\star \star Last week's whole school attendance: 95.4% \star \star



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DATES FOR DIARIES WB 15.4.2024

Friday 29th MarchSCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAYMonday 15th AprilChildren return to school

Please remember to subscribe to <u>our online calendar</u> so that you receive automatic updates into your own calendar.

PARENTS EVENINGS

A big thankyou to all the parents who took the time to attend the parent consultation meetings this week. We value your support in ensuring the success of your child's educational journey at The Winns. For those who were unable to attend, please reach out to your child's class teacher to schedule a meeting at a convenient time after the Easter break. We value your input and want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to discuss their child's progress.

Running alongside parents evening were a number of other events as well. The library was bustling with activity during the second-hand uniform sale, organised by the FOTW team. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this a huge success.



OUR VISION IN ACTION

Belonging – Our year 2 children have demonstrated excellent community spirit this week in helping to keep Lloyds Park clean and tidy through their litter pick. The children have been learning about sustainability in school and this was an important activity to help bring that learning to life. **Growing** – Our budding young gardeners took their expertise out into the wider community this week when they joined in the Higham Hill Community Planting Day. We can't wait to see what they've planted bloom in the Spring and Summer!



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UNICEF - GAZA AND SUDAN FUNDRAISE BAKE SALE

The FOTW bake sale in aid of the UNICEF appeal for aid to children in Gaza and Sudan was a great success yesterday raising £270 so far. The humanitarian crisis in both regions requires a big effort from donor countries to ensure essential food and supplies reaches those in most need. A huge thank you for all the amazing cake donations and

for buying the cakes! An extra thank you to the parents who set it up and sold the cakes and to Miss Judge and Steph who stepped in to sell to the crowds and our year 6 helpers!







WINNS WINDOW TRAIL SUCCESS We are in the final days of the E17 Story Windows trail with 45 Winns homes to celebrate World book day. The trail runs until the 31st of March Here are some more pictures of the fantastic displays!

Thank you to all that have taken a sponsorship sign, decorated a window or visited the trail. We can reveal that the total raised through advertising boards on behalf of Central Estates is a massive £600, all of which will go towards restocking our fantastic library.

Link to the Winns Windows trail 2024 is here:







for every child

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YEAR 2 LITTER PICK

Unfortunately, the weather put paid to the planned picnic, but year 2 were still excellently caring for our local environment as they headed to Lloyds Park for a litter pick. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who came along to support the children!





YEAR 2 MARINE BIOLOGIST TALK

Our Y2 children enjoyed the amazing opportunity to learn more on Tuesday morning about the UK's amazing seas from parent and top marine biologist, Amy Ridgeway on Tuesday. The children learnt about the incredible diversity in our marine environments and the hard work taking place to protect these valuable ecosystems. A massive thank you to Amy for giving up her time to come into school to talk to the children!

OUR VISION IN ACTION

Exploring - Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the Winns Story Window Trail this month. Hopefully lots of you have had the chance to explore the pins on the map and see the amazing artwork that has brought many of our favourite stories to life. Achieving - A special end of term shoutout to all of our children across the school for their continued effort and perseverance in their learning. We know all of the teachers had plenty of positive things to say at our parental consultations over the last two weeks.

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JOURNALISM CLUB

Well done to all the children who have attended journalism club this term. All of the children worked together on an array of both creative and informative ideas that they have begun to transform into websites and newsletters. Maybe a future Pulitzerwinner is amongst them!





Y5 THEATRE TRIP

Our year 5 children enjoyed a trip to The Unicorn Theatre in London Bridge on Wednesday this week to watch a performance of The Odyssey. Based on Homer's story of Telemachus' heroic journey in search of his father which the children had been studying in school, the production fused together some 60s soul and pop classics with the original Greek tale.



COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY We're thrilled to share the exciting news that our school gardening club took part in a community planting day at Higham Hill Library on Wednesday. Our enthusiastic children rolled up their sleeves and joined hands with other community members to enhance the beauty of our local library surroundings.

The children took the skills that they have been learning in Gardening club out into the local community and we're immensely proud of them for their active involvement in making our community a more vibrant and welcoming place.

A huge thank you to all the children who participated and to the community members who organised this wonderful event. Together, we're growing a brighter future!





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EASTER HOLIDAY FOOD VOUCHERS

All families who are currently in receipt of free school meals will continue to receive food vouchers during the Easter holidays. Each eligible child will receive a voucher for £30. If you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals, please do apply via the Waltham Forest council. It is really easy to apply and might mean you are entitled to vouchers going forward during the holidays. If you would like further information about food vouchers, please speak to Allison Tokeley in school who is always happy to help.

Is my child eligible for School Meals?

If your child attends secondary school in Waltham Forest, they will get free school meals if you or your partner receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Universal Credit*
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit
- Support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Support from the Local Authority Social Services Asylum Team (SSAT)
- Child Tax Credit (if you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit see below), and you earn less than £16,190 a year
- Working Tax Credit for four weeks after your employment ends
 *Universal credit
 - To get free school meals you must not earn over £7,400 a year.
 - If you child now receives free school meals, this will continue until the rollout of universal credit ends.
 - After this date, these children will keep getting free school meals until the end of their current school (primary or secondary).
 - This applies to the child, not the family, so their siblings may not get free school meals.



