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Respect myself, school and the community
Enjoy and achieve safely

Able to make mistakes and learn from them

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A Note from the Head of School, Mrs Baines-Chambers:

What a busy fortnight we have had!

We had some lovely news, Mrs Garton and Miss Winfield who were both shortlisted for Pearson teaching awards - Primary teacher of the year and New teacher of the year respectively, were both announced as silver winners.

The Pearson Teaching Awards are an annual celebration of exceptional teachers, created to recognise the life-changing impact an inspirational teacher can have on the lives of the young people they teach.

The next stage for them is to attend the House of Commons for afternoon tea. Silver Award winners attend the UK final of the Pearson Teaching Awards, a glittering ceremony held in central London on 22nd October. There, they will find out which of them has won one of just 11 Gold Plato Awards, the UK's "Oscars for Teachers". This ceremony, titled "Britain's Classroom Heroes", will be filmed and broadcast by the BBC as a showcase of excellence in education.

Mrs Garton, myself and some other member of staff went to the Grosvenor House Hotel in London on Friday evening as Mrs Garton was also shortlisted for TES English teacher of the year. She didn't win on the night but we couldn't be prouder of her achievements - she is a winner in our eyes!

FS 1 and FS 2

FS1

This week in FS1 we will be putting our poetry skills to the test and learning all about some wonderful rhyming seaside poems, we are hoping to learn one off by heart so that we can share it with you on twitter in the 4-D room. We will also be making some shiny, foil fish and some watercolour fish paintings so that we can use to help us retell our 'Rainbow Fish' story from last week because we loved it so much! We are really looking forward to sharing our Chinese dance with all of you on EAL day as we have been practising really hard to learn all of the fantastic moves.

FS2

We have had such a fabulous week in FS2 this week focusing our learning around 'The Singing Mermaid' by Julia Donaldson! The children have written lots of fabulous similes to describe the mermaid and we are all so proud with how hard they have been trying with their writing this week. The attached QR code shows Jack's GREAT similes to describe the mermaid! We have also been to Twinlakes this week which we all thoroughly enjoyed. The children were able to face their fears riding the big rollercoasters and then splash around in the water area. We would like to thank all of the parents who helped us with our trip, we really appreciate it!



We have been practising our song ready for the EAL day on Wednesday, we hope to see you all there at 2pm! We also have one of our 'Welly Walks' on Thursday afternoon if you would like to come along and help us, please come and speak to us.

Year 1

Year One have had another fantastic fortnight in our final half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring 'The Cat in the Hat.' They have created some lovely pieces of writing! Last week the children were shocked when a couple of naughty 'Things' escaped from the Cat in the Hat's big, red, fun box. The children thought about how Mum, Sally and the fish would be feeling and used this to write exclamations and questions in captions. This was exciting for the children and they enjoyed using their red thinking hats to discuss emotions and use emotive language in their writing. In maths, the children have been exploring how heavy the Cat's property is as well as sharing his property out between Thing 1 and Thing 2 to practice their fractions. The children did so well with this and really enjoyed themselves. This week we went to Elvaston Castle as a Dojo reward and both teachers were so proud of how well behaved all the children were and know that they are starting to mature ready for Year Two. Keep up the GREAT work Year One.



Year 2

What a GREAT week Year 2 have had this week! Victoria Beckham and Prince Harry had the most amazing day exploring Sherwood Forest this week. We had so much fun going deep into the heart of the forest! We got to see the Mighty Oak where Robin Hood and his Merry Men would meet, we explored the Mini Oak and learnt all about Robin Hood's secret hideouts, and we even worked collaboratively during an orienteering activity. We had a GREAT day and left with BIG smiles!



We've had a lot of issues in the morning before the children come to school - please could you make sure you stand with your child before the doors open to ensure there are no disagreements or upset faces entering the classroom first thing in the morning.

Year 3

What a fantastic few weeks we have had in Dahl and Rowling. The children have shown us what superb imaginations they have by creating their very own Wonka catastrophe. They have written some impressive stories. In maths, the children have blown Miss Brooker, Miss Harries and Miss Scotney away with their work on fractions. Although they found it tricky at first, they have persevered and are now fraction experts.

