

Friday 22nd November 2024

# Weekly Newsletter

The **DIAMOND**  
Learning Partnership Trust  
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*To be the best you can be!*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is approaching! We have already started to hear the first strains of Christmas songs in school and the staff and PTA are already busy planning exciting activities for your children. Therefore, below is all the Christmas activities that will be happening in school.



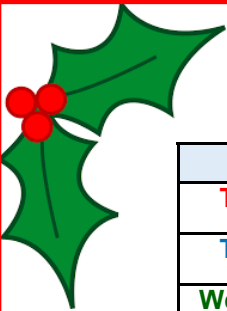
We look forward to sharing some special times with you during the Christmas season. As ever, we thank you for all your support.



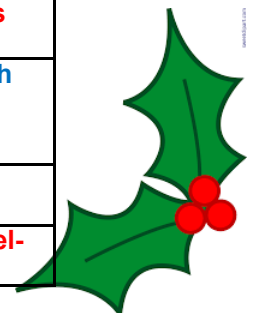
Best regards,

*Mrs d'Arcy*

## Festive Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
Tuesday 26th November	PANTO DAY (children only)
Tuesday 26th November	2pm Parent Anxiety Workshop
Wednesday 27th November	1.30pm Parent and child creative festive art afternoon
Thursday 28th November	PTA Craft Night
Friday 29th November	PTA non uniform day- £1 donation
Thursday 5th December	PTA deadline for selling Christmas gifts
Monday 2nd December	Wishing on the Lights Assembly (children only)
Friday 6th December	National Santa Dash- details to follow
Monday 9th Decemeber	9.30am Reception- Einstein Class Nativity
Tuesday 10th December	2pm KS1 Christmas Play (tickets to be issued)
Wednesday 11th December	9:45am KS1 Christmas Play (tickets to be issued)
Wednesday 11th December	2pm Y3, Y4 and Y5 Christmas Play (tickets to be issued)
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day -Christmas Lunch Day- 4pm PTA Christmas Fair
Friday 13th December	9:45am Y3, Y4 and Y5 Christmas Play (tickets to be issued)
Friday 13th December	2.30pm Rock Steady Concert- Parents welcome to watch.



## Parent and Child Craft Afternoon

On Wednesday 27th November we will be holding a parent and child Christmas craft afternoon in school, starting at 1.30pm. This will be a festive afternoon where you can sit with your child in class and create some wonderful Christmas decorations. Please could we ask for donations of baubles or if every child can bring one bauble into school for this event.

Thank you.

*Mrs d'Arcy*



## The School Games National Santa Dash

The 2024 Santa Dash will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. As in previous years, the Santa Dash is all about having fun whilst being active. Please wear a Christmas accessory that day such as a Santa hat or festive headband.

## My experience at the Film Festival

By Abigail Ann Buckmaster

On Thursday 14th November, Key Stage 2 went to Cineworld to watch "IF", which is a U Rated film. The Film Festival was organized by Into Film and gave the adults and children an amazing opportunity to experience the cinema. The majority thoroughly enjoyed the film experience. "IF" is a film about Imaginary Friends (IFs) and the power of imagination. After returning to school we completed some activities related to the plot and characters. Overall the trip was great and I hope we can do things like this again in the future.



## Attendance Matters!

Any class with 100% attendance for the week will be able to break two uniform rules the following Friday. For example, wear trainers, wear bright coloured socks, wear nail varnish, wear a bright coloured jumper etc. The class with the best attendance of the week will receive an extra playtime the following week.

Class	Weekly Attendance %	Weekly Attendance %	Weekly Attendance %
	WB 21.10.2024	WB 04.11.2024	WB 11.11.2024
Einstein	95.77%	92.79%	83.20%
Coleman	94.40%	98%	95.20%
Rashford	97%	97.12%	96.15%
Frank	100%	97.70%	97.27%
Attenborough	98.18%	97.40%	97.27%
Nightingale	93.50%	93.75%	83%
Armstrong	97.50%	97.27%	95.31%
Jordan	93.57%	93.91%	92.41%

## Weekly Achievers Awards

Each week, class teachers will choose a achievers award to someone who has shown excellent effort and outstanding learning in school. These will be announced during our Friday assembly :-)

Class	Achievers 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Einstein	Ioannis
Coleman	Aleksander
Rashford	Suhaib
Frank	Charlie
Nightingale	Bailey
Attenborough	Eva
Armstrong	James
Jordan	Saoirse

Class	Achievers 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
Einstein	Kai
Coleman	Mattius
Rashford	Alan
Frank	Logan
Nightingale	Henry
Attenborough	Charlie
Armstrong	Jack
Jordan	Sophie

### Amazing Achievers 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### **RRR Award: Alice—Attenborough Class**

Alice is a wonderful member of Attenborough class. Alice consistently strives to improve her work, displaying an admirable commitment to excellence. She often goes above and beyond what is expected of her, taking her learning to new heights. Her determination is reflected in her impressive work ethic, which is truly amazing and commendable. Moreover, Alice possesses a mature attitude that further enhances her presence in the classroom. She can always be relied upon to complete any task assigned to her. In addition to this, Alice's infectious smile and friendly nature contribute significantly to the classroom environment, making her not only a great friend but also an inspirational role model for her peers. Alice treats everyone around her with the utmost respect and kindness. Well done, Alice! Your contributions are genuinely appreciated, and I eagerly look forward to seeing you blossom even further this year.

