

Monday 27th February 2023

Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

We welcome the children back today and look ahead to a shorter half-term before the Easter break. We have five weeks back at school, and I know that teachers have a lot of learning experiences planned to pack into those 25 days!

Our curriculum is full and ambitious, but that's because our aims for how much children can learn are high. We want to launch children into secondary school at their end of their time at Windmill in a way that makes the secondary school teachers say, "Wow! What an amazing group of children that have come from Windmill!"

Have a look at the [Curriculum pages on our website](#) to find out more.

Coming up in the next few weeks will be another chance to meet your child's teacher to see how they are getting on. Thank you for your support in attending these; your children really appreciate you coming into the meetings (otherwise they have to do them on their own...)!

A highlight from last week...

In the week before half-term, 37 Year 6 children travelled to Arthog Outdoor Education Centre in North Wales and stayed for a five-night residential.

Activities included: climbing, canoeing, raft-building, mountain walking, beach clearing and gorge walking. The experience of being away from home, seeing and doing things that they might never have done before can be life-changing, so we aim to guarantee that any child who wants to do this can do it. We can support families financially to ensure their child does not miss out.



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

[Breakfast bagel club now starts at the slightly later time of 8:35am](#)

Children arriving between 8:20am and 8:35am will be charged 50p.

Lost Property

By main office every Tuesday from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March!

Come dressed as an adjective. Winners from each class will receive a prize.

There will be an opportunity for children to buy pre-loved books between 3:15pm and 3:45pm.

Children who bring in a pre-loved book (just one) and write a review for it, will get to exchange it for another.

Term Dates: Break up - Friday 31st March Return Tuesday 18th April. **BANK HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 8 MAY**

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 9498, Cluddley 9462, Upton 8374 and Rowton 8378.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Talk to your children about what they know about dinosaurs.

Year 1

- Please read your books and bring in on Friday.

Year 2

- Think about what your body needs to be healthy. Can you design a poster about how to stay healthy?

Year 3

- Keep practising telling the time to the nearest minute on analogue clocks and digital clocks.

Year 4

- Practise the mixed 25 times tables questions using link provided on dojo.

Year 5

- Please wear PE kits on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for this half-term.

Year 6

- 'Boosters are Back!!!
Tuesdays Reading in class 14.
Thursdays Maths is class 13.
Children can be collected from the classroom doors at 4.15.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-6 Girls Football
- Year 5 Kwik Cricket
- KS2 Running Club

Tuesday:

- Year 3-6 Boccia/NAK Inclusive
- Year 3-6 Choir
- Year 3-6 Inclusive Football
- Year 6 SATS Booster

Wednesday:

- Year 5-6 Gymfinity
- Year 3-4 Boys Football
- Year 3-4 Tag Rugby

Thursday:

- Year 3-4 Dance GemAcademy
- Year 1-2 Football
- Year 1-2 Kwik Cricket
- Year 6 SATS Booster

Friday:

- Year 5-6 Football

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...

7. We try to spot each child's talent in our school and to nurture it. Nurturing can range from verbal encouragement, all the way through to sponsoring a child to participate in additional activities. We keep a record of children's talents and share this information between us.