We have loved learning 'Mambo Italiano' by Sophia Loren for 'Wyndham-Vision' and can't wait to show you our amazing singing and dancing on Wednesday! Parents are invited from 2pm.

Year 4

What a busy few weeks it has been in year 4! We have been writing newspaper reports about the mysterious creature that was spotted in the deep, dark sea in our book "Quest". The children have really impressed us with their writing and they are independently applying so many different writing features.



The children were lucky enough to play alongside the Halle orchestra on Wednesday. It was an amazing experience for them to listen to a professional orchestra and be one of 28 schools there to play with them. They have also performed to their parents in a concert and blew them away with their talent! The children have had a fantastic year playing their flutes and have loved every minute.

Year 5

Year 5 have been loving learning all about Bear Grylls and how to survive in the wild! Over the last couple of weeks, we have been learning about the polar regions, glaciers and Mount Everest. We have used the 4d room to show how intimidating and challenging climbing Mount Everest would be and have written our own lost journals about an expedition that went wrong! We have also linked this to our learning about global warming and wrote persuasive letters to someone we knew persuading them to recycle, renew and reuse. In maths, we have been learning about volume and capacity. We have loved learning how to convert between pints and millilitres! Now we are starting to work out the area and perimeter of shapes and eventually the area of Mount Everest Base Camp!

It is our trip to Markeaton Park on Monday the 3rd of July so please make sure you have bought your letters back. The children will also need lots of water, sun tan lotion and hats we will be outside for most of the day.



Year 6

Year 6 have been continuing to work incredibly hard on their writing this week, bringing together all their knowledge of vocabulary, punctuation and sentence structures! Wow, we have lots of extremely talented writers! We have been persuading others to visit Derbyshire and used the 4D room to imagine we were visiting different places such as Chatsworth and The Heights of Abraham using our WOW words such as picturesque, incomparable and noteworthy. Scan the QR code to read an example!



There are also lots of transition events taking place over the next few weeks in preparation for their move to secondary school. If you require any more information, please get in touch with a member of the year 6 team. Additionally, Aladdin rehearsals are well underway and the children are really showing their confidence within performances. Details regarding tickets will be announced soon so watch this space!

Money Owing

Please make sure that all money owing to school is paid by 23th July 2017 unless you have a payment plan in place. This needs to be paid online or via pay point. Please contact the office for your online log in or pay point slip.

If you don't think you will be able to pay before the end of term then please contact Miss McCullough in the office to set up a payment plan. Thankyou.

Term Time Holidays

Thank you to those who are choosing to avoid term time holidays and to those who are informing school when they are taking them in term time.

We do have some families who have recently taken term time holidays but have rang school to say their child/children are absent due to sickness to avoid getting fined.

This is a huge burden for children when they arrive back in school, often with a tan that they wouldn't have got if ill for a week as these children are then expected to lie about the reason for absence.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we do not see the money that parents are fined for term time holidays and we are just following the guidelines set out by the government in fining parents.

Children, particularly when it is siblings that are off together, will be checked on by the Education Welfare Officer. If we have reason to believe that you are on holiday due to not answering the door when she calls etc... then we still go through the process of holiday fines.

Summer Fair

The school's annual Summer Fair is fast approaching, so in preparation for the festivities we will be hosting a non-school uniform day on **Thursday 29th of June 2017**. To participate in the day, please either donate sweets, chocolate, condiments, drinks or a simple donation of 50p.

During the Summer Fair we will be holding a raffle with some super prizes. Tickets and more information will be issued soon.

Thank you for your generosity,

Healthy Lunches

Just a friendly reminder that we love to see balanced lunchboxes at Wyndham.

There has been an increase in children just bringing cakes/crisps/chocolates for lunch.

It is really important for a child's development that they have a nutritional lunch with a mix of protein, carbohydrates, fruit and vegetables. We are happy for children to have a small treat such as a single cake from a multipack or a small chocolate bar etc...

Any item that we consider excessive that it is not nutritional we will ask the child to take home uneaten.

For more information on healthy choices please look at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/be-food-smart>