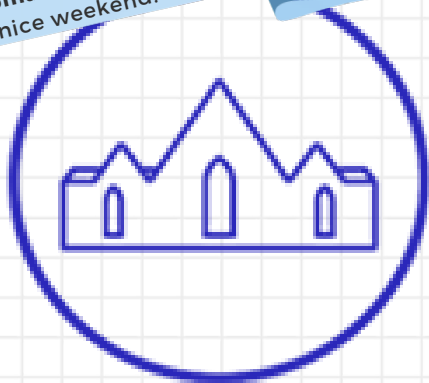




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# WINNS WEEKLY

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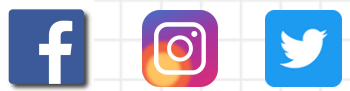
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## DATES FOR DIARIES W.B. 27.2.2023

- Monday 27th February** School nurse in school
- Tuesday 28th February** 2CF Class Assembly (9:00)  
Reception Parents Reading Workshop (2:40)  
Reception Height and Weight checks
- Wednesday 1st March** Start of the month-long sponsored Readathon
- Thursday 2nd March** Industrial action - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Friday 3rd March** Book Fair in school (open to families after school)  
World Book Day celebrations (dress up day)

### BOYS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

On Tuesday this week, our year 5 & 6 boys' football team (pictured in blue) finally broke our succession of second place finishes when they won the Waltham Forest B Team football event at Chingford Goals. Also at the event were our Year 3 & 4 boys (in white), many competing for the school for the first time. They faced some tough opposition, but were able to win one of their games, scoring some great team goals in the process. It was our older children who stole the show, however, topping their group unbeaten, conceding only three goals in the process. The semi-final and final were nery affairs, with both games won by a late winner in extra time. Thank you to all the parents that were able to come and support the teams on the day, and also to Coaches Kiyle, Sim and Abbas for helping to prepare the teams.



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## STORYTELLER VISIT

With World Book Day just around the corner, we had a fantastic day at The Winns on Tuesday celebrating the power of storytelling. Expert storyteller CJ crafted some wonderfully engaging stories that left everyone enthralled and wanting more. We hope to see CJ back at The Winns in the future!



## BIKEABILITY CYCLE TRAINING

Children in Years 3 & 4 took to two wheels this week to complete Bikeability cycle training in the safe confines of the school playground. Our young cyclists were put through their paces in a series of controlled exercises that worked on balance and control. The expert instructors were glowing with praise following the training and commented on how confident the group was. There will be more advanced courses available in the future, but for now, well done everyone for your two-wheeled efforts.



## BAKE AND TOY SALE FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA

After school on Thursday, we held a bake and toy sale for the DEC's emergency appeal for Turkey and Syria. We know how much the disaster has affected members of our school community over the last few weeks, and we are hugely grateful to all of you who either baked, bought or donated cakes and toys - your generosity will be gratefully received by families in need. The final total raised was £499.37. If you would like to make any further donations, you can do so directly to the DEC appeal by [clicking this link](#). Thank you again for your support.



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## WORLD BOOK DAY EVENTS - STORY WINDOW TRAIL, BOOK FAIR, BOOK SWAP AND READATHON

We will be celebrating this year's World Book Day in style with an exciting range of activities designed to get children, staff and our wider community involved in reading, while raising funds for our wonderful new library project.

The fun begins on the 1st March with the start of the Story Window Trail in the local community, (see the poster opposite for more details).

Also on the 1st March, the Travelling Book Fair rolls into town with a whole host of captivating children's books. The fair will be open at The Winns from Friday 3rd March until Wednesday 8th March - further details will be communicated in a separate message. We will also be hosting a month-long 'Readathon' to raise funds and to get us all reading. There are exciting prizes and certificates up for grabs as well, along with themed promotions.

We will also be hosting two book swaps on March 17th (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) and March 24th (Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2). **Another big event will be our World Book Day celebration on Friday 3rd March**, where children and staff will come dressed as their favourite book characters to get the party going. We may even have the odd visit from a few special authors to top it all off.



### Off we go!

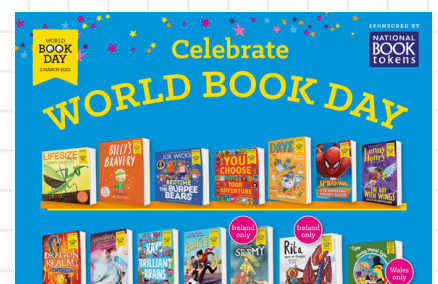
To celebrate World Book Day 2023, some of our kids and carers have decorated the front window of their home for the Winns Window Story Trail.

Windows will be decorated from the 1st-31st March 2023 and this is part of the wider E10 and E17 Story Windows trail.

Look out for the Winns blue plaques in the windows! Some of the homes involved will also have red Central Estate agent signs advertising the trail, to help raise funds for the school. Blue plaques and red signs are there to help you find as many windows as you can along the trail.