#### **Winhills Achievement Cup (WAC): Gorgie—Jordan Class**

I am delighted to award Gorgie with the WAC award. Since our return to school, I have noted her attitude to learning has been consistently positive, she applies herself well and works hard in all areas of the curriculum. Gorgie is showing she can be trusted to complete her work to the high standard that is expected of Year 6 and knows how to seek support to improve if difficulties arise. More than this, Gorgie has been demonstrating to others what it means to be a good example to those around her - being one of the first to pick up her book and read or open up her book to follow instructions. Well done Gorgie, you should be very proud of your achievements so far in Year 6. Keep up the excellent efforts!

#### **Art Award: Maja-Rashford Class**

Maja thoroughly deserves this award for her patience and careful consideration when executing her artwork. She is an incredibly conscientious artist who always pays such attention to the fine details. Maja loves to be creative during our continuous provision sessions and can often be found at the painting station. She has a good understanding of primary colours and can mix them to create secondary colours. We always love to see the pictures that Maja draw both in school and at home. Keep up the great work Maja. I cannot wait to see what you create next.

### Amazing Achievers 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

#### **RRR Award:**

#### **Ewan—Nightingale Class**

Ewan has made an excellent start to Year 4. He is an able and conscientious member of the class who displays a real interest in his schoolwork. Ewan is a shining example for others to follow, he is always ready to learn, and he tries hard in everything, putting lots of effort into his work and demonstrating increasing confidence throughout. Ewan enthusiastically embraces new learning experiences in every subject, especially maths, and relishes a challenge. We have been especially impressed with his increasing determination, particularly each week on his quest to improve his writing.

The main reason Ewan is receiving this award is because of his general kind nature, he is a helpful and considerate member of the class, whose manners are exemplary. He always shows interest in others, whether it be cheering them on for something they have achieved or consoling them during a pain or injury. He is a great role model for his classmates and a valuable part of the classroom. He is a delight to teach and a true Winhills Wonder. Keep up the super attitude and excellent work Ewan!

#### **Winhills Achievement Cup (WAC): Lydia-Einstein Class**

Lydia is a wonderful, polite member of Einstein Class. She attacks every challenge, activity and learning challenge with a great big smile and lots of determination. She truly deserves to be the Winhills Achiever of the week because of amazing attitude and caring nature to all in the class. Lydia can always be relied upon to be kind and respectful to her peers and staff. She can often be found helping her friends.

She is a joy to have in the class and is incredible to teach. Keep being a superstar Lydia, we are all very proud of you.!

#### **Art Award:**

#### **David—Armstrong Class**

David has a wonderful flare in all areas of Art and DT. It is always evident that art is a passion of Davids, especially when he brings in the incredible drawings he has completed at home. Recently, David used his perseverance to complete a portrait poem using a range of mixed medias. He began the unit by drawing a self portrait, he then created a poem and used the poem to outline his portrait, he added this to a collage and finally placed his poem portrait over a wash background. Not only does David have a natural talent for art but he also listens and follows the instructions with great precision. He evaluates his work well and if he finds something tricky, he finds ways to overcome it! Keep up the incredible work David! You have a wonderful talent!



## Poppy Appeal Fundraising Success

We are thrilled to announce that we raised a total of £153.94 for the Poppy Appeal this year. This generous contribution will go towards supporting veterans and their families, helping them through various challenges they face. A big thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this important cause. Your generosity makes a real difference!

## PTA EVENTS

### Craft night Thursday 28th November 3:30-5:00 deadline closed

Christmas gifts children can buy a present for a grown up these will be sent home last week of school deadline for payment/sign up December 5th

**Non uniform day Friday November 29th** cost £1 donations will go towards Christmas fair this will be held on Thursday 12th December from 3:30 Santa will also be joining us at the fair letters for this will be sent out soon

If anyone is able to help at any of the PTA events we hold please PM Laura Sharpe on FB and she will add you to the helpers list. Without volunteers these event are not be possible.



### Join the Winhills Primary Academy PTA

#### Be a Part of Our School Community

We invite all parents, carers, and teachers to join us in making a positive impact on our school and students' lives. Whether you have a little or a lot of time to give, your involvement can make an enormous difference!

#### Why Join the PTA?

**Support School Initiatives:** Help raise funds for resources, school trips, and extracurricular activities.

**Build Community:** Connect with other parents, carers, and teachers.

**Have a Voice:** Share your ideas and feedback to help shape school policies and events.

Our fun events and contributions to school would not be possible without the continued support of our volunteers and PTA members. if you wish to sign up to help, find out more about what we do, give feedback, or even just receive regular updates, please check out our new Facebook group:

Winhills PTA



## Winhills Primary Academy

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### YOU ARE INVITED!

We would like to invite prospective Reception parents to visit our fantastic school.



Please arrive at 10am on  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
2024

**NURTURE**

**INSPIRE**

**FLOURISH**

Please contact us if you would like to attend.

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