

Winter Gardens Academy

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HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

What a wonderful first week back we have had! Despite the challenges we were faced with before the start of the new school year with RAAC, I am so proud of how the children have returned to school and how resilient the children in year 1 and 2 especially have been with all the changes. We are really proud of you all. Thank you so much for all your understanding, support and kind words regarding the changes in school. I will keep you updated with any information regarding RAAC as and when I know.

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying their new class, making new friendships (those year groups who were mixed), getting to know their new teachers and showing enthusiasm in their learning. Last year, the children had a learning journey for all of their curriculum subjects but this year they have a separate book for each subject to help them to refer back to their learning more easily and re-cap any prior learning and previous knowledge learnt. Speaking to the children this week, they are really excited about their new books and it has been wonderful to see them taking pride in their books and presenting their work to the best of their ability.

On the first day back, I videoed an assembly that the children watched related to the Lionesses and the success they had in the summer during the Women's World Cup. This was linked to resilience - regardless of the setbacks, challenges we face, we keep on going to achieve our goals. We looked at how creating good habits everyday will allow us to achieve any goals we wish for and be successful. The first good habit I have challenged the children to do is: make their bed every day! Over the week, many children have told me that they are now doing this - a great start! Keep it up!

On Wednesday, the children had a zoom with the other schools in Our Trust to launch a programme called, 'Kindness Matters'. Each day the children watch a very short clip in class that promotes kindness. For example: say kind words and actions.

Today was our very first celebration assembly over zoom as unfortunately due to space we are unable to use Lake View Hall and invite parents in. The children were really excited to all join together over video and children received certificates for following our school rules/growth mindset and attitude to their writing. Well done to all the children receiving certificates. We celebrated the children who joined in with the summer reading challenge at Canvey Library over the summer holidays. Brilliant reading children, keep it up!

We can't wait for the Reception children to join our school next week.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Katie Herbert







CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to your child who received a celebration certificate this week



Charlie and Tegan (N. Ireland)
George and Connie (Wales)
Ronnie and Archie (Italy)
Mason and Amelia (India)
Micah and Lily Q (Kenya)
Florrie and Freddie (Brazil)
Luke David and Henry (Egypt)
Freddie and Darcy-Bleu (USA)
Archie and Martin (Mexico)
Callum and Harvey (Greece)
Pixie and Myah-Lily (China)





RESPECT OUR NEIGHBOURS

Please can we kindly ask you to respect our neighbour's property by not hanging items on their walls/gates or trespassing on their property, parking considerately and keeping the noise to a minimum.

Thank you



Please remember that we are a nut free school. This includes Nutella and Kinder products.



The Dinner Menu for w/c 11th September 2023 will be Week 2 from the menu.
Cold packed lunches are required to be ordered in advance.



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If anyone is interested in being a parent volunteer. If so, contact the office or Miss Triggs.



If anyone has any books/magazines they would like to contribute for the classrooms

CALENDAR	
Wednesday 13th September	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Games at Deanes (selected pupils
Friday 15 th September 13:30 to 16:30	FoWG Inflatable Afternoon
Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th September	Y5 Road Safety
Wednesday 11 th October	Y5 in house Astronomy Roadshow Planetarium
Friday 13 th October	FoWG Non-Uniform Day
Monday 16 th to Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	School Reopens
Friday 17th November	Basketball Y5 & 6 event at Deanes (selected pupils)
Wednesday 22nd November	Tag Rugby event KS2 (selected pupils)
Friday 24 th November	FoWG Christmas Fete
Monday 27 th November to Friday 1 st December	Travelling Book Fair in LVH
Thursday 21st December to Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Christmas and New Year holiday
Thursday 4 th January 2024	School Reopens
Monday 15th January 2024	Young Voices O2 Trip
Wednesday 7th February	Athletics Hall event
Wednesday 14th February	Y5 & 6 at Deanes (selected pupils) Badminton event Y5 & 6 at Deanes (selected pupils
Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd February	February Half Term
Monday 26 th February	School reopens
Wednesday 13th March	Football event Y2 at Waterside (selected pupils)
Monday 1st April to Friday 12th April	Easter Half Term
Monday 15 th April	School Reopens
Monday 22nd April	Mini tennis event Y5 & 6 (selected pupils)
Tuesday 23rd April	Y4 Swimming Lessons start
Monday 13th to Thursday 17th May	Y6 SATS
Wednesday 22nd May	Rounders event Y6 at Deanes (selected pupils)
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	School Reopens
Wednesday 26th June	Quad Kids event Y3, 4, 5 & 6 (selected pupils)
Tuesday 25 th and Wednesday 26 th June	Induction days - King John, The Deanes and the
Monday 1st to Thursday 4th July	Appleton School Y6 Residential Trip to Bradwell Outdoor Centre



