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Winns Weekly

We have had a really positive (if busy) start to the new school year. The children have settled well into their new classes and our staff have been ensuring that they are happy, engaged in learning and feeling excited about the year ahead. All our new Reception children have now started and are becoming more confident each day. On behalf of all our team here, we would like to welcome all our new families to The Winns and look forward to getting to know you and your child over the next few weeks.

This year already feels very different to last year. We can allow our children to mix with children in different year groups, we can sing again and as a staff we are able to meet again as a group. Teachers have started to plan school trips and we had our first staff meeting together this week—something we all really enjoyed after a year of Zoom!

This year our focus is on closing gaps in learning and balancing this important focus on recovery alongside ensuring our children are taught a broad and balanced curriculum. We have been developing our plans for different subjects and working with teachers to ensure that we prioritise time to teach humanities, the creative arts and science alongside maths and English. We also know that reading continues to be so important and ask (plea/beg) that you prioritise reading with your child at home. Covid hasn't disappeared! We have had a small number of pupils test positive and we will continue to monitor this carefully over the Autumn term. We ask that you continue to test your child if they have any Covid symptoms and to inform us if they test positive.

Parent Survey

Our governors carried out a parent survey at the end of the Summer term. Thank you to everyone who responded (we had 158 responses), and thank you for all your positive feedback. Outcomes from our survey are now posted on our website. Gathering feedback from you is hugely important and your views help us to identify our priorities moving forward. Our survey is now available on our website under News and Events for you to look at.

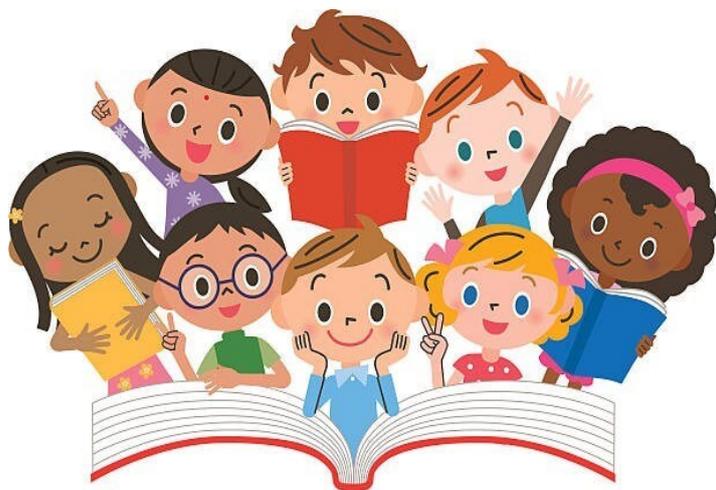
We were really pleased to hear that almost everyone who responded believe that their child is happy and safe at school and also believe that children are taught well at The Winns. We see how happy the children are in school everyday and it is great to know you feel the same.

From the survey, we have also identified that you would like more information about what your child is learning in school. The feedback here is clear—as a school we need to do more to share information with you about what your child is learning and how you can support them. This will now become one of our key priorities for this year. We have started to improve our communication with you by hosting Year Group meetings. This week, we will be sending out half termly newsletters with curriculum information, we will be running a range of workshops for parents, starting on the 14th October with a reading workshop for Y1 and Y2 followed by a workshop for Reception parents on the 21st October. We will also be using our website year group pages to share more information about the curriculum.

Homework, access to wrap-around care, and school dinners were other areas that we need to consider. We are hoping we have resolved the issue about after school care by increasing the number of places available. We now have almost doubled our numbers, increased staffing and improved the quality of food on offer. By gathering views, reflecting on what we do well and areas that we need to work on, we hope to continually improve our school for the benefit of our children, parents and staff.



Parent Reading Workshops



We would like to invite you to a series of parent reading workshops on **Thursday 14th October** designed to help you understand the best ways you can help your child with their reading at home.

Many parents talk to their child's teacher about struggling with getting them to read at home or not being sure of the best way to do it. To help answer these questions and to understand how we teach phonics to our early readers please come along. We will be holding three workshops for parents in Y1 and Y2 across the school day.

The times are:

1.) 9:00 - 10:00 2.) 2:15 - 3:15 3.) 4:30 - 5:30



Dance workshops

We had grey skies and wet weather this week, but it was shining bright in Green Hall as children in Year 6 took part in a series of dance workshops. Run by local charity Leaders Community, the workshops are designed to get our children up and active and to boost their confidence. The children threw everything in to their sessions and had a wonderful time, as you can see. Leaders Community are offering **free** after-school drama and dance workshops for children from 7 through to 11. These workshops are aimed at improving health, wellbeing and confidence.

All abilities are welcome, and all staff are DBS certified. We have a number of children from The Winns that already attend courses and the feedback from them is overwhelmingly positive.

Please see the details below:

Thursdays: ages 7-11 (4:30pm - 6:30pm)

South Chingford Congregational Community Centre, Chingford, E4 8LT

Mondays: ages 10-11 (4:30pm - 5:30pm)

Paradox Centre, 3 Chingford Way, E4 8YD



After School Clubs.....

