



West Drayton Academy Newsletter

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Principal's update

With only two weeks left to go until we reach the end of term, there's still lots to look forward to!

Please take some time to join in with the upcoming events: the Christmas Fair on the 15th, Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day (for Save the Children charity) on the 17th, and the Y1 parents are invited to join the Y1 Annual Nativity performance on the 18th.

Christmas is a wondrous time of year, an opportunity to give, share and enjoy family time. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the parents and carers, for your tremendous support so far this year.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the volunteers who contribute towards our success. Often unnoticed, these 'unsung heroes' selflessly give their time to help our school and children. You are all appreciated.

Richard Yates
Principal

Dates for your diary

8th December

Assessment Week

12th December

Non-uniform day

15th December

Y1 Panto: Beauty and the Beast

Y2 Visit to Church

Christmas Fair 3:30 pm

16th December

Nursery Christmas Show

17th December

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

18th December

Y1 Nativity Performance
9:30am & 2:00pm

19th December

End of Term

6th January

School reopens for children

Road Safety & Cycling Safely

We are always pleased to see children cycling to school; it is a physical activity which is beneficial for children and a good starting point to be more responsible towards the environment.

However, parents are requested to remind children regularly about road safety and cycling safely, here are the key reminders:

- Wear a helmet everytime
- Always ride on the correct side of the road, and not in the middle of the road
- Avoid distractions - riding requires full concentration, focus on the road.

Let's ensure children are aware of the essential road safety guidelines.

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this academic year is:

- 1st place: 5S with 98.57%
- 2nd place: 4W with 98.3%
- 3rd place: 1D with 97.14%

It will be a non-uniform day for 5S on Thursday 11th December.

Well done!

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Walk to the local bakery

This half term, the children in reception have been learning about 'Traditional Tales' and we read the story of the Gingerbread Man.

We decided that we would love to try a gingerbread man for ourselves so we set off for a walk to the local bakery - Kay's Kitchen!

The children behaved beautifully on their walk! They were excited to point out the local landmarks that they had seen on their map, they crossed the roads safely and listened to adults. Children were polite, and said 'please' and 'thank you' as they exchanged their 50p for a delicious gingerbread man. We made sure on the walk back that we held on tight so the gingerbread men didn't run away!



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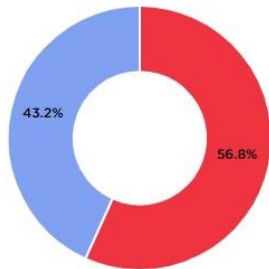
Votes for School

This week, during Votes for School, we discussed:

Do you think disabled people's stories are heard?

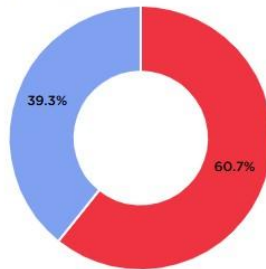


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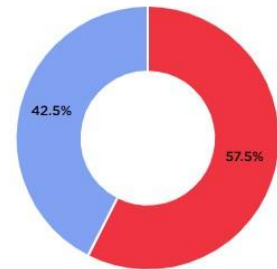
● No
● Yes

Regional (Greater London)



● No
● Yes

National



Coming up:

Can parasocial relationships be helpful? (KS2)

Are imaginary friends helpful? (KS1)

Parasocial has been revealed as word of the Year, which describes one sided relationships often formed with celebrities. Children will be discussing whether parasocial relationships can be helpful.



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St. Andrew's Day

Celebrating St Andrew's Day: A Scottish Adventure! This week in honour of St Andrew the nursery children learnt about St Andrew the Patron Saint of Scotland as part of their 100 club. They compared Scotland to their local environment of West Drayton. They agreed that Scotland was a lot greener and had several castles. The children then develop their fine motor skills by creating their own Saltire flags, kilts and thistles (the national flower!), exploring different textures in sensory play, and boosting their communication and language skills while listening to Scottish music. It was a day of creative and active learning for all.



St. Andrew's Day



NON UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO COME TO SCHOOL IN COLOURFUL CLOTHES.

THIS YEAR INSTEAD OF MONEY DONATIONS WE ARE ASKING FOR TOMBOLA DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

NURSERY & RECEPTION: A BOTTLE OF CELEBRATION BEVERAGE (PLEASE HAND DIRECTLY TO THE CLASS TEACHER)

YEARS 1 & 2 : BOXES OF CONFECTIONERY

YEARS 3 & 4: TOYS AND GIFTS (NEW OR NEARLY NEW)

YEARS 5 & 6 : GIFT WRAPPED TOILETRIES AND COSMETICS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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Christmas Fair

Monday 15th December
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Join us for a fun-filled
family evening!

Enjoy Raffles, Festive Food,
Games & Music

See you at the Fair!

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Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

WEDNESDAY
17TH DECEMBER



Special Menu
Christmas

Wednesday 17th December

- Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing
- Halal Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing
- Vegan Cranberry & Roasted Vegetable Wellington

Served with Roasted Potatoes,
Brussel Sprouts, Peas, Carrots & Gravy

Dessert
Gingerbread Brownie

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never daisy chain multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.



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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

- Krishant S
- Mailano O
- Archie R

Year 2

- Kainye O
- Adheethan R
- Kovarthini S

Year 3

- Aleena K
- Lola M
- Saiaadhira S

Year 4

- Sharlee
- Bonnie-Ada M

Year 5

- Haniya S
- Skylar S
- Aroush H

Year 6

- Aarav B
- Aydin H



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MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

SPORTS PLUS HOLIDAY CAMP

BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, NETBALL,
TENNIS, DODGEBALL, STREET DANCE
AND MANY MORE!!

9AM - 3PM

WEST DRAYTON ACADEMY

MON 22ND AND TUES 23RD DECEMBER



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