



Friday 19th July 2024

Our vision is 'Let your light shine'. The rainbow symbolises God's unconditional love for each individual. We seek to reflect that light in all we do: in our community, both local and wider, in our communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage, and with care and compassion for everyone, inspiring a love of learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another exciting and productive year, it is the perfect time to reflect back on the accomplishments and experiences that have made this year so special. Congratulations to the children for the good progress they have made in their learning across the curriculum and for their participation in a range of extra-curricular activities and community events. The staff have shown such dedication and commitment and our children have had positive attitudes, demonstrating determination to make the very best of every opportunity offered to them.

On Monday 15th July, Early Years and Key Stage One took part in sports day. There were seven different events and all the children performed brilliantly, trying their best and enjoying the event. The rain held off long enough for the relays to happen and score announced!

Congratulations to all children.

1st – 458 points Wiltshire

2nd – 443 points Anning

3rd – 417 points Parks

4th – 361 points Barnardo

Unfortunately the weather was against us this year and we were unable to hold the KS2 Sports Day however the children did get the opportunity to compete against each other in phases, earning points for their Houses.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish our very special Year Six leavers good luck! We wish them every success for the next steps in their learning journey and will miss them very much; we hope that they carry a little piece of Winslow in their hearts as their move on to their different secondary schools.

Next week we will also be saying goodbye to Mr Wright, Miss Walton and Mrs Weir. They are all leaving us to embark on new challenges and we wish them the very best of luck. I would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment to the children at Winslow School - we will miss them very much.

Mrs Parker will also be leaving at the end of term to start her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing about the safe arrival of baby Parker in the autumn term!

As we begin to look towards the year ahead, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support. We hope you all have a happy and safe summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby
Headteacher

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Learning Snapshots

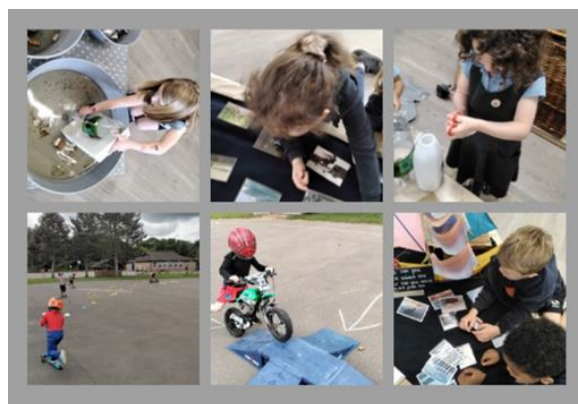
Rainbows

This half term, the children in Rainbows have been busy exploring with curiosity and wonder! In particular, they have shown a keen interest in mini beasts. They have enjoyed reading books about different mini beasts, conducting mini beast hunts in the outdoor area and creating pictures of mini beasts using paint, pencils and different textures to stick. Alongside this, Rainbows have enjoyed practising their racing skills ready for Sports Day. In preparation, they enjoyed designing their very own medals. Some children chose to extend their learning of races further to build into their interests of cars and trains. This has most definitely supported their skills in turn taking and resilience.



Reception

Through the topic 'Are we nearly there yet?' the children in Reception have enjoyed exploring where they have been on holiday, both within the UK and other countries. Using a map, the children explored where they have travelled to and the mode of transport used to get there! They particularly enjoyed finding out about the history of different modes of transport, discussing how they have changed and then making junk modelling boats that float. Bringing in bikes and scooters for their very own transport afternoon was very exciting!



The children have also explored the different types of animal groups including; farm animals, safari animals; sea animals and mini-beasts through their topic 'We're not scared.' This has provide a wonderful opportunity to discuss the features the animals have and why they live in certain habitats. Their visit to Hogshaw Farm was a perfect way to end the term where the children saw different farm animals and talked with Farmer Phil.

Year One

Earlier in the year, Year One entered a Young Writers Competition where they had to draw a picture of a monster and give them names. They then described their monster using interesting adjectives to write an acrostic poem. The entries were of such a high standard that they were all chosen as winners! This means that they are going to have their poems published in a book and we look forward to seeing the book in the library in September.