STORY WINDOW 2024

Off we go!

To celebrate world book day 2024, over **40 Winns Homes**, so far, will be decorating their front window for the Winns Window Story Trail. Decorations will be up from the **1st-31st March 2024**.

Here is the link to the interactive Google map:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1mpnNeZVIWqQ1sVqrBwzPqPJCK-iYfk&II=51.592189087374926%2C-0.021024749999987158&z=15

Look out for the **Winns blue plaques** in the **decorated** windows.

It will also be emailed out to all Winns Families.

The blue star icon on the map show that it's a Winns home involved in the borough-wide trail.

And if you haven't signed up already and are feeling inspired to decorate, email **fotwvictoria@gmail.com** with your address and postcode; she can add your home to the trail map.

How many Winns Story Windows can you find?



EMPOWERING PARENTS EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

Ever feel like parenting is just too much?

Empowering Parents Empowering Communities classes are here to help

Sessions are supervised by professional facilitators, and activities are led by trained EPEC parent group volunteers.

All volunteers are also parents who have enjoyed the EPEC sessions so much that they now wish to share their experiences with others

EPEC sessions are relaxed and informal. You learn how to deal with tricky situations and keep cool when your children are having a meltdown

> When: 18th April 2024 to 13th June 2024 How long : 7 weeks When: Thursdays 10-12 Where: In School

https://forms.office.com/e/cF6pRRjfH7



"I'm not alone and other parents go through the same."

important we build safer relationships with our children."

> "It's a relaxed, friendly atmosphere."

"Open/talking, learning about us and not feeling alone as a father."

Speak to a member of the EPEC Team for further information or to book onto a course: Phone: 07799913026 Web: bit.ly/EPECBAP Email: EPEC@walthamforest.gov.uk



WALTHAM FOREST	_
FAMILY HUBS	





KS1 READING AT HOME

Tuesday 16th April and Monday 22nd April 9am

Parent information session

Please join us to find out more information about our decodable books and how you can promote a love of reading at home.



Please enter via large gates on Elphinstone Road and meet under the shelter.



SHOW KIDS THEATRE SCHOOL

Easter holiday 4-day course A Musical Mash-up for children aged 5-12yrs

2nd-6th April, 9am-4pm at The Winns Primary School, Walthamstow E17.

£250 (vouchers and tax free childcare payments accepted).

To book, please go to showkids.co.uk or call Natalie on 0203 488 5384

INK CHAWKIN

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

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WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME ENGINE ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

2 APRIL - 12 APRIL

ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 5-16 AND IN RECEIPT OF BENEFIT-Related Free School Meals?

This Easter we have the opportunity for you to try a wide range of free activities, have fun, make friends and enjoy a free meal every day across the borough. To book your place and find out more scan here:





or visit WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK/HOLIDAYS

Booking is essential on all activities so book early to avoid disappointment

For queries please contact the Waltham Forest Holiday Activity Programme team on:

WFHOLIDAYACTIVITYPROGRAMME@ Walthamforest.gov.uk















PREGNANCY

- Midwife services
- Advice and support
- Prepare for baby classes

BEST START IN LIFE 0-5 YEARS

Our Best Start in Life programme offers a range of support and free sessions, for parents, carers and families with children aged 0-5 years including:

- Registering birth
- Infant feeding
- Health visiting including child health clinics
- Bonding with your baby
- Mental health support for
- parents and careers Baby massage
- Inclusive play and learning sessions for children of all obilities
- Activities to support your child's learning at home
- Free early education and childcare advice and support
- Get school ready





WALTHAM FOREST **FAMILY HUBS**

WELLBEING, CONNECTION, SUPPORT

FAMILY WELLBEING IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Our Family Hubs provide a wide range of information, activities and services in your local area including Best Start in Life programme, health, learning and play activities, family support, employment support, housing advice, money and benefits advice and much more.

We know that all families need support from time to time to look after their wellbeing and help their babies, children and young people thrive.

Our Family Hubs are a place where families, friends and professionals can come together in a relaxed and friendly environment and support each other.





walthamforest.gov.uk/familyhubs

ALL PARENTS AND CARERS OF 0 - 25 YEAR OLDS

- Free early education and childcare information
- Parenting support
- Access to food bank and baby bank services
- Speech, language and
- communication support
- Inclusive play and learning
- Advice and support on: » Domestic and sexual abuse
- » How to guit smoking
- Housing
- Employment, skills and volunteering
- » Money and debt
- Wellbeing and mental health Bereavement
- Substance misuse/
- dependency
- » Family relationships
- Crime and safety
- Migrant support
- Connection with other families
- Healthy families programmes, support with healthy eating, and dental health





Youth spaces open to young people as a safe space to spend time

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PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY OR LEARNING DIFFICULTY

- . Play and activity sessions for children and young people with SEND
- The SEND Local Offer