	Green Hall	Blue Hall	Jen Rouchy's Room	Other
Monday	Y3/4 Football KDW Sports 20 places Elphinstone big gate	Y1/2 Rugby KDW Sports 20 places Fleeming Rd gate	Y5/6 Knitting Jen Rouchy 12 places Elphinstone small gate	Y5/6 Board Games Louise Hill 12 places Elphinstone small gate
Tuesday	Y1/2 Football KDW Sports 20 Places Fleeming Rd gate	Y5/6 Street Dance Kayda Edwards 20 places Elphinstone small gate	Y3/4 Sewing Jen Rouchy 12 places Elphinstone big gate	
Wednesday	Y5/6 Football KDW Sports 20 places Elphinstone small gate	Y3/4 Rugby KDW Sports 20 places Elphinstone big gate	Y1/2 Arts & Crafts/Games Jen Rouchy 12 places Fleeming Rd gate	Y3/4 Sketching Caitlyn Garner 12 places Elphinstone Rd gate
Thursday	Y3/4 Multisports KDW Sports 20 places Elphinstone big gate	Y1/2 Street Dance Kayda Edwards 20 places Fleeming Rd gate	Y5/6 Cross stitch Jen Rouchy 12 places Elphinstone small gate	Y1/2 Yoga (Yellow Hall) Hannah Merriman 14 places Fleeming Rd gate
Friday	Y5/6 Rugby KDW Sports 20 places Elphinstone small gate	Y1/2 Multisports KDW Sports 20 places Fleeming Rd gate	Y3/4 Arts & Crafts/Games Jen Rouchy 12 places Elphinstone big gate	



Keen to get our children active once more, we are starting up a programme of after school clubs from Monday 20th September. Running from Years 1 through to Year 6, these include a number of sporting activities, as well as games club and arts and crafts - in total, we will have eighteen clubs up and running. Parents will be receiving letters informing them whether their children have been successful in gaining a place over the next few days

Thank you.

Friends of the Winns



EVERYONE IS WELCOME
Stay informed and get involved.

A short AGM followed by a quiz and social gathering

Walthamstow Trades Hall,
61-63 Tower Hamlets Road, E17 4RQ
Wednesday 22nd September 2021
at 7:30



Parentkind
Member Association

September 2021 at 7:30pm. There will be a bit of business (including moving to charitable status and event planning for this school year), then a quiz and social get together. Please do come along to Walthamstow Trades Hall, 61-63 Tower Hamlets Road, E17 4RQ
We hope to see you there!

Friends of The Winns (FOTW) want to welcome you to the group and invite you all to the first AGM. The past 18 months have been hard for everyone to get to know each other and plan/run activities to help support our amazing school. Please join us at the AGM on **Wednesday 22nd**

Cycle Training and Bike to School Week

The start of term is a great time to establish positive travel habits. And Bike to School Week is a great way to encourage families to make healthier, greener transport choices. We have so many families already biking, scooting, skating and walking to school, but we would love to see even more making the switch to greener travel options. More information for parents can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/pymjyf9w>

Bike to School Week 2021
27 September – 1 October

- Be active and feel more energised
- Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- Improve local air quality and reduce congestion

Let Sustrans know your family is cycling or scooting to school to be in with the chance of winning a Frog bike.
Visit www.sustrans.org.uk/biketoschoolweek/pledge

#BikeToSchoolWeek
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To help support this, we have organised cycle training for our current **Year 6 children** so that they feel safer and more confident on the journey to and from school. The course will run across a week and will include some time on surrounding roads with qualified instructors. Information will be sent home in the next few weeks and the courses begin in early November.

Request from the Early Years Team

Holly Cosby our new EYFS lead and the EYFS team have been thinking about how they can ensure children have access to lots of natural materials and have exciting plans to develop further the EYFS space. They are on the hunt for natural materials, beautiful pieces of material, wicker baskets and interesting bits and bobs...

If you have any of the following that you no longer need, please share them with the EYFS team— either drop them to the office or to Nursery/ Reception:

Strong wicker baskets /wooden crates/ conkers/ interesting stones/pieces of colourful materials/ buttons and beads/ribbons/gingham material/corks/ shells/wooden spoons/cotton reels/tubes/wooden pegs ...

We are also looking for cable reels, wooden trellis and planks of wood of different sizes.

All contributions will be gratefully received. Thank you.



General Reminders for the start of the new year

- If you have made arrangements for someone else to collect your child from school, please email the office as early as possible. Do not email your child's Year Group email as this isn't always checked until the end of the day. Once the office receive the email, they will inform the class teacher.
- If your child is in Year 6 and you are happy for them to go home alone, please send in a signed letter letting us know they have permission.
- All children need to wear school uniform, including plain, dark or black shoes or trainers. We strongly discourage children from wearing expensive, branded trainers.
- If you change your contact details, please let us know immediately.
- Please do not send in chocolate bars or fizzy drinks in packed lunches. We try to encourage healthy eating and to support this we have some information on our school website. Please use the link below:



<https://www.thewinnsprimaryschool.co.uk/healthy-eating-healthy-lifestyles/>