

Winter Gardens Academy

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HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

As the term draws to a close, we are still going strong here at Winter Gardens enjoying trips and events across year groups! Last week, some of our year 6 children went to Bradwell on sea for the week for their residential. They all had an incredible time trying new activities and overcoming challenges. The staff at Bradwell commented on how well behaved, polite and engaged the children were. We are so proud of all of them!

On Tuesday the Reception children visited Barleylands. They were very excited for their first school trip. During the day the children had the opportunity to feed the farm animals, make a healthy salad, and learn all about the ingredients needed to make bread. The children enjoyed making their own bread roll and riding on the tractor! Well done everyone for a great day.

On Wednesday the year 1 children visited Chalkwell beach. We enjoyed singing our favourite songs on the coach, observing and learning about the key human and physical features of the beach and playing games on the beach. The children demonstrated our school rules of ready, respectful and safe and their beaming smiles showed what a fun day they had!

Year 5 had a fantastic time at both secondary schools on Canvey. They took part in lots of engaging lessons at Castle View and Cornelius Vermuyden. We received some brilliant feedback: They exhibited outstanding manners, respect, and enthusiasm, which made the entire experience a delight. The positive attitude and engagement displayed by your students were truly commendable. They actively participated in the activities and showed a genuine eagerness to learn. Well done Year 5!

On Wednesday, 45 children across year 3-6 represented the school at the district sports taking part in either track events or field events such as rounders ball throw and vertical jump. The children showed great teamwork skills in the relay events. Well done to all the children who competed, you should be very proud of yourself, just as we are. Well done to the children who won a medal for their event - what a great achievement. Next year we are looking forward to inviting children in years 3-6 to a sports club once a week to train the children throughout the year to develop their commitment, perseverance and so they can reach their potential. Watch this space...!

I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to Miss Lake, who many of you know is again pregnant and will be going on maternity at the end of this term. Mrs Taghizadeh is also pregnant and will be returning to Winter Gardens in September for a few weeks before taking her maternity leave. We wish Miss Lake and Mrs Taghizadeh, and their families, the best of luck and wish them well in their pregnancies. After 24 years at Winter Gardens, we will be saying a very sad goodbye to Mrs Kemp at the end of this term. Mrs Kemp has worked tirelessly for the children of the school, supporting children in their learning and development, especially children with Special Needs and English as an additional language. She has also been an amazing support and the font of all knowledge for the staff in the school, and she will be greatly missed! We wish her the best of luck in her retirement! Thank you for everything Mrs Kemp.





Catherine Stalham





READING BADGES

BRONZE READING BADGE

Well done to the children who have read 100 times

Alfred, Ronnie (Kenya)

PLATINUM READING BADGE

Well done to the children who have read 200 times

Cooper (Egypt)

SILVER READING BADGE

Well done to the children who have read 100 times

Teddy (Egypt)

READING BOOK

Well done to the children who have read 300 times

Freya (Kenya)

DISPLAY FOR THE SCHOOL

Over the next week and the summer holiday, please take a photograph or your child/children in an unusual place reading. For example: under the bed, with a pet, sitting upside down in a treehouse, on a beach, in a den, in a cage..... the options are endless! In September we are going to create a display at the front of the school.















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

The Dinner Menu for w/c 17th July 2023 will be Week 1 from the menu.
Cold packed lunches are required to be ordered in advance.



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



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The Herd is stomping into the city this summer - beginning TODAY!

Today is the day that the elephants are all out in Southend, Leigh and Shoebury. We are so excited that our elephant, the children named Willow has been placed in Southend in 'The Forum'. We hope you take a trip to go and see him and if you decide

to take part in the trail have a wonderful time. Click on the link to find out all the information and where the trail begins.

https://www.herdinthe.city/



Roles and Responsibilities for UK

- Miss Herbert will become Acting Headteacher. She will also become the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Miss Fretwell, Mr Fieldstead and Miss Vickers will continue to be Deputy Safeguarding Leads and Mrs Parker will also take on this role).
- Miss Vickers will become Acting Deputy Headteacher and Curriculum Lead. I am also pleased to inform you that Mrs Lawrence has been appointed onto the Senior Leadership Team and will be leading Maths across the school. Mrs Parker will continue in her role as SENCO (on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday she will be out of class to fulfil this role). Mrs Stoffel will be leading Writing across the school.

In September, if you wish to speak to a member of staff about your child, the first point of contact is your child's class teacher. After this, you can arrange a meeting with the phase leader. Please see below the phase leaders for next year:

- Nursery and Reception Miss Edmunds
- Year 1 and 2 Miss Hammersley
- Year 3 and 4- Mrs Stoffel
- Year 5 and 6 Mrs Lawrence

From September, I will be based at Winter Gardens Academy on Thursdays and Fridays, to support with this transition period and to continue to work closely with leaders to further develop the school.

All staff roles and responsibilities will be put on our website in September. We will also be having a re-launch of the website in the Autumn term so some things are currently not as up to date as they normally are! Watch this space.....!



CALENDAR	
Monday 17 th July	Year 2/1 (Italy and Iceland) Explorers day
Monday 17 th July	Y6 Production
Tuesday 18 th July	Y6 Adventure Island Trip
Wednesday 19 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 19 th July	Y6 Inflatables Event
Thursday 20 th July	FoWG Non-uniform day
Friday 21 st July	Non-Pupil Day (staff in)
Monday 24 th July to Monday 4th September	Summer Break
Tuesday 5 th September	School reopens for the Autumn term
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 24 th November	FoWG Xmas 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 19 th to Friday 23 rd February	February Half Term
Monday 26 th February	School reopens
Monday 1st April to Friday 12th April	Easter Half Term
Monday 15 th April	School Reopens
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	School Reopens



