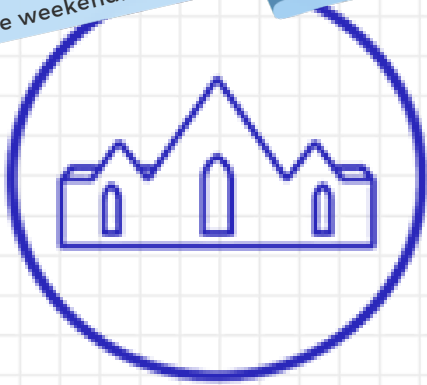


LAST WEEK'S
WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
93.2%



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أسبوع سعيدة

Arabic
Have a nice weekend!



WINNS WEEKLY

24.3.2023

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DATES FOR DIARIES W.B. 27.3.2023

- Tuesday 28th March** Final Reception Yoga club
- Thursday 30th March** Parental Consultations Evening
- Friday 31st March** Last day of term
- Monday 17th April** Children return to school

Please remember to subscribe to [our online calendar](#) so that you receive automatic updates into your own calendar.

KS2 PANATHLON GAMES

A group of our year 3 & 4 children attended the Panathlon Games on Monday at Peter May Sports Centre. They competed in a range of sports activities alongside other Waltham Forest schools, performing incredibly well with limited experience of the different activities they took part in. The children eventually secured a second place finish overall, just losing out on the top spot to St Joseph's Catholic School in a tie-breaker. Well done to all the children for representing the school so well and demonstrating all of the School Games values.



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HEAD'S MESSAGE

Dear families,

There are lots of great things happening at our school that we love to celebrate. However, today I want to raise some concerns with you about attendance at school. Our overall school attendance is currently 94.6%. This is low compared to other schools nationally. Overall, school attendance should be at least be 96% and we are well below this figure. The local authority are working with us at the moment to improve attendance. We have a statutory responsibility to ensure that all children are attending school and to work with you to address concerns, when they arise.

We know where children are missing school regularly, they often fall behind their peers academically and find it harder to build friendships and to enjoy school. This isn't okay for any child and can have a serious impact on their life chances going forward.

If your child's attendance is currently below 95.5%, we will be writing to you over the next week to let you know that your child's attendance is lower than it should be. There may be reasons why this has happened, i.e. a long period of illness. If this is the case, and your child's attendance is improving, we will simply continue to monitor your child's attendance and hopefully will see improvements. However, if your child is regularly absent we will be working with the local authority over the Summer term to explore the reasons for this and to work with you to ensure that your child is in school.

Please remember that we can only authorise absence in very exceptional circumstances. Some families are still requesting permission to take their child out of school for holidays or to return to their home country. Any unauthorised leave for a period of time will most likely result in you being issued with a fixed penalty notice fine for each child and could also result in you losing your child's place in school.

Some of you may not be aware that if your child arrives after the register has closed, this is recorded as an absence. Regular lateness will be impacting on your child's attendance.

Thank you for your support.

GOODBYES

Next Friday we are saying goodbye to Lesley Loftus who many of you will know. Lesley is retiring after twenty years working at The Winns. Lesley has been our welfare officer at the school for most of this time and has looked after hundreds of children who have fallen over, have felt unwell or just needed a word of encouragement. Lesley is the lovely person who will call you if your child is unwell or talk to you when you come to pick up your child if they need to go home. We will all miss Lesley hugely. Her calm, cheerful presence and her unwavering support for all our children and staff will be very much missed. On behalf of our school community, we want to wish her all the best in her retirement.

We are also saying goodbye to Ella Dodge who will be leaving us next Friday to have her baby. Ella will be back but for now we wish her all the best and are very much looking forward to meeting the new baby. Ms. Tassell has been in school this week and is very excited about taking over 3ED (or 3LT as it will be known).



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NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK

We have recently celebrated Neurodiversity Celebration Week in school, with children engaging in a range of activities linked to neurodiversity. Everyone took part in an assembly at the start of the week which centred on 'Celebrating our Unique Strengths and Differences', before continuing the discussion in class assembly times throughout the week.

Approximately 15-20% of the population has a neurological difference. Instead of labelling people with deficits or disorders, when we use the term neurodiversity, we take a balanced view of an individual's unique strengths and challenges. If you would like more information, please visit the Neurodiversity Celebration Week's [resource page for parents](#).



MUSICAL SHOWCASE

It was the turn of our year 3 & 4 instrumentalists, alongside the drama club and our choir, to perform to parents and families on Wednesday evening. We were treated to a range of performances and instruments, with some children performing to an audience for the very first time. All the children performed brilliantly, really showing off the progress they have made in their tuition over the past year. Once again, the choir and drama club wowed us all with their confidence, competence and self-written sketches. A huge thank you to Kayda for organising the performances over the last two weeks. Thank you also to the parents and families who came along to support the children who performed - having an appreciative audience makes it all the more special for the children.



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END OF DAY COLLECTION

If your child is being collected by someone else at the end of the day, please make sure you let us know. If we haven't been informed, teachers will ask you to wait until they are able to call you and check that you have given permission for this to happen. Please do understand that this will take some time and the person picking up your child will need to wait until the other children have been dismissed.

There are a number of ways you can let us know about changes:

- In Reception and Year 1, please let the teacher know in the morning when you are dropping off your child.
- If you are not able to speak to the teacher, please send an email to the school office as soon as you can. Although we understand that sometimes changes need to be made at the last minute, please try to avoid sending emails towards the end of the day - this is a very busy time in the school office.
- You can also telephone the school office and let the office staff know. Again, please try to avoid doing this towards the end of the school day.

