



WINNERSH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEALTH WEEK

Last week was probably our most successful Health Week yet, no doubt helped by the fantastic weather. The children enjoyed a fabulous range of activities from dance to creating their own salad. Mr Casella ran family circuits on the field before school and lots of you joined in which we really appreciate. Thank you also to all the family and friends who came along to support Sports Day. As you can imagine, lots of hard work goes on behind the scenes to ensure that such an event runs smoothly. Thanks goes to Mr Hill and Mr Casella for all their hard work putting together the timetable of activities in on the day, it all ran very smoothly and we received lots of positive feedback. Well done to Year 6 who helped to run the Lower Phase Sports Day then competed themselves in the afternoon.

I would like to give a special mention to Laura and the PTA who offered refreshments and ran a second-hand uniform shop across the whole day. I am sure many of our visitors were really grateful for the chance to buy extra water and ice creams. This raised over £500 for the school which was an amazing total. If you are able to help at our Summer Fair, please do let the PTA know by emailing winnershpta@gmail.com

We had lots of help and support from organisations like Sainsbury's who donated fruit, Pladis who gave a Healthy Eating presentation to Year 6, and Warburtons who ran a workshop for our Year 2 pupils.

This year, we introduced a special challenge which involved the children running/walking laps of the field every morning to work towards a collective year group destination. The children embraced this challenge with their usual enthusiasm and we had some amazing results:

Year Group	Target Destination	Miles to Destination	Total Achieved
Foundation	Cardiff	116 miles	132 miles
Year 1	Jersey	204 miles	326 miles
Year 2	Liverpool	205 miles	240 miles
Year 3	Leeds	208 miles	426.30 miles
Year 4 (3 classes)	Paris	323 miles	824.00 miles
Year 5 (3 classes)	Amsterdam	396 miles	837.75 miles
Year 6	Belgium	282 miles	507.75 miles

The week culminated on Friday with Mr Casella running 100 laps which gave the whole school a total of 3293.80 miles which is just short of the distance from Winnersh to New York! Mr Casella is a fabulous role model for the children and lots of them came out to cheer him round the last few laps.



SCIENCE INSET

INSET (In Service Training) Days are vital for staff to train for any new technology or new ways of doing things within the school. On the recent INSET Day, the teaching staff undertook some science training. Along with Maths and English, Science is a core subject in which pupils are assessed at the end of Key Stages 1 and 2. The training focused on the types of science enquiry that should be taught in the primary curriculum, and the progression it should follow from EYFS all the way through to Year 6. For example, children should be taught how to ask scientific questions, how to observe closely, how to gather, present and interpret data and how to evaluate an enquiry. The aim of the children working in this way is that they learn how to think like scientists; testing their own theories and drawing their own conclusions. Hopefully the engaging Science lessons at Winnersh Primary will inspire a new generation of scientists!

WRITING WEEK

Before half term, we held a special Writing Week where the children took on the roles of real authors and illustrators. The children wrote and made their own fantastic books and created some fabulous illustrations. We were joined throughout the week, by children's illustrator Anne Wilson, who held a special workshop with each class, to help the children create some wonderful illustrations. The children worked incredibly hard to create their books and it was wonderful that so many parents were able to come to our celebration afternoon a few weeks ago.

Thank you for your kind donations for the books. If you ordered and paid for your child's illustration to be framed, then these will be given out by your child's class teachers next week.



We do really appreciate your continued support and we are very proud of all of the children.

Miss Home



LOWER PHASE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

All assemblies will start at 9.05am and parents are welcome to attend.

FRIDAY 23RD JUNE—YEAR 3

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE—SUNFLOWER CLASS

FRIDAY 7TH JULY— BUTTERCUP CLASS

TUESDAY 11TH JULY—YEAR 2

UPPER PHASE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

All assemblies will start at 9.05am and parents are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY - TANZANITE CLASS

MONDAY 24TH JULY - YEAR 6 LEAVERS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

23rd June 2017

9.05am Year 3 Class Assembly

27th June 2017

Olympic Athlete Visit—Details to follow

28th June 2017

Whole School Transition Day

30th June 2017

9.05am Sunflower Class Assembly

PTA Fete Donation Day - Non School Uniform

1st July 2017

3.00pm - 6.00pm PTA Summer Fete & Barbeque

4th July 2017

Year 6 Leavers Production