



WINNS WEEKLY

6.10.2023

¡Buen fin de semana!

Spanish
Have a good weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES W.B. 9.10.2023

Tuesday 10th October Year 5 trip to Science Museum

Wednesday 11th October Reception 2024 Parent Tour (appointment only)

Friday 13th October Last day of after-school activity clubs (clubs restart wb 6th November)

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

CJ STORYTELLER VISIT

Our Early Years families were treated to a storytelling session from CJ Storyteller this week. The children were captivated by CJ's animated and engaging storytelling style, as they brought classic tales to life. Watch out for more of CJ later in the year as part of our World Book Day celebrations!



OUR VISION IN ACTION

Belonging - Over the next month, we will be placing a particular emphasis in our curriculum on Black History Month. Look out for lots of the work that the children will be producing in future issues of the Winns Weekly.

Growing - Many of our children have continued to take part in ukulele lessons this term. We were wowed by their performances in the Summer Musical Showcase at the end of last term, and they have certainly carried on from where they left off last year.



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023 - SALUTING OUR SISTERS

This week marks the start of Black History Month and we are hugely excited! This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters,' where we aim to recognise, celebrate and reflect on the black women who have played an important part of our history and culture - locally, in the UK and worldwide. Walthamstow has a rich black history and one that we are extremely proud of. Although black history and that of other cultures is woven very much into the fabric of our curriculum throughout the year, this month provides us with the opportunity to join in with local and national celebrations and events. Whether it is celebrating the life and work of Amanda Gorman, the American poet and activist, finding out about the ground-breaking work of Wangari Maathai, or listening to the stories in school of local black female heroes in the field of literature and medicine, our children will be immersed in Black History in many different ways.

We will also be linking up with local group, The Skills Within to bring you information on an exciting Art Competition and Exhibition and a 'Saluting Our Sisters' Quiz afternoon. See details on the link below: <https://www.theskillswithin.com/>



OUR VISION IN ACTION

Exploring - Lots of our Early Years families attended CJ Storyteller's session after school on Thursday, which gave our children the chance to explore some traditional tales.

Achieving - For the second week in a row, we have sent football teams to compete at a WF School Games event. As always, our children achieved the best results possible, demonstrating teamwork and sportsmanship in the process.



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SALUTING OUR SISTERS BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART COMPETITION

Children in UKS2 are taking part in an exciting competition as part of our programme of activities celebrating Black History Month. They will be submitting entries in any format ; a song, a poem, a picture, a photo, a textile, a print, it could be modern or traditional, digital or clay. They have the choice. They will choose a pioneering black woman to celebrate or subject that relates to the theme 'Saluting Our Sisters'. Parents can submit their child's art if it's digital, via competition@theskillswithin.co.uk. If it's a physical piece, they will need to bring it into school by Wednesday 11th October so we can send entries off in time. Check www.theskillswithin.com or visit Waltham Forest Town Hall to see the final winner's piece from each category displayed from Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October.



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 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** and **Treasurer**. 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 on **12th October** (7pm, at school). If you are interested please email fotwtreasurer@gmail.com or fotwsecretary@gmail.com to find out more.



A HUGE THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Vanessa McManus, mum of Dash and Kitty in year 2, who has worked very hard to help redesign not only our new school logo, but also revamped the front page of the Winns Weekly - thank you Ness!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS



A group of children from The Winns took part in a borough-wide summer reading challenge this year and emerged as reading champions. As part of this initiative, Walthamstow Libraries monitor the number of pupils who sign up to the challenge as a percentage of the overall school population and combine this with the percentage of pupils who complete the challenge over the summer period. They then award a **trophy** to the school with the highest overall performance.

Greenleaf have been very successful in this challenge in the past and have secured the trophy for eight consecutive years. However, we are pleased to announce that The Winns triumphed this time round. We were not only successful in being the highest overall performer, but we also achieved the most improved performance. Well done to our children for their fantastic reading efforts over the holidays, but we should also recognise the support of parents who take their children on regular visits to our local libraries and encourage such great reading habits at home. Well done all round.

