WAINWRIGHT PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 1 - Week Ending: 01.02.19



Reading continues to be a really high priority for us in the Academy and we are all working hard to ensure reading improves for all our pupils. One of the initiatives we are working on is our reading areas in the classrooms. Keep an eye out for them developing over the next few weeks.



Many of you will have noticed we have moved our trip payments to the online Parent Pay system. We have already found this a far more effective system than the one we were using. If you require a login or have any questions, please pop into the Academy Office.

It is that time of year where we wake up every morning to check if we have any of the 'white stuff'! I would like to assure you all that in the eventuality of snow, a full risk assessment will be made at the earliest opportunity in the morning. If the school has to close we will ensure you receive a message before 8 a.m. at the latest. Thank you for your support.





Each morning, we close the green gate nearest the Foundation Stage playground, at 8.50 a.m. This decision is based on safeguarding the Key Stage 2 pupils as they start to enter the building, after they have been collected by the Class Teachers from the playground. After 8.50 a.m., we ask parents to enter or exit via the green gate nearest the Academy Kitchen.

Pupils attending our Foundation Stage, who have siblings that are dropped off at a different entrance, are then permitted to enter their playground through an internal gate.

We understand that at times these systems can be frustrating to carers who are running a little late, but we request that you follow our systems to ensure a smooth start to the children's day and to support the staff

whose job it is to follow our protocols.



STUDENT COUNCIL

INVESTORS IN PUPILS



On Tuesday 29th January, our Student Council hosted the first 'Student Engagement Committee' meeting with the Chairs and Vice Chairs from all the primary academies within the DALP Trust. Our Student Councillors and Ambassadors took our visitors on a tour around our wonderful academy, followed by a lunch together, which enabled everyone to get to know each other.

Finally Thomas and Roberts, the Chair and Vice Chair of WPA, presented a magnificent PowerPoint that they researched and put together in their lunchtimes leading up to the meeting.

The PowerPoint was all about the growing number of homeless people in Mansfield and how we as an academy want to find ways of supporting people less fortunate than ourselves. Miss Brothwell the Principal of Queen Elizabeth Academy, took time out of her busy schedule to come and share with us the support she gives to the homeless and ideas for how we could support this charity.

All the SEC members voted and it was a unanimous decision that as a primary group, we will plan ways in which we can support the homeless in Mansfield.

Further information will follow.

#teamworkmakesthedreamwork



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Whole Academy Target

The whole academy target last week was 'best class behaviour in the dining hall.' The winners were class 2W and 3W. Well done!

Here are some of the ways that 2W and 3W were recognised for their good behaviour:

- Quiet voices adults and children
- Walking feet

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- Remain seated
- Good manners
- When the whistle blows/bell rings, everyone stops and listens
- Wait to be released table by table an adult will signal when to leave

Our whole academy target for this week has been **'best class behaviour in the playground.'** The winner will be revealed in the achievement assembly on Monday.

Friends of Wainwright



We will be holding a Valentines Disco at the academy on Thursday 14th February, to raise money for the playground development fund.

Tickets for the disco cost $\pounds 2$ per child, which will include a drink, a packet of love heart sweets and a balloon.

- The disco for F2 and Year 1 will be held from 2pm till 3pm
- The disco for Years 2 and 3 will be held from 3.15pm till 4.15pm
- The disco for Years 4, 5, and 6 will be held from 4.30pm till 5.30pm

The dress code is 'dress to impress'.

Please see your child's Class Teacher if you would like your child to attend and they will provide you with a valentines letter with the full details including a permission form.

> The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you ll go. Dr. Seuss

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Attendance

The class attendance winner is 1P (Timmy Tiptoes) Please could you telephone the Academy first thing in the morning if your child is going to be absent. Thank you.

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Congratulations to 5P who has highest class attendance in the whole academy at 97.72% and they also achieved 100% last week, which means that every pupil in the class attended every day and on time!

National expectation for our whole academy attendance is 96%. We are very proud to say that our whole academy attendance currently stands at 96.2% which is fantastic news.



