WAINWRIGHT PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 1 - Week Ending: 04.10.19



Welcome to another fantastic update from the Wainwright family. We have had a brilliant start to the new academic year.

The children are a real credit to the school, especially when visiting around the area. We have had the pleasure of attending and singing at the Scarecrow Festival at St. Mary's. We also took a group of children to see the incredible National Youth Orchestra at QEA - a magnificent experience!

Some children in school have also taken part in a football workshop run by Notts Forest - and all in a matter of weeks! This has been a busy and exciting start to the term - I cannot wait to see what else we have in store for the rest of the year. I very much look forward to keeping you all updated with our forthcoming adventures.

'Hello Yellow' World Mental Health Day

On Wednesday 9th October 2019 we will be holding a themed 'Hello Yellow Day' in support of world mental health awareness. The charity, Young Minds, are leading the fight for a future where all young minds are supported and empowered, whatever the challenges.

At Wainwright we started the new academic year with the launch of 'Wellbeing Wednesday's'. The children are learning that everyone has mental health and within each day there can be highs and lows. They are learning all about how the brain works, what 'happy hormones' are and what we can do to remain mentally healthy in body and mind.

On 'Hello Yellow' day the children can come to school in non-uniform with a splash of yellow i.e. headband, wristband, ribbon, t-shirt, feel free to be as creative as you wish! We are asking for a contribution of a £1 which we will be donating to the Young Minds charity.



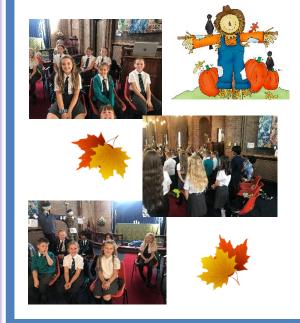
A note from the Senior Principal

INVESTORS IN PUPILS

Well what can I say, these last few weeks have been an absolute pleasure. The children and staff have all returned to school with enthusiasm and a thirst for learning. The atmosphere in school is buzzing and everyone has embraced the challenge of the raised expectations in their new year groups. Our school improvement focus this term is based upon developing the curriculum and ensuring stretch and challenge is achieved in all English and Maths lessons. We are off to a flying start and I will continue to keep you posted on our progress. The future is looking very exciting!

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

On Friday 13th September, the Wainwright Rocks Choir visited St Mary's church to perform a variety of songs to families, friends and members of the local community. We were so proud of our choir who sang their little hearts out, with actions and a beautiful solo from Aleksandra. Our special guest, the Bishop of Liverpool, gave Wainwright a special mention in regards to our choice of songs, which were linked to positive mental health and wellbeing.



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Pupil Leadership Teams

The new academic year has begun with pupils putting themselves forward for our wide range of pupil leadership roles in the academy. At Wainwright we have class councillors, class ambassadors, peer mentors, diversity committee and our newly launched Eco team.

All positions are now filled and the meetings have begun taking place on Friday afternoons, whilst all members enjoy a hot chocolate, marshmallows and biscuits.

Chris Clovelly a retired head teacher and assessors for the Investors in Pupils programme has returned this year to train another 12 peer mentors to support their fellow pupils in the playgrounds at break and lunchtimes, encouraging positive play and helping to resolve conflict in a positive way.



We would like to introduce a new member to our pastoral team, Mrs Gilbert, who is our new Pastoral Support Officer who is supporting Mrs Hallam with her ongoing work with our pupils and families





During the summer holidays, Bradley did a litter pick from the beach in Whitby. He's very passionate about the environment, particularly since doing a project in Year 1.

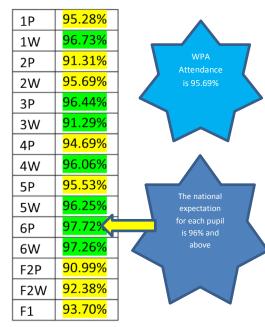
He understands the damage our litter and waste has on wildlife. He was very proud to do this, therefore I wanted to share it with you to say 'well done Bradley'.





Attendance

Please could you telephone the Academy first thing in the morning if your child is going to be absent. Thank you.



Congratulation to 6P for having the highest class attendance in the whole academy

The whole academy attendance currently stands at 95.69%.

The motto in the academy is to 'give it our best shot!' so even if we are feeling under the weather, we will come to school and if necessary we will send the children home. Please note that we have trained first aiders on site at all times, therefore your children are in safe hands.

As you will know, the majority of letters that we send to parents are via email.



To ensure that you don't miss out on important information, please let us have your email address if we don't already have it and we will add this to your details on your child's record.

You can do this by calling at the Academy Office or by sending us an email to info@wainwrightprimary-ac.org.uk

Thank you.





The whole academy target winners were 6W for 'being the best class at working together'

Our whole academy target for next week is: 'We understand that our actions affects others; we care about people's feelings and try to empathise with them'

4B's Champion – This amazing display has been created by Miss Chapman in F1 (Nursery)





DATES

This week's 4B Champions are:

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- Eleanor for being a good friend
- Mrs Radford for always being so caring and helpful

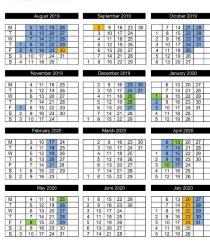


Please note the change in date to the May Bank Holiday, which is now <u>Friday 8th May</u>



Holiday pattern 2019-20

Academy holidays



Public holidays

Inset days

Working towards the 'Investor in Pupils' Award

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What is Investors in Pupils?

It is all about the children taking control of their own learning. They will be finding out about resources in school including how much they cost and where the money comes from to buy them. They will develop a deeper understanding of the staff in the school and the role that they play. Much of the award is based around their behaviour and learning through independent and class targets. Each classroom will have a display to help keep the children focused.

We believe that taking part in the programme will help the children achieve high standards in their education and will equip them with important life skills.

The five areas of Investors in Pupils are:

Learning

Each classroom's display has individual targets set by the children themselves. The display shows the progress they are all making and how this contributes to the class reaching its goals.

Behaviour

The children learn to take responsibility for their behaviour in their lessons and around the academy. They work together to make the academy a pleasant place by following our 4B's.

Classroom Management

Each class has a target which is decided between the children and the teacher. The children are encouraged to make the class a pleasant and safe place to work.

Attendance

The children understand the importance of good attendance and how it affects their learning. An attendance trophy/bear is presented each week to the best class. This is then displayed in Main Reception on the attendance board.

Induction

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Each class now has an induction booklet which is for new members to the class including adults. It contains lots of important information and pictures. We hope this makes new people feel very welcome to the class and to the school as a whole.

This term we will continue to move forward with our efforts to embed Investors in Pupils (IIP) into the academy.

Below is a list of some of the things that will be happening during the course of the term:

•A parent's file will be placed in the academy Main Reception showing what IIP looks like in the academy

•The Student Council will be working to come up with whole academy projects

•Children will be finding more out about the staff in the academy and the jobs that they do

•We will be continuing with our focus on aspirations and members of the public will be coming into the academy to talk about the jobs that they do and how they got to where they are

