

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024



# Windmill Weekly

## A highlight from last week...

We all know that taking part, aiming high, believing in yourself, doing your best, not giving up and being there for each other are really good things...

...and winning is also great, when it happens!

Congratulations to our Year 6 netball team that won a tournament just before the Easter break.

Sienna, Olly-Mason, Jacob, Oliver, Omari, George and Juanita did us proud and our sports coaches Miss Panter and Coach Carl were very impressed!

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Welcome back everyone, after the Easter break. I hope you had a good time together as families. I enjoyed my eldest son visiting for a week and I spent time in my garden digging holes (when it wasn't too rainy)! I also enjoyed celebrating Easter with my church.

You may remember me sharing in a ClassDojo video assembly that I had given up alcohol during Lent. I became used to that. Six weeks is the average amount of time it takes to make or break a habit. Thankfully, I have never been dependent on alcohol, so it was just an exercise in self-discipline.

I really respect Muslims who take part in the month of Ramadan, which comes to an end tomorrow, with the festival of Eid. Participants go without any food or drink in daylight hours during the month, and can enjoy community meals in the mornings and evenings.

Being disciplined and resisting temptation is a really healthy thing, and definitely something worth a celebration at the end!



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 to remind and prompt you about school events!

### Other news and notices

Free bagels in the hall starts at 8:35am - Children arriving between 8:20am and 8:35am will be charged 50p.

Lost Property - Always displayed by the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

ParentPay - Please ensure that you log in to ParentPay regularly to prevent missing important information.

End of School Day - Please do not come onto the playground or wait outside classrooms until after 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children.

Dinner Money: The price for primary meals will increase by 20p per meal to **£2.70** per meal from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

Dogs On School Grounds - just a reminder dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

Latest House Point totals:  
Henmoor 4745, Cluddley 4256,  
Upton 4453 and Rowton 4374.

**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...

4. Working walls - we use working walls in each lesson so that children know the teacher's expectations and how to be successful. The working wall contains: 'what we are learning', 'what to remember', 'what the important vocabulary (words) are' and 'a model/example'.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Look around your garden and local area for the signs of spring you can see.

#### Year 1

- Please bring in your reading books.

#### Year 2

- Please remember that we have a parent meeting at 3:20 on Tuesday 9th April to discuss Dudmaston. Please come to the main office.

#### Year 3

- Can you find out any facts about Egypt or Ancient Egypt?

#### Year 4

- Keep practising your times tables ready for the multiplication check in June!

#### Year 5

- We are learning about biographies - can you find any and share them?

#### Year 6

- Boosters are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Clubs

(Priority for clubs is given to invited children, based on their needs and interests)

#### Monday:

- Year 3 and 4 Football
- FunZone (Community lead)
- Year 1 and 2 Mini Tennis

#### Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 boys Football
- Year 3 and 4 Tennis

#### Wednesday:

- Year 3 to 6 mixed ability Football Fundamentals
- Year 3 to 6 Athletics
- Year 3 to 6 Gymfinity

#### Thursday:

- Year 5 and 6 Rounders
- Year 1 and 2 Football

#### Friday:

- Year 3 to 6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 GemDanceAcademy
- Science Club - starting 19.4.24

### Term Dates:

Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Break up Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Start back Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June