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WINNS WEEKLY

15.9.2023

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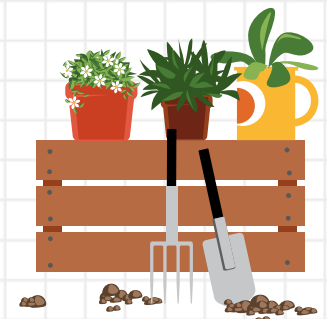
DATES FOR DIARIES W.B. 18.9.2023

- Monday 18th September** After-school activity clubs start
Y5 Swimming starts (5CF this week, 5BB next)
- Tuesday 19th September** Year 5 Parent Induction Meeting (online, 4pm)
Year 2 Parent Induction Meeting (online, 4:30pm)
- Wednesday 20th September** Year 3 Parent Induction Meeting (online, 4pm)
Year 6 Parent Induction Meeting (online, 4:30pm)
- Thursday 21st September** Year 1 Parent Induction Meeting (online, 4pm)
Year 4 Parent Induction Meeting (online, 4:30pm)

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

GARDENING CLUB

If anyone has any spare or unwanted gardening equipment at home that is in good condition, we would love to take it off your hands to use in our Gardening Club. If you think you can help, please email clubs@winns.waltham.sch.uk with a photo, and someone will get back to you. Thank you!



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NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW SCHOOL LOGO

We are delighted to be able to share with you our new school logo. Last year we worked with our governors, staff, children and community to review our school vision. The final piece of this project was to agree a new logo for our wonderful school. After lots of discussion and debate, we have finally arrived at a consensus.



Our school vision is underpinned by four pillars: Belonging, Exploring, Growing and Achieving.

We chose a 'strong' traditional type W to represent the fact that The Winns has been a hugely important part of our community for a very long time. Our school has been here for approximately 125 years. During this time, it has been a safe, happy space for thousands of children and we want to make sure our school continues to be a great community school, with strong community roots – a school where everyone feels they belong.

Our plant represents Growth. We want all our children to grow in confidence and self-belief and to leave us as kind, curious and confident young people who love learning and care about the world around them. As a community we want to continue growing too, trying new things, challenging ourselves and continuing to grow as a school.

Our bee captures all sorts of things! When we talk to our children about our bee, we talk about the importance of bees and how, just like these wonderful creatures, we too are really important. We talk about working together like bees and we talk about the 'buzz' we feel from learning new things. Like bees, we want to explore, be curious and like bees to a flower, make learning irresistible for our children.

On behalf of our governors and staff, we would like to say a huge thank you to one of our wonderful parents, Vanesa Degas, who worked with us to design our logo. Vanesa has spent a great deal of time working with us on this project and we are very grateful. Thank you, Vanesa.

OUR VISION IN ACTION

Belonging – our fantastic Reception children have all started and have been very busy making new friends and getting to know their teachers. So lovely to see new friendships blossoming so quickly.

Growing – Y1 children have been settling into a new hall and exploring the rest of the 'big' school. Moving from Reception to Year 1 is a big step. This week, we have all been so impressed with how well they have settled into a new part of the school and how confident they seem.



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OUR VISION IN ACTION

Exploring - this week, all our Y3 children started learning to play the piano. They will have two lessons each week and they all looked very excited about learning a new skill.

Achieving - great to see so many of our children excited about reading this week. Library visits were very popular and we have a constant stream of children choosing new books. We know that children who read lots achieve well - a great start!

REMINDERS FOR START OF THE YEAR

We ask that children from Y3 - Y6 come into school independently in the morning and parents drop them off at the gates.

At the end of the day, please leave the playground as soon as you have collected your child/children. Children should not be playing on the apparatus or playing football in the playground. **Clubs start running again next week and the playground needs to be clear so we can start our clubs promptly.**

A very small number of children are continuing not to wear school uniform to school. Please ensure your child is wearing correct uniform and shoes. It isn't fair on the other children who are doing the right thing. Please do let us know if you need any support with school uniform. Please speak to Allison Tokeley who may be able to help.

Do keep an eye on our school website for dates and key information.

Our office is a very busy place, particularly at the start of the new year. If you need to change arrangements around pick-up, we ask that you contact the office as soon as you can so we can message teachers.

