

Principal's Message

I do hope that you managed to see the excellent article in last Wednesday's Leicester Mercury, detailing Ofsted's opinion on the progress that Winstanley has continued to make. Please click on the link below to read it if you missed it. In this ever changing educational climate, I am confident that we are providing the best education possible for our local community, something as a school we have always strived to do. In this edition, you will see articles on the visit of Drew Sullivan, Great Britain Basketball Captain, the successful completion of our outdoor Gym, as well as others.

We have also changed the way we operate our duties in and around school, to become a higher profile in and around our community each morning and afternoon. Expect to see teachers at key areas around Kingsway North/Bidford Road, and outside Kingsway Primary from now on, as our students enter and exit school. This is something we feel strongly about, as we want to play an active part in the local community and work to ensure that our students behave well on the way to and from school every day.

The behaviour and safety of our students is paramount to us here at Winstanley, and has been recognised as good by Ofsted on their last two visits. As an example, I will share with you our data on behaviour in and around school on 1st March, where there were 421 achievement points recorded across school, whilst there were only 16 conduct points recorded. This ratio is repeated daily and shows the great successes we have had in stamping out the vast majority of low level disruption across lessons in school. In order now to ensure that we move this on even further, we will be issuing students who are removed from lessons with an automatic, one hour, after school detention on the day that they were removed. Parents/carers will of course be notified of this by text or telephone.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Mr Williams

Principal, Winstanley Community College

<http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/County-school-making-good-progress-seven-months/story-28798317>

Shooting Star inspires Students!

On Monday 8th February we welcomed Drew Sullivan, Leicester Riders star, Olympian and Team GB Basketball captain to Winstanley. He was here as part of the 'Sky Living for Sport' initiative which provides secondary schools with mentors who have achieved success in their sport and can offer inspiration and advice to build confidence and develop life skills.

As a specialist Sports College we were very lucky to have Drew to visit us and inspire our pupils. During the day-long visit Drew spoke to years 7 and 8 in assembly. He then talked in-depth about motivation and drive to succeed with a group of students who had been

selected to take part in Living for Sport. From the classroom they then went on to do some team activities and basketball skills. He joined year 10 for their PE lesson where he got everyone involved in a range of activities. During lunch time he did a coaching session

with our basketball team ready for their match after school.

The training must have paid off as the team won their game 39 - 33!

Drew was keen to share his knowledge, enthusiasm and experience with young people and says: "I am very excited

about interacting with pupils on school visits and hopefully inspiring them to pursue any dreams or talents that they have. I think Sky Sports Living for Sport can truly empower young people to take control of their lives in a very proactive way."



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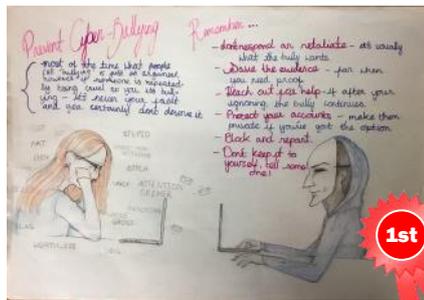
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Staying safe on-line!

During February we celebrated Safer Internet Day here at Winstanley. Our IT Department ran a poster competition for the students which gave them an opportunity to think about internet safety and the issues that effect young people. They put a lot of thought and creativity into their designs and we were able to use their finished posters on our social media sites on the day.

Safer Internet Day (SID) is organised by Insafe in February of each year to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially amongst children and young people across the world. With a theme of 'Play your part for a better internet!', the day was celebrated across the globe, with people coming together through thousands of events and activities to play their part in creating a safer and better internet.

The winners of the competition were 3rd place Katie Powers 8FT, 2nd place Brodie Hempenstall 9LOR and 1st place Oliwia Zapisek 9JB.



Sharing music!

A group of enthusiastic students from year 9 along with musically gifted year 8 have had the opportunity to share their learning with pupils at local primary schools by delivering music workshops. The Arts award is led by Mrs Olnier, Head of Music with support from Winstanley students.