The children have all worked hard to learn new maths skills such as how to tell the time and recognising different coins. Science has provided the opportunity to explore plants and seasonal change. The children particularly enjoyed tracking the weather and comparing the seasons.



Year Two

From making puppets, to a visit to Waddesdon Manor, the children in Year Two really have had a fantastic final term!

English units have really inspired the children to write this term, especially when composing persuasive letters to the local MP about climate change and environmental damage. The children really immersed themselves in this and produced very successful pieces of writing.

The children have developed new skills in Design and Technology, learning how to sew a basic running stitch and applying this new skill to make puppets. Although this was challenging at times, it was really clear to see how the children's resilience and growth mindset has developed this year.



Science lessons have been full of practical exploration, predicting what plants need to grow and testing this through various investigations. This learning took the children to Waddesdon Manor where they had a fantastic day out, with the perfect weather! The children applied their science knowledge in brilliantly and it was so clear how much they have learnt and enjoyed in Science this year. Enjoying a day of outdoor Science learning at Waddesdon Manor really was a perfect activity for their final term of KS1.

Year Three

Year Three have had a super busy but enjoyable summer term and the children have really embraced learning across the curriculum. In English they have been learning about dragons which led to creating non-chronological reports, while in Maths the children have explored shape, telling the time and statistics.

The children greatly enjoyed their trip to Milton Keynes Museum and were able to look at the changes in local history and the development of transport. They even got a chance to have a look around a Victorian school room and find out how schools have changed throughout history.

Our budding artists have had the opportunity to sculpt from clay this term and to continue to develop their sketching skills. While learning about Forces & Magnets, investigating the strength of magnets and sorting materials into magnetic and non-magnetic has provided the children with the perfect opportunity to experience awe and wonder!



Year Four



Year Four have been learning about Vikings and Anglo-Saxons in History this term and became Viking engineers! They studied Viking longships, from their design to their capabilities, and used observations to design their very own warships. They enjoyed exploring terrifying heads on the prow, brightly coloured sails and strong, bright shields. This led to giving the boats fear-inducing names to make enemies quiver in their boots! To evaluate their ships, they set sail in the playground: every single one floated successfully!

In Geography this term, the children have learnt about biomes, climate zones, vegetation belts (with a focus on the Alps) and Climate Change. They have been considering ways to reduce our impact on the Earth, demonstrating respect and thankfulness for our world.

Year Five

Year 5 have had a very busy term working hard creating 3D theatre sets for the story *The Gruffalo* during Art and DT lessons. They began by exploring the outdoor areas by sketching different types of plants. This helped to inspire ideas for the backdrops of the sets. They then looked at what a theatre set looks like including its main features before designing their own. After a few weeks of creation, the children finally had theatres sets to admire which they are really proud of!

Also this term, the children have created persuasive letters linking with the Book '*Kick*' by *Mitch Johnson*. This fiction book explores a real-life problem of child labour within the football industry. The children found it extremely interesting to learn about this issue and it

helped to inspire their own persuasive letters to a famous sporting hero. They wrote to raise awareness of the problem and to encourage others to choose brands which do not support Child Labour.



Overall, Year 5 have worked exceptionally hard this term across all subjects. Mrs Gurney and Mrs Shirley are extremely proud of everything they have achieved and feel confident that they are ready for the challenges of Year Six!

Year Six

During the summer term, Year Six have experienced a series of significant and memorable events. The term began with preparing for and successfully completing their SATS examinations. The children should feel proud about how positively they approached this challenge and their achievements and progress.

Following the completion of their exams, excitement grew as they prepared for their end-of-year production, "Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies." The production involved weeks of rehearsals, with every one of them working hard to perfect their lines, learn songs, and practice choreography. This production was not only a highlight of the term but also a wonderful way for the children to conclude their primary school experience.