We were delighted to welcome Howard and Oscar into school again on Wednesday morning to showcase the ukulele and guitar across KS1 and KS2. Lots of our children already receive ukulele or guitar tuition from Front Row Music, with many of them performing their instruments in our Summer Musical Showcase at the end of last term. If your child is interested in starting to learn the ukulele, [please click the link](#) to see the letter from Front Row Music that lists the cost and details of lessons and how to sign up. Front Row are asking that those who are interested to sign up before 30th September. If you are already having lessons, there is no need to re-register.

FRONT ROW MUSIC



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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in KS2 are now able to have free school meals. We have had a huge increase in numbers which is great to see. However, the logistics of managing dinner time have become more complex, as we are having to provide more hot meals every day.

Going forward, we can no longer change school dinner arrangements on a weekly basis. Once you have agreed the days your child is having school dinner, we ask that you only make changes at the start of a new half term.

URGENT HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Some of you might wonder why you need to do this if your child is now not having to pay for dinner. There is a huge risk to school budgets if parents who are entitled to free school meals do not complete a free school meal application. Schools receive a significant amount of funding for children who are entitled to free school meals. This money (called Pupil Premium money) is used to subsidise trips, pay for additional support for children and help families in need. If families who are entitled to FSMs no longer apply, the school will lose out on this funding. We will only receive this money if families have completed their application before the end of September.

What to do next

If you are receiving any benefits, including income support and universal tax credit, and you have not applied in the past year, [please complete the online application for FSMs](#) or come into school and talk to Allison Tokeley who can support you with the application. We are making a particular call out to families of children who were in Rec, Y1 and Y2 last year – if you haven't applied, please do so. If your circumstances have changed and you are now receiving benefits, please apply.

Benefits, including :

- Income support
- Universal Credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

To encourage new families to apply, we will be giving every family who hasn't already applied, a £25 supermarket voucher if they apply between now and the end of September and are successful in their application. Just bring in your code or email saying you were successful, and we will give you a voucher. Please note this does not include families who have already applied and are receiving Free School Meals.

If you think you might be entitled, please do apply. The process is very easy and it only takes minutes. See Allison Tokeley if you need any help with the process. She can be contacted on allison.tokeley@winns.waltham.sch.uk or through the school office.



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS AGM - THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 7PM

The Friends of The Winns (FOTW) are holding their AGM on Thursday 12th October at 7pm in school. Please come along if you want to get involved in any capacity to support our school in raising much-need funds to improve the quality of provision. Current committee members are stepping down from their roles so we need to elect new members to continue the great work they have already done. Please do come along if you think you can use your skills to support our great school. Entry via the main office and the meeting starts at 7pm with refreshments provided. Thank you for your support.



WE NEED YOU!

If you are a parent/carer of a child at the Winns, or a member or staff at the school, then you are already a member of Friends Of The Winns! As well as the ordinary members, we also have a **committee** of elected volunteers to take care of some essential tasks. The current officers are stepping down next year, so we need to install a new committee if FOTW is to continue to fundraise and run events for the school. Without the minimum number of trustees in place, the association will regretfully need to dissolve.

In particular we are looking for a **Secretary, Treasurer** and a **Raffle Manager**. If you wish to become a committee member and charity trustee, but are not up for one of these positions, you can put yourself forward for another role that suits your strengths. All committee members have voting rights to manage Friends Of The Winns and should be voted in at the AGM (provisional date 21/9/23 TBC). If you are interested please email fotwtreasurer@gmail.com or fotwsecretary@gmail.com to find out more.



World Car Free Day

Friday 22 September is World Car Free Day, when towns and cities all around the world allow people to experience streets free of motor traffic.

Car Free Days have been celebrated around the world for the last two decades, and events have taken place to celebrate locally in Waltham Forest for more than 15 years. This year, Waltham Forest will host **Leytonstone Street Fest** to celebrate World Car Free Day in Leytonstone on 24 September.

On the day, why not run an assembly and hold a host of travel activities to encourage families to leave the car at home and travel in a healthier and more sustainable way.



Leytonstone Street Fest

WORLD CAR FREE DAY 2023
SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 11AM TO 4PM
CHURCH LANE, LEYTONSTONE
FREE TO ATTEND

- STREET MARKET
- LIVE MUSIC
- MAKE AND CREATE AREA
- CARGO BIKES TO TRY
- WELLNESS TASTES SESSIONS
- GARDEN GAMES
- FOOD & DRINK
- GR BIKES
- ALL ABILITY CYCLE CLUB

<https://bit.ly/streetfest23>



Hello, Parents & Guardians!



