



WIDNES ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

WEEK ENDING 8TH DECEMBER 2023



A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents and families who have sent sponsor money in for this morning's Santa Dash and to all those who came along to support the children. They had a fantastic time and were a credit to the school. So far you have raised a whopping amount of £1672 for which we are extremely grateful. The money raised will be used to provide extra enrichment opportunities for the children. We are blown away by the amount raised and we will get our thinking caps on and let you know as soon as possible what has been agreed.

CLUBS

Please note there will be no clubs during the last week of term.

NATIVITY

We have had a huge response to requests for nativity tickets for the last week of term. Due to the large number of tickets requested and restrictions in the hall, we are unfortunately unable to accommodate any requests for extra tickets for the KS1 and KS2 performances. If you have requested tickets for more than one performance, could you please let us know whether you want the morning or afternoon tickets. As previously advised, there are two tickets available for each family to watch one performance.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/CHRISTMAS JUMPER

Christmas lunch will be served next Wednesday 13th December (Roast turkey dinner or veggie option). If your child doesn't want Christmas lunch, please send them in with their own packed lunch. Children may wear Christmas jumpers on this day.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas fair will be held in school on Thursday 14th December from 3.30-5.30 pm. There will be stalls, tombolas, games and Santa's grotto. Santa's grotto tickets are on sale from the school office if anybody wants to buy one in advance as numbers are limited (£4 each).

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

We still have tickets available for breakfast with Santa on 20th and 21st December. Tickets are £5 each and can be bought from the school office.

FINAL DAY OF TERM

On the last day of term (Thursday 21st December) we will be having a party morning for all children. Children may come to school dressed in their party clothes. School closes on this day at 1.30 pm and re-opens on Thursday 4th January.

WHOLE SCHOOL VALUES

Each week the children will focus on one of the Widnes Academy School Values – next week we are concentrating on 'trust'.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

On Wednesday this week, Liz Roberts & Vicky Harris from Halton Mental Health Support Team (MHST) came to meet with the School Council. Our visitors were very keen to learn more about our councillors' roles as mental health ambassadors and peer wellbeing champions. Our children were able to share examples of good mental health practices, self-care strategies and how to look out for others within school. Our visitors also gained feedback from our councilors to help improve parts of their service. It was incredibly pleasing to see every single child give an exemplary account of themselves and show such a high level of maturity and enthusiasm!

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In my opinion, it shone a light on the positive impact that focusing on mental health and wellbeing within school has had. Both Liz and Vicky were extremely impressed and were already asking if they could come and visit again. I was so proud of them and it made my afternoon!

Mr Poole (Ed)
Pastoral Lead

WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have received a weekly award from their class teacher.

HEAD OF SCHOOL AWARD

This week's award goes to Freya in Year 6 for showing a caring attitude towards others.

KS1 PERSON OF THE WEEK - Peggy in Y1 for fantastic listening and question asking.

KS2 PERSON OF THE WEEK – Layla in Y6 for kind, supporting and nurturing behaviour to younger pupils.

PERSON OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Richard for some lovely playing and sharing with adults and friends.
Reception – Isla for doing amazing listening all week and being a superstar!
Year 1 – Ivan for super confidence in class.
Year 1/2 – Poppy for being a great historian
Year 3/4 – Lily for always tackling learning with a smile on her face
Year 4/5 – Mia for working hard on her personal development
Year 5/6 – Seb for always showing enthusiasm and being a good role model

STAR PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Reception – Evie-Leigh
Year 1 – Nicole
Year 1/2 – Fi
Year 3/4 – Noah J
Year 4/5 – Max T
Year 5/6 – Trent

READER OF THE WEEK

Reception – Matthias
Year 1 - Dylan
Year 1/2 – Rania
Year 3/4 – Sophie
Year 4/5 – Daria
Year 5/6 – Corey

CLASS DOJO CHAMPION

Reception – Porsche
Year 1 - Sofia
Year 1/2 - Alessio
Year 3/4 – Max
Year 4/5 - Franky
Year 5/6 – Oliver T

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Year 3/4 – Noah M
Year 4/5 – Olly
Year 5/6 – Amy

BIRTHDAYS

Many happy returns to Lucas in Y6, Mahmoud in Y6, Jax in Reception, Iyla in Y5 and Blake in Y1 who celebrate their birthdays this week.

ATTENDANCE

Reception -	98%
Year 1 -	82%
Year 1/2 -	90%
Year 3/4 -	94%
Year 4/5 -	96%
Year 5/6 -	91%

SCHOOL PANTRY

A reminder that our school pantry is open for anyone needing a helping hand – we have food, household, toiletry and clothing available. Please contact the school office if you would like to visit the pantry.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 13 th Dec	Christmas Jumper day Christmas Lunch
Thurs 14 th Dec	Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30 pm
Mon 18 th Dec	Foundation stage Nativity 9.30 am and 2.00 pm
Tues 19 th Dec	KS2 Nativity 10.00 am and 3.30 pm
Weds 20 th Dec	Breakfast with Santa 7.45 am KS1 Nativity 10.00 am and 2.00 pm
Thurs 21 st Dec	Breakfast with Santa 7.45 am School Party (party clothes) School closes for Christmas break 1.30 pm
Thurs 4 th Jan	School re-opens for Spring term
Weds 7 th Feb	School Nurse Drop-in 9.00 am

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