Winstanley students are supporting year 3 and 4 students. During the workshop students create a secret handshake using different hand shapes which are then converted into musical notes to create a melody. The music project allows students to develop their communication skills, improve leadership qualities, build self esteem and successfully work in a team.



So far we have visited Kingsway Primary and Ravenhurst Primary, with the next workshop scheduled to be at Millfield Primary School.

Time to tackle the Gym!

We are very pleased to finally have an outdoor Gym at Winstanley! Over half-term contractors were in school installing the equipment which we are hoping will keep pupils occupied at lunch time as well as improving fitness.

The idea for a Gym came from our student council who had seen equipment in local parks and thought that it would be beneficial to the school, as a specialist sports. Although we initially had pupils and parents who were prepared to raise the money we have now had funding from the Rugby charity 'Wooden Spoon' who have provided almost all the funding for the project.



As part of the agreement with Wooden Spoon we will be holding a launch and inviting along a sports personality to officially open the Gym, and hopefully getting them lots of publicity for their good causes.

The Gym features 10 pieces of equipment and is situated near the all-weather football pitches. Included in the gym are a cross-rider, rowing machine, chest press and an air-walker. We hope that our students will be getting a lot of use out of it especially as we move towards the summer term and better weather.



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Community News!

We have some fantastic learning opportunities for adults happening in the evenings at Winstanley. As well as learning something new it's a great place to meet new people. We have a FREE cookery course running on the 12th and 14th March which has been organised by Leicestershire County Council, and demonstrates ways to use left-over food. We also have some great sports opportunities on offer for the whole family including Zumba, table-tennis, badminton and new to Winstanley— karate run by Matrix Martial Arts. Our ever popular cake-decorating course started last week and there are still places available for anyone who is feeling creative.

Work is underway repairing the fire damage to the swimming pool. The changing facilities are currently being upgraded and we have had the go-ahead to have a new roof, which will give the pool area a

fresh, modern feel with new LED lighting. It is hoped that all the repairs and refurbishment work will be completed by June and we will then be able to provide our usual facilities both to the public and our pupils. To find out more about any of the activities contact the Community Office on 0116 289 9713.



Competition Winner!

Before Christmas Mrs Mace's tutor group 7KMA were busy colouring pictures for a competition run by Nisa convenience stores. Not only did they produce a festive display board for their form room but they also produced a Winstanley Winner.

Saskia Galliard was thrilled with the news that she had won a trip to Cadburys World along with her family, as well as a big pile of chocolate bars!

Hope you and your family have a great day out!



Team talk!

Our Year 8 girls football team, and Year 8 and 9 boys rugby teams have had a busy time with fixtures against Castle Rock, Ivanhoe and Newbridge. They have been up against some tough opposition in their games so far but are hoping for better results in their upcoming games against South Charnwood and Brookvale.

The Year 11 boys basketball team have had success in their last two games winning 39-33 against Ashby School and 32-11 against Groby.



Year 7 - Sukhjinder Jagpal, Emilija Dvinska

Year 8 - Owen Beadman, Libby-Rae McManus

Year 9 - Joe Duffy, Chloe McLaughlin

Year 10 - Jack Marlow, Natalia Szmaja

Year 11 - Lennie Stamp, Carmen Goode

P.E. Stars
January



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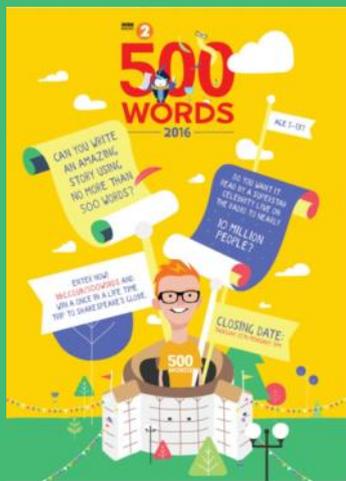
Thanks to Alex McGowen from Leicestershire Library Service who came to speak to some of our keen readers last week. He bought along a selection of books which he personally recommended, and read some excerpts so that our students could get a flavour of the books. We have the books on loan for a few months so that pupils can take them out of the library. There are some great titles including Slam by Nick Hornby, Runemarks by Joanne Harris and A Brighter Fear by Kerry Drewery. We hope that by offering a wide choice of books to our students they will leave Winstanley with a life-long love of reading.