We are BeeZee Bodies, and we work with Waltham Forest Council to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyle support for families.* We run [BeeZee Families](#) courses after school across Waltham Forest. Please see our timetable below for venues, dates and time. Come along for free!

Sign up for your family's free spot today!
Scan the QR code
or visit: www.beezeebodies.com/for-families

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| Monday | WALTHAMSTOW | Peterhouse Community Centre E17 3PW 5-7PM |
| Tuesday | LEYTON | Leyton Cricket Ground E10 6RJ 5:30-7:30PM |
| Wednesday | CHINGFORD | Chingford C of E Primary School E4 7BP 5-7PM |
| Thursday | WALTHAMSTOW | Walthamstow School For Girls E17 9RZ 5:30-7:30PM |

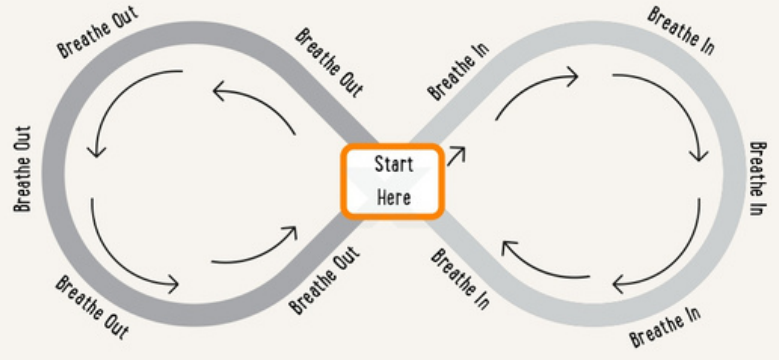
*To be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to a school in Waltham Forest and include one child who is above their ideal healthy weight.



INFINITY BREATHING

You and your child may be going through a lot of change this week by returning to school or even starting a new school. Breathing exercises is one of the best tools to reduce anxiety.

Using your finger, slowly follow the line of the infinity loop. Take a deep breath in as your finger follows the right hand side, then breathe out as your finger follows the left hand side. Aim to take 3 to 4 seconds to complete each half of the loop. Repeat this loop 7 times, focusing on your finger as you do so.



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SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2024

Do you have a child who was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 or who is currently in Year 6?

If so, they are due to start Secondary School in **September 2024**. To make an application please apply online www.eadmissions.org.uk by **31 October 2023**. For more information visit the Waltham Forest Secondary Admission page on <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-secondary-school-place> where you can download a copy of the **Starting Secondary School 2024 brochure** which has full details of how to apply for a Secondary School place.



RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSION 2024

Do you have a child who was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

If so, they are due to start Reception Class in **September 2024**. To make an application please apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk by **15 January 2024**. For more information visit the Waltham Forest Primary Admission page <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-primary-school-place> where you can download a copy of the **Starting Primary School 2024 brochure** which has full details of how to apply for a Reception Class place.





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Dates*

Week A: Mon 16 Oct-Fri 20 Oct 2023 (5 days)

Week B: Mon 23 Oct-Fri 27 Oct 2023 (5 days)

Week C: Mon 30 Oct-Fri 03 Nov 2023 (5 days)

*Check online for which weeks are running at your Location

• Times: 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs)

Extended Hours: 8:30am; latest collection 4pm

- simply add when booking online

• Open to Children: aged 5-12 years

• Locations: across Greater London (look right>)

Spooky Science! - New 2023 Activities

Day 1> It's Hallow-Scream!

Dep Sea Monsters!

Weird Shadows!

Coughs and Sneezes!

Day 2: Fang-Tastic Fun!

Jumping Spiders!

Ghastly Greenhouse!

Squishy Cells!

Day 3: Spook-Takular Science!

Forever Autumn!

Pirate Ghost Ship!

Incy-Wincy Taratula!

Day 4: Happy Haunting!

Vanishing Ghosts!

Howling Werewolf!

Franken Balloons!

Day 5: Toil & Trouble!

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Vampire Vomit!

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