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER, SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

After school on Friday 13th October, there'll be a second-hand school uniform sale in the playground (near the climbing frame). The last after-school second hand uniform stall was a huge success - we sold over 100 items and raised around £70 for the school!

All items 50p each, so please bring your 50p pieces with you.

We will have a huge selection this time including lots of jumpers and cardigans, all still priced at 50p! Dresses, trousers and PE kit too.

We also have some new branded Uniform to sell at a much reduced price. Come and say hello and grab a bargain!

If you'd like to help with the stall on the day, please get in touch with Lucy via Cass & Katy the Friends of the Winns Chairs (FotWChair@gmail.com).



YEAR 4, 5 & 6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

This week, two teams of our boys from year 4 and year 5 & 6 attended the Waltham Forest School Games Boys Football Tournament at Chingford Goals. As always, the boys represented the school superbly well and acquitted themselves fantastically on the football pitch. Our year 4 team won two of their games in comfortable fashion, with two losses in their other games meaning they finished just outside the qualification spots for the knockout rounds. Our year 5 & 6 combined team lost their semi final to the eventual winners, but beat Parkside in extra time of a closely fought third place playoff to secure a bronze medal. Well done to all the boys and thank you to the parents that came along to support, as well as Coach Sim for working so hard to prepare the teams.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. Parent governors are elected by parents. If more than one parent applies to be a parent governor, we will hold an election.

No special qualifications are needed. The most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and to be prepared to play an active role in the governing body's work. You will need to be available to attend meetings in the evening (approximately 6 meetings over an academic year) and to visit the school at times during the year.

If you would like more information about what the role entails, please do approach Fiona at the end of the day or contact the office for an appointment and we can discuss the position further.

We are particularly keen to ensure our governing body is diverse and represents our community. We are actively looking for parents who are from a black or ethnic minority group, and we would encourage applicants from this community to apply.

Next steps: please submit an expression of interest to the office email office@winns.waltham.sch.uk by Friday 13th October. Please include a personal statement to support your application (approximately 250 words).





Learning, Achieving, Caring and Sharing

School Calendar for 2023-2024

Term dates

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September 2023 to Thursday 21st December 2023

Children return to school Wednesday 6th September 2023

Half term holiday Monday 23rd October 2023 to Friday 27th October 2023

Children return to school Tuesday 31st October 2023

Christmas Holiday Friday 22nd December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024

Children return to school Tuesday 9th January 2024

Half term holiday Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024.

Children return to school Monday 19th February 2024

Easter holiday Friday 29th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April 2024 to Wednesday 24th July 2024.

Children return to school Monday 15th April 2024

Half term holiday Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Children return to school Tuesday 4th June 2024

INSET (Staff Training) Days

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

POLLING DATE

Thursday 2nd May 2024 – School closed to Nursery & Reception



FRIENDS OF THE WINNS AGM



THURS 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-needed 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.





Holiday Club

OCTOBER '23



23- 27 October @ The Winns Primary
09:00-15:00, £45.00 for single days
£30 per day for full week booking

SPORTS

- Football
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Dodgeball
- Athletics
- Tennis

ARTS, CRAFTS & DANCE

- Decorate a pumpkin
- Autumn Holiday Designs
- Dance
- Arts Projects
- Craft Challenges
- Origami



KDW SPORTS COACHING

Please note, if we do not have our minimum threshold of completed bookings by **9th October** we will have to cancel the club and issue a full refund to anyone who has already signed up.

10% Sibling discount available on full week bookings. Scan QR code or book on:
tinyurl.com/KDWHOLIDAYCLUBBOOKINGS



We have a local mum running a FREE 2 session rap, music and animation workshop featuring rap artist BREIS, composer Rex Horan and manga artist Kaleem Noor. October 15 and 22 2023 Ages 10 -15 thedigitalstorycompany.com email thedigitalstorycompany@gmail.com 07440651675

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thedigitalstorycompany.com presents:

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SUITABLE FOR AGES 10 - 15

Sign up now for a **FREE** 2 session **rap, music** and **animation workshop** to inspire creativity and confidence.