Here's a link to the window trails map: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=10QTRhhpG-5hFMvHWYw-CPYT1KU2NeV-g&hl=en&usp=sharing>

The blue star icons show it's a Winns home involved in the trail.



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## CONGESTION IN THE PLAYGROUND

At the end of the school day, the 'top end' of our playground can become very congested as parents are waiting for children to come out of class. If you are bringing a bicycle into school at the end of the day, can you please make sure that you 'park' it in a place that is not blocking any gates or stopping buggies from getting through. Please be aware that some parents have small babies in buggies and give them space to come in and out. Do consider using the double 'big' gates at the other end of the playground when you are leaving to help with congestion. Thank you!



## GARDENING CLUB

Spring has sprung! Our brand new Gardening Club for Year 1 & 2 children began this week. The children had great fun planting new seeds and giving fresh life to some of the planters dotted around the school building. We look forward to seeing the plants come to life over the next few weeks! If you are able to donate any seeds or cuttings, they would be greatly received by the children at the club. Please leave any donations at the main office.

## LIBRARY REFRESH PROJECT UPDATE FROM FRIENDS OF THE WINNS

Winns staff have been working closely with the Friends of the Winns planning the refurbishment of the school library, including an overhaul of the book collection. We have an exciting new architect-led design for the space, inspired by ideas from the student council. The project has been split into phases, to ensure the library is not out of use during term time, with the first phase of the makeover scheduled for the Easter holidays. To help to raise funds for the the library project including the purchase of much-needed new books, school will be running a series of book-themed events throughout March, kicking off with the Story Window Trail and the month long sponsored "Readathon", World Book Day on March 3rd, the Travelling Book Fair, and book swap. Lots for everyone to get involved in!



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## 6NC CLASS ASSEMBLY

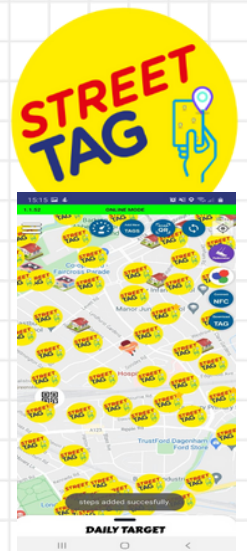
6NC took to the stage on Thursday morning to perform their class assembly to families and Green Hall. They took us on a journey back to the 1940s to show us everything they had learnt about World War 2. We heard about rationing, cramped conditions in air raid shelters, a speech from Winston Churchill himself and a wonderful rendition of Leonard Cohen's 'The Partisan'. A big well done to all the children and to Mr Cole for helping them to prepare. Thank you as always to all the families who came along to support your children.



## STREET TAG

Street Tag is a free child- and family-friendly mobile application that uses virtual tags to incentivise communities and families to become more physically active and boost mental health. On the Street Tag app, you collect points assigned to virtual tags all-around your community including green spaces, once you are within a 40-metre radius of any virtual tag, your app will automatically collect the points. Steps can also be synced and converted into Street Tag points. These points add up in real-time on our school leader board, with prizes to be won at the end of the season.

As a school, we are taking part in the current season that runs from 20th February to 31st March. Parents and carers can download the app, sign up, and then start collecting virtual tags. For more information you can [watch this video](#) and [download this guide](#) to get started.



## SCHOOL LIBRARY WISHLIST

Thank you very much to those families who have already donated books to our library through our wishlist - we are very grateful! The children have loved seeing the new titles in the library and we have now received over 40 individual books as donations, which is amazing! There are some extra titles being added to our list based on suggestions from the children ranging from graphic novels to adventure series, so they will have even more choice when they visit our library.

We have partnered with A New Chapter bookshop, who are hosting a wish list of books that parents and families are able to purchase as a donation to the school. If this is something that you feel you are able to do, please do take a look at the [wish list on A New Chapter's website](#). As soon as a donation is made, the books are couriered to the school and will be added to our stock straight away.

## A NEW CHAPTER

A CHILDREN'S BOOKSHOP SPECIALISING IN DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



Changing lives through a love of books and reading with a fun packed month of events at The Winns Primary School

## STORY WINDOW TRAIL

**Running from 1st-31st March**

Kids and carers can follow an interactive map showing decorated front windows, which are themed to celebrate the love of reading and World Book Day. How many windows can you find?

## MARCH READATHON

**Running from 1st-31st March**

Join us on a reading adventure, with weekly challenges and a chance to win prizes and raise money for the refurbishment of the school's library

## WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION

**Friday 3rd March**

Come dressed as your favourite book character. Some costumes will be available at school free of charge.

## THE TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

**3rd -8th March**

The travelling book fair rolls into town with a whole host of captivating children's books to buy

## BOOK SWAP

**Friday 17th March for years 3, 4, 5 & 6**

**Friday 24th March for Nursery and years 1 & 2**

Bring a book from home and swap it for a new one