If you regularly use someone else to pick up your child, eg another parent or relative, please let the class teacher know. If a relative or friend is regularly collecting your child, please introduce them to us so we know who they are. Once we know that this is a regular arrangement, you don't need to contact us each time to let us know.

YEAR 3 TRIP TO WALTHAMSTOW WETLANDS

Two of our year 3 classes have recently visited the Walthamstow Wetlands nature reserve to take part in a workshop. The children took part in a pond dipping session to learn about some of the different wildlife that lives in wetter habitats, and also learnt about the water cycle, one of the topics that they have been covering in lessons in school. Thank you to all the parent helpers who supported the children on the visit! Unfortunately, 3ED had their visit postponed due to a yellow weather warning for wind! They will now visit the Wetlands on Wednesday 26th April.



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5LO CLASS ASSEMBLY

5LO completed the run of Green Hall class assemblies for the year on Thursday morning when they presented their recent learning to their parents, families, and the other year 5 & 6 classes. We found out all about healthy eating, their Rights Respecting Class Charter and the special days that have been celebrated in school so far this year. We even had a wonderful rendition of Count On Me by Bruno Mars. Well done to all the children who learned and performed their lines brilliantly. Thank you to Ms Ogunlabi and Louise for helping to prepare the children and to all the families who came along to watch and support your children.



WOMEN IN SCIENCE ASSEMBLY

Following our recent British Science Week and International Women's Day celebrations, KS2 children received a very special visit from Pamela Ali, an engineer who works for UK Power Networks. Pamela challenged our preconceptions about what a scientist looks like and provided an inspiring message to all of our children that they can achieve in any field they want to when they grow up. Thank you, Pamela, for your time and to Merita for helping to organise the visit.

READATHON UPDATE

We're three weeks into the Readathon and you're all doing a fantastic job so far! The amazing plans are coming together to transform the school library into an exciting and inviting space for all children to go on reading adventures. Take a sneak peek at the ambitious design; we hope the library will look like this by the end of this year!

Please don't forget to ask family and friends to sponsor your child, either on our GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/4a3f9f6c> or on the sponsorship forms provided.

Any sponsorship donations will be gratefully received and we would like to say a heart felt thank you for your kindness and generosity. Thank you!





Holiday Club

EASTER 2023



5th & 6th April @ The Winns Primary School
Starts 09:00-15:00, £25.00 per day
for children from reception - year 6




SPORTS

- Football
 - Basketball
 - Netball
 - Hockey
 - Tag Rugby
 - Golf
 - Tennis
- 


ARTS, CRAFTS & DANCE

- Easter Egg Hunt
 - Easter Bonnet Design
 - Dance
 - Arts Projects
 - Craft Challenges
 - Macrame
 - Origami
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Please note, if we do not have our minimum threshold of completed bookings by **21st March** we will have to cancel the club and issue a full refund to anyone who has already signed up.

Sibling discount available. Scan QR code on the right or go to our booking page:
<https://tinyurl.com/KDWEASTER>



KDW SPORTS COACHING



SHOWKIDS THEATRE SCHOOL

10%
discount for
all Winns
pupils

Easter 2023 Holiday Course A week in the West End!

Join us for a week of acting, singing and dancing inspired by some of the most popular musicals including Wicked, Mamma Mia, Les Mis and Mary Poppins!

At the Winns Primary School, E17 5ET.

Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th April, with a performance to parents on Thursday.

After-school workshops also available throughout the week at the United Reformed Church, Orford Road, and the Greenleaf Centre, Greenleaf Road.

First month of workshops FREE for all Winns pupils if signed up by Easter.

Go to showkids.co.uk or call Natalie on 0203 488 5384 to book!



- Make new friends and have fun!
- Act, Sing, Dance
- Develop confidence, communication skills and creativity.

On Sunday 26th March 2023 Leyton Orient Women's Team are playing Actonians FC at Leyton Orient's Stadium (14:00 Kick off). Entry to this game is FREE!! Go to reception on Oliver Road E10

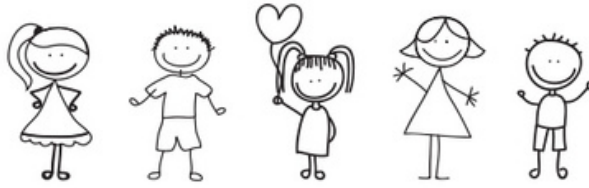


Back at Brisbane Road!



ACTONIANS THIRDS (H), BRISBANE ROAD, 2.00PM SUNDAY 26TH MARCH

The LITTLE CHOIR OF JOY



Let's Create & Sing

The MAGIC FLUTE

Opera in Two Acts

By Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Come and join **The Little Choir Of Joy** in this new magical adventure!
Find out how to join here: <https://magicflutechoir.eventbrite.co.uk>

- Rehearsals on Saturdays, 10:30am - 11:30am (term time)
- Show Date: **Saturday 15th July 2023**
- Venue: Walthamstow School For Girls, Church Hill



This project is in association with the ROH 'Create & Sing' programme



The Little Choir Of Joy

The Little Choir Of Joy is a vibrant ensemble of young voices (ages 6-12).

Led by Maya Sapone, they love sharing their singing skills, covering an eclectic range of repertoire from folk, pop & rock to opera.

[Click to view the Choir's Promo Video](#)

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