We are offering an **exciting** mixture of **activities** to create your own rap and poems to music.

Our workshop will be led by rap artist **BREIS** (pronounced breeze) a dynamic live performer who has performed worldwide with his fusion of Hip Hop, Jazz and Afrobeat rhythms.

Rex Horan, composer and musician, will guide you to build a music track for your lyrics and professionally record them.

Manga artist **Kaleem Noor** will assist you to create your own "avatar" to animate your lyrics.

Filmmaker **Kate Hampel** will produce a music video to be screened at a celebration event and screened online on The Digital Story Company channel.

For more information

thedigitalstorycompany@gmail.com

thedigitalstorycompany.com

@the_digi_story_co m 07440 651675



The sessions will take place over 2 days over two weekends

WHEN

Sun 15th Oct
9.30 - 3

& Sun 22nd Oct
9.30 - 12.30

WHERE

Walthamstow
Academy
Billet Road
Walthamstow
London E17 5DP

REGISTER



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AGES
5-14yrs

Hogwarts the Musical!

OCTOBER 5-DAY HOLIDAY COURSE!



9am-4pm (suitable for ages 5-14yrs)
Walthamstow - The Winns Primary
BOOK NOW - www.showkids.co.uk

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.



Hello, we're the Waltham Forest Mental Health Support Team!

We're an early intervention service based in schools in Waltham Forest. We deliver:

- 1-to-1 interventions for parents
- Group interventions for young people, e.g., transitioning to secondary school
- Whole class workshops, e.g., introduction to mental health
- Staff training
- Signposting to other agencies



We were introduced in schools as the government recognised the need for trained mental health staff to support the whole school community.

Our aim is to prevent and support with the early identification of mental health difficulties, to improve understanding of mental health and **reduce stigma**.

In Primary Schools...

Our 1-to-1 work is with parents where we deliver targeted interventions for children experiencing:

- Anxiety
- Behavioural difficulties

We deliver specific low intensity interventions called Guided-Self Help. These usually last for 6-9 sessions and are based on cognitive behavioural therapy.



'Why are you called Mental Health Support Team? My child doesn't have Mental Health problems...'

We all have mental health, just as we all have physical health. Our mental health is how we're feeling emotionally and it's a bit like internal weather - it can be sunny, rainy or stormy - it's all normal!

Our mental health is just as important as our physical health. It strongly affects our daily lives, including work, study, and how we're getting on with others. Therefore, it is important to take care of our mental health to prevent further problems from arising.

Meet the team working in your school



Carine

Zsofia

Avelyn

Best care by the best people

How can you access our support?

You can contact the school's Mental Health Lead (**Mr James Baxter or Ms Marta Brusniak**).

After discussing with you, they will support you to fill out a referral form which will be sent to us. We will then be in touch with you within 4 weeks to assess if we are a suitable service for you.

SEND LEGO CLUB

FREE SESSION FOR SEND FAMILIES

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCEPT AUGUST)

10.30-12.30

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST POP ALONG!

LEYTON FAMILY HUB, 215 QUEENS

ROAD, LONDON, E17 8PJ

FOR MORE INFO CALL 07528 433640 OR 07794 298496



Waltham Forest Parent Forum Support Groups



Walk & Talk



Coffee & Chat



Meet & Eat



Evening Zoom Support Group



Dads Group

Do you want some support?

Free online and in person support groups for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND (0-25)

No need to book, just pop along!

Support Groups offer:

- Emotional Support
- Support with Challenges you may be facing
- Empowerment
- Information Sharing
- Reduced isolation

More information and dates:

www.walthamforestparentforum.com/support
walthamforestparentforum@live.co.uk
 07794 298496/07528 433640