



Witham St Hughs Academy
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Witham News

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Headteacher Comments

Welcome to our May newsletter and I hope that you have had a great half term so far. Finally, the sun has started to shine so let's hope that this continues for the remainder of the summer term.

Following our successful Ofsted inspection last term, we continue to be very busy at school. Our children have had some super opportunities this term and some highlights include: an absolutely brilliant Y3/4 production of 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Camelot', our Wild in the Woods project and the EYFS children loved their minibeast wow day. On the sporting front we continue to give our children opportunities to participate in a range of sports. Y5 have also taken part in Bikeability and have been brilliant on the roads.

This week, we showed how lucky we are to be part of such an incredible team and had fun making the word 'Outstanding' on the field.



The report can be found on our website on the following link:

<https://withamsthughsacademy.co.uk/key-information/ofsted>

As always, if you do have any questions then please come and speak to your child's class teacher or alternatively contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Richard Stock

Headteacher, Witham St Hughs Academy

Office Opening Hours

Monday — Thursday

8.15am—4.15pm

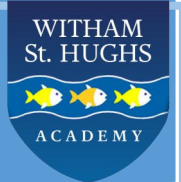
Friday

8.15am—4.00pm

Facebook

As always, please remember to follow all of our rich and varied curriculum activities and find out what your children have been doing on our Facebook page.

We work hard to show all of our ambitions so again, thank you for supporting us with this!



Safeguarding News

We have a few reminders about the expectations to ensure our children feel safe and happy in school.

- Please do not call your children over and talk to them at the perimeter fence during lunchtime and playtime
- The rear gate at school will not be open in the morning and afternoon for parents to come in to school. Please ensure that you use the main playground gates on pick up and after school.

Y6 SATS reminders

Our Y6 children have been working so hard this year and next week they have their KS2 assessments.

They all deserve to do so well and I know that all of our children will approach the week with great maturity and commitment.

This will mean that there are slight timetable changes for the children but the teaching team will explain this to the children. The changes will include different playtimes on certain days and the number of assemblies taking place next week will be less due to using different spaces around school.

I am sure you will join us all in wishing our amazing team all of the very best as they deserve to all do so well.



Good luck Y6 and thank you parents for being so supportive.

Sporting News



We have had an action packed fixture list this term and here are some highlights!

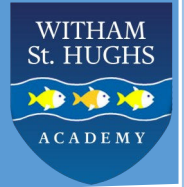
- Year 6 boys football coming to an end of their season and looking to finish strongly
- Year 5 and Year 6 girls football team started their season and doing so well, winning 3 games and losing 1 so far
- Mixed cross country team achieving 4th overall with the girls team finishing 2nd
- Some children have taken part in different School Games events such as tri-golf and multi-skills festival. More events are coming up soon
- Year 5 and Year 6 High 5 netball team started training and are looking forward to some friendly fixtures in the upcoming weeks

Wild in the Woods

Year groups across the school have been busy exploring our Witham Woods, as part of our Wild in the Woods project.

As part of our developing curriculum, we continue to build our outdoor provision. The children absolutely loved it and found so many tadpoles, frogs and newts!





Sport Uniform and Bags

In our continuous pursuit of high expectations in sport, we expect all children to wear full indoor and outdoor P.E. kit.

This includes wearing long sleeved black tops if you are outside or a pair jogging bottoms.

Children should also be bringing in a spare pair of socks for PE lesson.

Please can we ensure that bookbags only have one small flat keyring on, the keyrings are getting bigger and the bookbags do not fit in the children's trays with all the bulk attached.

Thank you for your support.



The PTFA would like to thank everyone for their brilliant support this academic year.



School Values

Just a reminder of our school values. These form the heart of our school ethos and we promote them each day. Our KS1 children bring home stickers home if they show our values and our KS2 children earn citizenship points for showing them.



Lost Property

We have an increasing amount of lost property being left at school.

In order to help us ensure we have every chance of the lost property reaching their owner, can you please make sure ALL items are named and the outside box is checked on a regular basis.

School site reminders

Please be reminded that children and adults should not be on their bikes and scooters once they come onto the school premises.

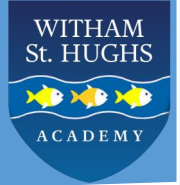
With so many adults and children coming onto the school site, we need to ensure that everyone remains safe and doesn't get knocked into.

Please can we also ensure that everyone looks where they are going when entering the school because it can become extremely congested and again we need to make sure that everyone remains safe.

Warmer weather

Please be reminded that if we do get warmer weather—fingers crossed—then please consider ensuring that your children have hats when at school and apply some sun cream before they come to school.

Unfortunately outside on the field, we have limited shady spots so this will help ensure they are protected from the sun if needed.



Diary dates

May 2024

Monday 13th May **Y6 SATS week begins**

Wednesday 22nd -
Friday 24th May **Y2 at Rand Farm**

Friday 24th May **Term five ends**

June 2024

Monday 3rd June **Term six begins**

Monday 10th June **Y1 phonics screening check
Y4 multiplication check**

Tuesday 11th June **EYFS visit to Pink Pig Farm**

Tuesday 18th June **Y6 visit to Lincoln Castle**

Wednesday 19th June and
Thursday 20th June **Eco-Team at the Lincolnshire Show**

Friday 21st June **World Music Day**

July 2024

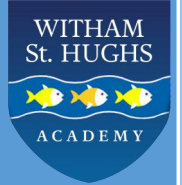
Monday 1st July **Y3/4 Sports Day am
EYFS Sports Day pm**

Tuesday 2nd July **Y1/2 Sports Day am**

Wednesday 3rd July **Y5/6 Sports Day am**

Monday 16th July **Y5/6 Production—evening performance**
Tuesday 17th July **Y5/6 Production—afternoon and evening performance**

Friday 19th July **Term six ends at 2.00pm**



Welcome to the Witham Well-Being update. As we start the new term we will hopefully see some more signs of summer arriving in the next few weeks. Here is a lovely resource for something to do each day throughout May. Why not try a few?

Meaningful May 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why
8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature
15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight
29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier · Kinder · Together**

Pastoral Support

Ms Ford continues to support those children who may need additional support. She has dedicated time during the school day to talk to children about their feelings. These sessions take place in the nurture room on an individual or small group basis. There are a range of groups which Ms Ford regularly leads including :

* Young Carers * Bereavement * Separated families * Emotions and Feelings

Please do let us know if you would like more information about these groups.

Who to contact?

Remember that we are always here to support you and Michelle Dexter our distinct groups leader contacts many parents regularly to make sure everything is going well. Her email address is michelle.dexter@withamsthughsacademy.co.uk

If you think that you need further support then do not hesitate to contact school on: 01522 869590 or admin@withamsthughsacademy.co.uk

Useful Numbers

Child Line: 0800 1111

Young Carers Helpline: 01522 553 275

Samaritans: 01522 528 282

Family Services: 0800 195 1635

Women's Aid: 0808 2000 247

Attendance

Part of Mrs Dexter's role is continuing to monitor attendance at the academy. She will regularly contact families where children's attendance has dropped below 90% with a welfare check and to offer support if required. Please continue to let the office know if your child is absent.