

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## A highlight from last week...

Quite a few of our children had the opportunity to visit Arthog Outreach in Wellington last week, exploring and discovering their own strengths and weaknesses, as well as building up a sense of social awareness and teamwork.

We are committed to this kind of activity because we know how much children grow and develop personally, socially (and even spiritually) through doing it.

Mr Gibbons is the chairperson of a local steering group for outdoor education, including Arthog Outreach, Arthog Wales and Sky Reach in the Town Park.




# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

This morning I did a video assembly about keeping ourselves safe with our online behaviour.

I think we all know to keep our personal details safe and to be careful about meeting and chatting with new people online.

But do we think about how being in an online environment can affect the choices we make and the way we behave?

How much does it matter to us how many online friends or followers we have? Or how many views and likes we get for things we share?

Does wanting to be popular online make us change who we are... sometimes perhaps in a not very positive way? Do we try to be a fake version of ourselves just to make other people happy?

I want Windmill children to make good choices. Adults at school and at home should help children not feel they have to be a certain way online because they think they will be popular if they do. They should be true to themselves.

The five strands of our strategic plan are:

- **Metacognition** (children understanding their learning journey) '**We learn well**'
- **Interaction** (all of us speaking, listening and communicating effectively) '**We speak well**'
- **Writing** (using extensive vocabulary, correct grammar and punctuation) '**We write well**'
- **Collaboration** (partnering with others to improve what we do) '**We work together**'
- **Aspiration** (bringing the best out in each other and aiming high) '**We are inspired**'



## What's going on?

To help you keep up with everything, the office staff and teaching staff will use this page for reminders and prompts!

### Other news and notices

#### Lost Property

Will be by the main office every Tuesday from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

#### Reception Applications

Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019? They can start primary school in September 2023!

Apply for a school place now > <https://orlo.uk/YE415>

Have a question? Get in touch via email >

[Admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:Admissions@telford.gov.uk)

**Christmas is coming .. I'm looking for donations of Christmas Jumpers , Dresses and TShirts. I'm holding a Christmas Craft Coffee afternoon on the 5th December. Used Christmas jumpers etc will be available for parents to take ready for Christmas Jumper day on the 8th December. All donations to be taken to your child's class and I will collect. Timing for Coffee afternoon will be shared shortly.**

Thanks Mrs Coles.

***Please don't forget to connect with your child's class on ClassDojo and set up ParentPay, we use these to communicate with you all the time. Ask for help at the office if you need to.***

#### 10 things every Windmill parent/carer should know...

10. Rewards and Consequences (R's and C's) are shared with you on ClassDojo, so you should know if your child is getting positive recognition for their attitude and behaviour. We put the emphasis on the positives, and C's are there to warn children away from the negatives.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Practise putting on and doing up my coat independently - it's getting cold out there!

#### Year 1

- Read your RWI book at home.

#### Year 2

- Practise your lines for the play (if you have a speaking part).

#### Year 3

- Children have been learning about the Rock Cycle- can they tell you how sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks are formed?

#### Year 4

- Please wear correct PE kit on a Wednesday and Friday

#### Year 5

- When reading at home, please talk about the different descriptions of characters.

#### Year 6

- Don't forget about parent consultations on Monday.

Safety Message: How many times are you checking devices? Regular checks will mean they are safe!

Parent Meetings - are this week - if you are unsure or dates and times please Dojo your class teacher.

### Clubs

(Priority for clubs is given to invited children, based on need)

#### **Monday:**

- UKS2 Girls Football
- Year 5-6 Dodgeball

#### **Tuesday:**

- Year 1-2 Football
- Year 3-6 Choir
- Year 1-2 Multi-skills

#### **Wednesday:**

- LKS2 Gymnastics
- Year 3-4 Football
- Year 3-4 Table Tennis

#### **Thursday:**

- UKS2 Dance
- Year 5 Football
- Year 5-6 Basketball

#### **Friday:**

- Year 6 Football

#### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 4541, Cluddley 4540, Upton 3882 and Rowton 3805.

#### Term Dates:

Break up Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and children return Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.