

Winter Gardens Academy

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HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE

What another super week we have had! This week we welcomed the reception children - Class England and Scotland - to our school. They have settled in brilliantly. Again, despite the children entering a classroom that was not familiar to them, due to their transition days being in the Reception classroom, that has now had to close, they have not been phased! They have been enjoying the free flow provision and getting used to the resources available to them every day and enjoying carpet times where they are listening to stories, playing games and singing songs. It has been lovely to see so many of them have a school dinner too. We can't wait to see everything you achieve! What superstars you are! Take a look at our Instagram and Facebook page later this evening for a special reception post!

This week has seen some building work taking place on the Key Stage 2 playground ready for the temporary modular classroom that was built yesterday. Today, the teachers have been working hard to get the classroom set up to make it a friendly, welcoming and safe space for class Italy on Monday when they return to our school to continue their learning. We can't wait to have you back in school. The resilience you have shown over the last two weeks has been remarkable - we are very proud of you. A big thank you again to Cornelius school for housing these children while we made some plans. We are extremely grateful and the children have loved going on the minibuses that you provided too.

On Monday, I videoed an assembly for the children linked to growth mindset/resilience and creating good habits. As I explained last week, the first good habit introduced to them was: making their bed every morning to set them up for a good start to the day. This week, reading every day for a period of time. I explained that for some children who don't read very often, this could begin with 5 minutes and for other children 20 minutes. Reading every day for 20 minutes has a large impact on a child's fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. I explained to the children to decide on a specific time of the day to do their reading so that they then do it every day and it becomes a habit! Please keep singing the children's reading diaries so they can start earning their bronze reading badge.

On Wednesday, some of the Year 1 and 2 children represented the school at Deanes taking part in the summer games. They took part in different sporting activities which included throwing, catching, kicking and dribbling. Mr Morson and Mr Macdonald thoroughly enjoyed watching the children take part in this event.

Thank you to all the families that are joining us this afternoon for the Inflatable event on the field organised by FOWG. A big thank you to FOWG for organising this event. These events help the school to raise money which can then be put back into the children's learning. If you are interested in being part of FOWG and would like more information, please message Miss Knowles on dojo who can tell you more. We are looking to extend the team so that more events can happen!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Katie Herbert



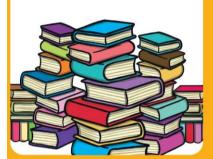




Reading Every Day Goes a Very Long Way

Student A Reads

- 20 minutes per day
- 3,600 minutes per school year
- 1,800,000 words per year



Student B Reads

- 5 minutes per day
- 900 minutes per school year
- 282,000 words per year



Student C Reads

- 1 minute per day
- 180 minutes per school year
- 8,000 words per year



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

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



Lennie and Isaac (N. Ireland)
Leyton and Paula (Wales)
Emily and Annie (Italy)
Vinnie and Bethany (India)
Blake and Sophia (Kenya)
Ollie and Ruby (Brazil)
Aiva and Harry (Egypt)
Esme and Elsie (USA)
Emily and Lily-Rose (Mexico)

Amelia and Tommy O (Greece)
Eva and Callum (China)





ATTENDANCE

Whole School Attendance for last week

97.21%

ITALY 98.33% KENYA 93.97% INDIA 98.28% BRAZIL 98.20% USA 97.41% MEXICO 95.19% CHINA 97.66% GREECE 95.7%

This is to certify that class

N Ireland and Wales ዿ



for achieving 100% Attendance in School last week

WELL DONE

keep up the good work!!

Mrs Darcy & Mrs Flaherty are







FANTASTIC ATTENDANCE HEROES

Well Done for achieving

100% last week
Roman (N Ireland)

Amelia (Italy)
Olivia (Mexico)
Harriett (USA)
Dara (China)





KEY STAGE 2

This is to certify that class **Egypt**

are Attendance Heroes

for achieving 100% Attendance in School last week

WELL DONE keep up the good work!!

Mrs Stofel is a







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 18th September 2023 will be Week 3 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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PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The new a primary (reception) school place starting September 2024 can be made between 6 November 2023 and 15 January 2024.

Before you apply

You should:

- check you live in the Essex administrative area
- read the <u>primary school admissions booklet</u>.

You may want to check the priority admission catchment area schools.

You can also watch our video on applying for a primary school place.

Contact the School Admissions Team

Telephone: 0345 603 2200 Email: admissions@essex.gov.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION ROUND

The new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

Applications can be made online via <u>www.essex.gov.uk/admissions</u>. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above







CALENDAR	
Friday 15 th September 13:30 to 16:30	FoWG Inflatable Afternoon
Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th September	Y5 Road Safety
Tuesday 3 rd October 9:00 – Y3, 13:15 – Y1, 14:05 – Y4	Harvest Festival at Winter Gardens Baptist Church
Thursday 5 th October 13:10 – YF, 14:00 – Y5	Harvest Festival at Winter Gardens Baptist Church
Tuesday 10 th October 9:00 – Y2, 10:00 – Y6	Harvest Festival at Winter Gardens Baptist Church
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 21 st December to Wednesday 3 rd 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 pupil
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