Notably, our children also embarked on a special trip to Oxford Cathedral for the Leaver's Service, a celebration designed to honour their time at primary school. The children and staff gathered to reflect on achievements, to share memories and to look forward to the future. We are incredibly proud of them all!



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Termly Values Awards

Each Term we choose children who have displayed all of the School Values throughout the term to be awarded the Values Cups. Each Values Cup winner is awarded with a lovely trophy that they are able to keep at home for the next term. Congratulations to the following children who are a good example to others to follow and admire:

Year 1: Thomas & Lewis

Year 2: Vienna & Daria

Year 3: Cameron & Frankie

Year 4: Lucy & Reuben

Year 5: Amelie & Victoria

Year 6: Carmen & Shaun

Miss Weston Award

Miss Weston was a teacher who taught at Winslow School several years ago and gave her time generously so that all children could achieve their best both academically and socially. Every year one pupil from Year Five is awarded the Miss Weston Cup. The criteria for the award recognises that the nominated individual has gone the 'extra mile' and reflected the school values in all areas of school life. They might have had to overcome difficulties to achieve socially or academically or, may have supported others to overcome their barriers.

Congratulations to James for being awarded the Miss Weston Cup this year. James consistently lets his light shine and always demonstrates all of our school values in everything he does. He is polite, responsible and a fantastic role model to others. James has many wonderful qualities but we have particularly recognised his kindness towards others. He is extremely supportive and encouraging towards his peers and always congratulations them on their successes. James works exceptionally hard, putting 100% effort into every subject. He really is a pleasure to be around and is very deserving of this award.

House Points

Congratulations to Barnardo House who have earned the most House Points this year. In Collective Worship today, the House Captains, Roman and Lottie were presented with the Cup, adorned with house colours.

Parks	Barnardo	Wiltshire	Anning
19,365	21,127	21,057	19,867

Attendance

Well done to 4SW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 95.16%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 89.13%.

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Sky Class	92.92%
Sunshine Class	94.84%
1AA	77.17%
1SB	87.88%
2AA	87.04%
2JW	81.33%
3SN	81.52%
3AP	84.0%
4KF	94.17%
4SW	95.16%
5RS	89.80%
5FG	91.67%
6KEP	94.44%
6CM	92.80%

Intra School Sports Competition

Reception, Year One and Year Two took part in a multi-skills competition on Thursday morning. They competed in 6 different events. Bouncing a ball, aiming the beanbag into the hoop, treasure hunt, beanbag squats, crossing the river and speed jumps. All children had a wonderful time, cheering on their team. Well done to Barnardo Team!

Results

1st – Barnardo (246 points)

2nd – Parks (206 points)

3rd – Wiltshire (173 points)

4th – Anning (151 points)

Kidzone Summer Multi-Activity Holiday Club






Our Ofsted registered Multi-Activity holiday clubs at Winslow CE School is open from Wednesday 24th July - Friday 30th August 2024. Each full day consists of 4 guided activity hours where children take part in 'Sports Starz' & 'Creative Starz' activities. Accompanied with free play and weekly themed activities, there is something for everyone!

Childcare vouchers/tax free child care accepted.

To book a place for your child or for more information, please contact Kidzone directly by emailing: www.kidzzoneclub.com (10% off listed prices: 'KZSUN')

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Epps or Miss Daisy Allen via the School Office on 01296 712296 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Katie Epps Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Miss Daisy Allen Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Child Protection Governor Mr David Shaw	

What can we do even better as a school?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in contact with Mrs Dimbleby via the school office, or better still, come and chat to her at the start or the end of the day on the playground.



Diary Dates

Please find below our calendar of events for your immediate attention.

Date	Event	Year Group
Monday 22 nd July (2:00pm)	Y6 Leaver's Service at St Laurence Church	Year Six
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last Day of Term	Whole School
SUMMER HOLIDAY		
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET DAY	Whole School
Wednesday 4 th September	INSET DAY	Whole School
Thursday 5 th September	Children return for the start of the autumn term	Whole school

*This Term's Value is: **Forgiveness***

*"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. **Matthew 6:14***

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