

WIDNES ACADEMY NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING 10TH JANUARY 2025

On behalf of all schools in the Wade Deacon Trust, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you all personally for the encouragement and support you have given to us this week in ensuring that our schools have been able to remain open, safe and caring spaces for your children.

We know the disruption to work and personal commitments that a school closure can cause, and we will always do everything we can to ensure that we can to keep our schools open. The continuity of education for our pupils is at the forefront of decision making and we have taken steps each day to make sure our sites are safe for pupils and staff.

The messages of support that you have given to our schools for remaining open have been a real encouragement and boost to our teams working tirelessly in the background to keep our schools operating. We thank you for these kind words.

We would also like to thank each of our Local Authorities and emergency services for the work they have undertaken during this week in challenging circumstances.

It has been a very cold week and we hope that you all remain safe.

We look forward to working with you in the term ahead.

Kind regards from all Trustees, Governors and Staff at Wade Deacon Trust, Grange Academy, Halewood Academy, Hillside High School, Sylvester Primary, Wade Deacon High, Weston Point Primary, Whiston Willis Primary, Widnes Academy, Yew Tree Primary

SCHOOL MEALS

As you know, we have changed catering companies and all meals are cooked with fresh ingredients each day. All was going well until our hot serving trolley broke on Wednesday. We have a new one ordered but unfortunately, until this arrives, we will only be able to offer packed lunches, however there will be a hot item offered with the lunch each day (for example sausage/vegan sausage roll). We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and will advise as soon as we are back to hot lunches.

WELLBEING WORKSHOP

A text has been sent out earlier this week to parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to advise that we have booked the Family Learning tutors from Halton Borough Council to run a Wellbeing Workshop in school on Wednesday 22nd January from 1.30 to 3.00 pm. During this time you are invited to join your child in school for a variety of fun and hands on activities that focus on and create discussion around how we can ensure we have a healthy lifestyle and good mental wellbeing. We still have some places left so if you would like to attend please contact the school office.

EYFS CLUB

Mrs Williams and Miss Grace will be starting a club for families of 2 and 3 years olds which will start on Thursday 30th January and will run every two weeks. The club will be from 3.15 to 4.00 pm and will be for 2 and 3 year olds and their parents/guardians. Children must be accompanied by an adult for the sessions.

CLUBS

Club will be starting next week – notes were sent out today giving details of places for anyone that applied.

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WEEKLY AWARDS

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

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

This week's award goes Zamaad in Year 2 for being a fantastic role model in class.

PERSON OF THE WEEK

Nursery –Sameera for a fantastic start to Nursery. Nightingale – Alice for choosing lovely writing activities in continuous provision.

Armstrong – Isabella for trying really hard to learn the tricky words in her new phonics group.

Jemison – Blake for always being kind to those around him.

Malala –Issac for excellent work applying his new learning.

Attenborough – Willow for always showing a good attitude to her work and putting in her best effort.

STAR PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Nightingale - Albie Armstrong –Sofia Jemison –Lincoln Malala - Alfie Attenborough –Amelia

READER OF THE WEEK

Nightingale - Igor Armstrong – Evie-Leigh Jemison – Isla Malala –Alex Attenborough –Brenden

CLASS DOJO CHAMPION

Nightingale - Freddie Armstrong – Cole Jemison - Anca Malala – Oliver Attenborough -Brenden

SCHOOL VALUE AWARD (Responsibility)

Nightingale – Izzy Armstrong – Joel Jemison- Anca Malala – Oliver Attenborough – Sienna

TT ROCKSTAR AWARD

Jemison - Lincoln Malala – Cleo and Patryk Attenborough -Esme

BIRTHDAYS

Many happy returns to Evan in Year 1 who celebrates his birthday this week.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Weds 22 nd Jan | Wellbeing workshop for parents |
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| | of Rec, Year1 and Year 2 |
| Mon 27 th Jan | School Nurse Drop in 8.45 am |
| Friday 14 th Feb | School closes for half term |
| Tues 25 th Feb | School re-opens |

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