Love Writing!

Our Librarian, Mrs Bate along with the English department has been encouraging our students to get writing over half-term and enter Chris Evans and the BBCs #500words writing competition.

We have had a number of students complete the task as homework and it looks like we have some enthusiastic writers amongst our year 7s this year. Although the deadline for submitting entries has now passed pupils can also hand their entries into their teachers and Mrs Bate will be offering a £10 book voucher to the best entry from Winstanley. We will hopefully be able to include the winning story in next months edition of Winstanley Life.



Support World Challenge!

Help Emily and Gemma raise money for their World Challenge trip. They have organised an Indian buffet meal which promises to be a great night out. See the flyer below for more details or hand money in to Mrs Cooke.

£15 per person

Chef and Spice Charity Meal

We would like to invite you to a meal to raise funds for our World Challenge trip to Morocco.

Where: Chef and Spice
Date: Tuesday 8th March
Time: 7:00pm, for buffet to start at 7:30pm
Price: £15 Person
£9 from every ticket will go towards our World challenge expedition ...

World Challenge **Chef & Spice**
Barqueting in Style

See Emily and Gemma for more information and tickets..

Upcoming Events/Term Dates

Weds 16th March - Winstanley's Got Talent Final
Wednesday 23rd March - Yr 11 Leavers Photo
Thursday 24th March - Reports to parents
Thursday 24th March - Last day of term

25th March - 10th April - Easter Break

Friday 15th April - DofE walk and camp at school
Thursday 21st April - Year 7 Subject Evening
Thursday 21st April - Uniform Shop

For a full list of term dates please see our website



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Matrix Martial Arts Is Expanding www.Karate-Leicester.com

Family Karate For
Ages 7 Years to Adult

New Venue Starting
1st March 2016
Tuesdays at 5pm

Winstanley Community
College Dance Studio

Or Come See Us In
Our Existing Class
Mondays at 5pm

St. Andrews Church Hall
Hinckley Road, Leicester Forest East



For More Details Head to Our Website
or Call Mr Hector (Instructor) on 07949915577

Other Venues Across The Club Include

Reckney Houghton-on-the-Hill Mountsorrel Leicester City Centre

Winstanley Wizards Table Tennis Club

Table Tennis England
Registered no. 1484

Where:

Winstanley Community College
Kingsway North
Braunstone
Leicester
LE3 3BD

When:

Juniors: Monday 6:30 – 8:00pm
Adults: Tuesday 6:30 – 9:30pm

Cost:

Juniors - £2.00
Adults - £3.00



Pay and play table tennis sessions. No booking or experience required. Table tennis coaching and advice is available as well as someone to co-ordinate the sessions.

Beginners welcome, come along, have some fun and keep fit at the same time! Separate room for adults.

We provide table tennis bats and balls for those who require them.

For more information contact John Greening on 0116 2388364 or 07835094937

Email – john.greening@mypostoffice.co.uk

Or Visit our website –

www.winstanleywizardstabledtennisclub.webeden.co.uk

Working In Harmony with – Leicestershire County Council + Blaby District Council



Archery club

Archery Beginners Course

- The Foxes – a small and friendly archery club for all ages.
- Next course: Sunday mornings, 10th, 17th and 24th April 2016.
 - nine hours of tuition
 - aims are to teach you the basic techniques of shooting and scoring and how to shoot safely
 - cost: £50 for seniors (18 and over) and £25 for juniors.
 - all kit needed is provided.
- Corporate 'try archery' sessions also available.
- For more information visit www.the-foxes.org.uk



FOREST BADMINTON CLUB

New members wanted who can play,
youngsters and adults

Meet on Tuesday Evenings at Winstanley College
Sports Hall 8pm – 9.30 pm during school term time

Please come along for a free taster session

For more information please call:-
Martin on 07850 720306 or
Jean on 0116 2898134



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