Mrs Hallam entered the Academy into a competition to win 4 free tickets for the Beauty and the Beast Pantomime at the Palace Theatre in Mansfield.

Amara and Layla were the lucky winners and enjoyed a fun evening! 'Oh yes they did!'



Mrs Ethel Wainwright

Mrs Ethel Wainwright, the daughter of a Station Master, moved to Mansfield from the Manchester area on her marriage, in 1900, to Albert John Wainwright, also a railwav man.

A strong supporter of the Women's Suffrage Movement, she possessed a great determination and pioneering spirit which led her to achieve many "firsts" in her life time.



1920 First Lady Councillor 1924 First Lady Magistrate

- 1927 First Lady Chairman of Education Committee
- 1928 First Lady Alderman
- 1929 First Lady Mayor of Mansfield
- 1947 First Lady Freeman not only in Mansfield but throughout the kingdom

Her first public work was in 1915 as a member of the Borough Food Committee, responsible for the relief work during the Great War. In 1919 she represented the North Ward on the board of Guardians and in 1920 she was elected Labour Councillor for the same ward - a post she was to hold until her retirement in January 1926.

In 1929 she was elected the first Lady Mayor of Mansfield. Her only daughter Dorothy, a teacher at the Brunts School for thirty-five years, was her escort during her term of office.

Throughout her public life, Mrs Wainwright's greatest interest was in the welfare and education of young children. During her thirty-two years of service, first as chairman of the Local Education Committee and later of the West Notts Divisional Executive, she saw vast changes in educational thinking. In the early thirties her dream of a special school for frail children was realised with the building of the Berry Hill Open Air School. In her speech at the opening she said "No system of education can be complete unless it cares for all the children and particularly those who are less fortunate - mental development can only take place when the physical well-being is carefully considered."

In 1937 Mrs Wainwright was appointed Vice President of the National Association of Education Committees at their conference in Margate and also became a County Councillor. 1944 saw Mansfield lose it's battle to decide future educational policy. It was then that she became Chairman of the West Notts Divisional Executive, a post she held until her death. In 1945 she approved the acquisition of Nissen Huts on the American Hospital Site on Sutton Road as a temporary Technical School on the raising of the school leaving age.

In the 1946 Victory List of the King's Birthday Honours, she was awarded the O.B.E. in recognition of her services to education, and in the same year was elected to serve a second term of office as Mayor of Mansfield. In 1947 domestic science departments in schools were in danger of closing owing to lack of staff. Mrs Wainwright solved the problem by encouraging sixteen housewives to be trained as teachers. In the same year Alderman German Abbott proposed and it was unanimously accepted that Mrs Wainwright should be made a Freeman of the Borough. This great honour was conferred upon her on the 20th July 1948 at the Palais de Danse.

October 2nd 1954 saw the opening, by Mr Chuter Ede, of the new Junior School which was to bear her name. Mr Ede commented that, "The name of this school would perpetuate the name of one of the greatest exponents of higher education this country has ever had and it is fitting that this tribute should be paid in her lifetime." "Mrs Wainwright was in every sense a pioneer. She was possessed of a crusading spirit which found it's expression in the number of offices which she became the first woman to hold". "She has left a legacy of benefits for which the town, the county and indeed the country has reason to thank her."



The Class Ambassadors met last Friday and learnt about 'Ethel Wainwright', the late Mayor of Mansfield, whom our Academy is named after.

The Ambassadors plan to share with our visitors the history behind our Academy name, as well as painting portrait pictures of Ethel Wainwright, to display in school.







The children have been busy nominating their fellow peers and staff members over the course of last week and on Monday it gave us great pleasure in awarding Luiza and Mrs Travill as our 4B's Champions. Luiza was nominated for always being so kind and thoughtful to everyone. Mrs Travill was nominated for always being so supportive to the pupils in her class. WPA is lucky to have Luiza and Mrs Travill in our academy #goodrolemodels





Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be on:

7th February 7th March 21st March





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Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a hot drink, biscuits and a chat with Mrs Hallam, from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. It will be lovely to see you all. The invite is also extended to your family and friends #ourcommunity