit from.





Reminder: Edison Close is a Private Road

The local authority has confirmed that Edison Close is a private road. Residents have recently put up "private road" signs to remind everyone that cars can't park there without their permission - not even for 5 minutes.

We kindly request that you do not park on Edison Close during school drop-off and pick-up times. Your co-operation will help us maintain a good relationship with our neighbours and ensure the safety of all our children. If you're having difficulties at drop off and pick up, please contact the office.

We also request you to be mindful of children crossing the street, please drive slowly around the school, and where possible we encourage families to walk to school.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

School Policy on Smartwatches

Due to the continuous advancements in technology, particularly the internet and e-mail access now offered by many smart devices, we need to clarify our policy regarding watches worn to school.

Smartwatches are not permitted to be worn to school.

The reason for this is that staff are unable to monitor these devices closely enough to ensure they are being used appropriately, given their advanced features (internet, e-mail, camera, video, etc.).

However, in line with our passion for helping children tell the time, a standard analogue or simple digital wrist watch may be worn.

If you are unsure whether your child's watch is appropriate, please speak to the school office or a member of the SLT on the gate.



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Eco-Committee

We are excited to share that this year our school has made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. This initiative is led by Miss Goldie.

With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change, schools across the country are taking action. The Eco-Schools programme empowers young people to create positive change by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in their school and local community. With our work with Eco-Schools, we will be working to make our school more sustainable, as well as learning more about how to live sustainably. This week, 12 children from Year 4 to 6 have been appointed to form our first Eco-Committee, who will be working to help make our school community more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

A key part of the Eco-Schools process is involving our entire school and wider community, so please look out for further updates in future newsletters. We are excited for all the opportunities ahead in this area.

Eco-Committee



Srirangan



Ariana



Dhyara



Ayesha



Samuel



Haya



Diya



Yasmin



Maliha



Alvi



Robert



Lexi

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Cultural Performance: Garba Dance

In a joyful observance of Navratri, the Culture Club organized a vibrant garba dance performance

It was a stunning display of colour and energy. Participants adorned in beautiful and colourful traditional attire, truly brought the spirit of the festival to life. The rhythmic music and traditional *dandiya* clapping lifted the spirits of everyone present, creating an atmosphere of shared celebration and happiness.

Thank you to all the parents who participated and brought so much joy to everyone.



Votes for School

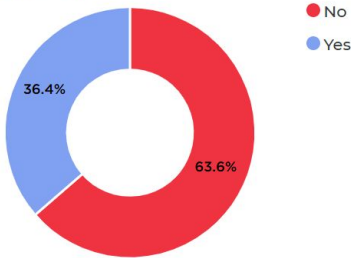
This week, during Votes for School, we discussed:

Do rules always help you feel safe? (KS1)

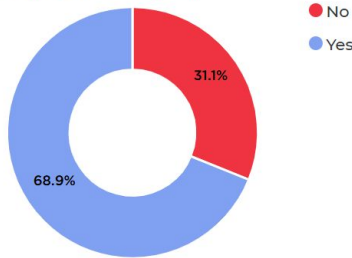
Will 'respect orders' work? (KS2)



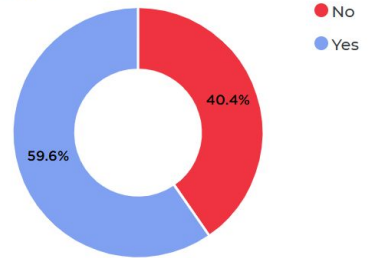
Your School



Regional (Greater London)



National



Coming up:

Does climate change worry you? (KS1)

Does climate change worry you often? (KS2)

Children will get an opportunity to explore their emotions in relations to climate change and steps they can take to convert their worries into positive action.



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DIWALI
FAIR

Welcome Diwali with taste and togetherness.

OCTOBER

FRIDAY **17** **AT 3:30PM**

STALLS ARE AVAILABLE TO BOOK

£15 PER TABLE

CONTACT MRS MALIK
07718492006

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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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SPORTS PLUS OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP

Sports Plus
Scheme

27TH-29TH OCTOBER



Multi sports

Playing lots of fun based games Football, Dodgeball, Tennis, Parachutes, Tag Games, Dance, Axe Throwing, and many more!

Times

9AM TO 3PM

Cost

1 DAY: £20 | 2 DAYS: £36 | 3 DAYS: £51

Venue

WEST DRAYTON ACADEMY, KINGSTON LANE, UB7 9EA

Halloween Fancy Dress Wednesday 29th

Tricks, Treats and Prizes to be Won!!

Sibling and multiday discounts available!



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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

- David M
- Ameer K
- Sufyaan D

Year 2

- Olivier W
- Oma N
- Arthur P

Year 3

- Saffat K
- Stefan D
- Vihaan S

Year 4

- Mark K
- Sahana M
- Akbar Q

Year 5

- Reyansh A
- Ayesha A
- Ayman O

Year 6

- Holly B
- Alfie E
- Mariam S



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