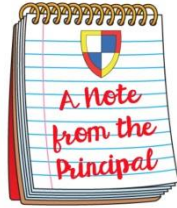


WAINWRIGHT PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 1 – Week Ending: 15.02.19

WORKING TOWARDS
INVESTORS IN PUPILS



Dear Parent/Carer,



Wow, where did the last 6 weeks go? It only seems last week that I was welcoming you all back after Christmas.



This half term has been action packed and full of exciting trips, speakers, experiments and creativity and looking at next terms planning, I am sure it is going to be just as fun!



Our latest assessments show that all the pupils have really embraced the learning opportunities available to them at Wainwright and they have made good progress – one pupil in particular has really amazed me by making a whole year's progress in writing over just one term – fantastic effort Ellie-Mai N-L!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Spacey
Academy Principal

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE



After the half term holiday, Mrs Hallam will be setting up a Pupil's Diversity Committee, which will meet once a month to discuss all the different cultures we have within our academy.

During these meetings, we will share our experiences of music, food, books, languages, traditions, clothing, arts, customs, beliefs and religions.

We would really like parents, carers and other families members to support our Diversity Committee with any useful resources like clothing, photographs, artefacts and baking to give us a better insight into the lives of our pupils and their families.

If you can offer any of the above, please contact Mrs Hallam via class dojo, email – jhallam@wainwrightprimary-ac.org.uk or mobile 07966 947229.



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Valentines Disco
Thursday 14th February

On Thursday 14th February, we held our annual Valentines discos, which was again a resounding success! All the children, staff and our Friends of Wainwright members danced their hearts out to a variety of party songs.

The children enjoyed a selection of sweet treats, showed off their dance moves and looked absolutely fabulous in their 'dress to impress' outfits. The room was full of love and laughter, with lots of children who didn't want the disco to end.

Out of some of the money raised from various Friends of Wainwright events, we were delighted to show off our new sound system and disco lights. Staff, Friends of Wainwright members and children requested songs during the discos and there were some difference of opinions on the choices with one child saying 'can we have a good song on, not one from the 80s!'

The Friends of Wainwright members, staff and children demonstrated many dance routines to some old favourites like 'cha cha slide, YMCA, superman' and many many more. Some of the money raised is going towards purchasing more outdoor toys for breaks and dinner times.



Whole Academy Target

The whole academy target last week was '**best class for lining up and walking through the academy sensibly.**' The winners will be announced at our next Achievers Assembly on Tuesday 26th February.

PLEASE NOTE that the Achievers Assembly will be moving to Tuesdays, instead of Mondays, after half term.

Here are some of the ways that our pupils Are being recognised for their good behaviour:

- ❖ When signalled to line up, do so promptly
- ❖ When standing in the line, do not push others
- ❖ Walk on the left side of the corridor
- ❖ No talking

Our whole academy target for the week commencing the 25th February, will be '**best class friendships**'



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Educating our pupils at WPA about Mental Health



In an assembly with Mrs Hallam last week, she spoke to the children about what mental health is and how we can look after our own mental health and well-being, as well as what we need to do if we need some support.

There is often a lot of confusion about what we mean when we talk about mental health. Many people immediately start thinking about mental health problems or mental illness, but this is only one part of the picture...

Everyone has 'mental health' and this can be thought of in terms of:

- how we feel about ourselves and the people around us
- our ability to make and keep friends and relationships
- our ability to learn from others and to develop emotionally

Being mentally healthy is also about having the strength to overcome the difficulties and challenges we can all face at times in our lives. To have confidence and self-esteem, to be able to make decisions and to believe in ourselves.

Dealing with life's ups and downs

Having said that, we all have mental health. It's also important to understand when you might need to get some help or support with how you are feeling.

It is quite normal to sometimes feel worried, anxious or upset when things don't go as you hope; everyone faces pressure in their lives at certain times and these can include:

- exams
- school work
- growing up and becoming more independent from your family
- making up with friends

Knowing when to get help and advice

What to look out for:

If someone is experiencing worries, anxieties and difficult feelings to the extent that they are seriously interfering with their everyday life, for instance:

- being able to study and go to school
- being able to eat or sleep as they normally do
- to go out with their friends or take part in their favourite hobby

Tips for parents/carers to support their children's mental health and well-being:

independent thinking  ...on Children's Mental Health Week 2019

Value each child for their unique magical ingredients	Remind each child that we all experience 'highs' and 'lows' in life but asking for help is important	Always speak to a child in a calm and thoughtful manner, even if they are shouting at you. Behind all behaviour is a hidden message
Get the children to share what they already do to help themselves when they are feeling anxious, sad or helpless	Practice mindfulness in school whenever and wherever possible	Recognise their special talents and remind them of how valuable they are to society, praise helps with mental health
Use the right music at the right time for the right reason to help with anxiety and stress	Tell children to share their worries with someone. A friend, teacher or put them in a 'Worry Sater'. Help will be on its way	Saying 'It's OK to not feel OK' may help some

Created by Nina Jackson (@musicmind) for Independent Thinking 2019

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.

1P	96.37%
1W	94.16%
2P	95.42%
2W	95.25%
3P	95.69%
3W	96.71%
4P	95.86%
4W	96.14%
5P	97.61%
5W	96.84%
6P	96.10%
6W	94.70%
F2P	93.49%
F2W	94.00%
F1	90.76%



Congratulations to 5P who has highest class attendance in the whole academy at 97.61%

Attendance Matters

The governments expectation is that your child's attendance should be 97% and above.



Did you Know:

- 97% attendance means your child will have missed 6 days of school throughout the year
- 90% attendance means that your child will have been absent for the equivalent of one half day every week!
- This also means that your child will have missed the equivalent of 4 whole weeks throughout the school year!
- If you take a two week holiday during term time your child's attendance will automatically be reduced to less than 95%
- A two week holiday each year in primary school means a total of 14 weeks teaching time missed. This is the equivalent of a whole term and can have a real impact on your child's education and levels of attainment.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!
Everyday. On-time.



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Friends of Wainwright



Next Event

**Spring Crafts, Thursday 28th
March 2019 from 3.10 p.m. until
4.30 p.m.**

Please bring along your friends and family to enjoy a variety of spring crafts from card making, to finger painting, to playdough and much, much more.

There will also be FREE refreshments available.

4B's Champions



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 Sievan and Mrs Witty as our 4B's champions.

Sievan was nominated for always being so kind and thoughtful to everyone. Mrs Witty was nominated for all the work she is putting into creating themed dinner days for all the pupils and staff in the academy.

WPA is lucky to have Sievan and Mrs Witty in our academy
#goodrolemodels



Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be on:

- 7th March 9 – 10 a.m.
- 28th March 9 – 10 a.m.
- 25th April 9 – 10 a.m.
- 9th May 9 – 10 a.m.
- 23rd May 9 – 10 a.m.
- 6th June 9 – 10 a.m.
- 20th June 9 – 10 a.m.



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

DATES TO REMEMBER



Date	Event
Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 25 th February	Staff Training Day (The Academy is closed to pupils)
Tuesday 26 th February	The Academy re-opens and pupils return



We look forward to seeing the children back at the Academy on Tuesday 26th February