



Monday 10th June 2024

Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

A focus on Year 5, Maths and technology in today's picture.

Pupils from Class 11 are pictured using laptops, and in particular the website Blooket, to sharpen and improve their Maths knowledge.

We do believe that computers can help children learn effectively. One of the main advantages is that they get instant feedback if they get a question right or wrong.

There are plenty of laptops in school for all ages, and we are interested in how effective they can be when allocated one laptop to each child, which we are trialling in Y4 classes.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

This week, children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2 are doing their Phonics Screening Check.

This isn't really a test, and it's not something that defines how successful children are at school, but it is a helpful indicator of how well children are doing with reading.

In order to read well, most children need to learn what sounds different letters and letter groups makes. For example: 'ee', 'th', 'ough'. If they know those letters and sounds really well, they can blend those together and read words.

We work really hard in school to help children get super confident with phonics (letters and sounds), and we use Read, Write, Inc. to help us do that.

Have a look on our website for more information: www.windmillschool.uk/the-windmill-curriculum/learning-to-read

You can help us a lot by reading books at home with your child, and by [turning the subtitles on](#) for tv and videos that they watch.



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.

Dinner Money - The price for primary meals has increased by 20p per meal to **£2.70** per meal since 1st April 2024.

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

Latest House Point totals:
Henmoor 6542, Cluddley 5588,
Upton 6072 and Rowton 5862.

Term Dates:

PD Day Friday 21st June
Break up Friday 19th July

Return to school Wednesday 4th September 2024

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please play a Fred talk game.
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/WiLAIyYc/AnVtuPvE>
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/f7ZczfQH/kUWdu2fq>

Year 1

- Please watch this weeks phonics video
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/dVHCXwEW/yoXBl6l1>

Year 2

- We have been practising using the column method to add and subtract this week.
<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/verticalSub/>

Year 3

- We have been looking at units of measurements in Maths. Can you find any measuring equipment at home?

Year 4

- Times table check is next week please keep practising!!

Year 5

- Year 5 & 6 rounders tournament Wednesday 3rd July! Get practising your batting and fielding skills!

Year 6

- Year 5 & 6 rounders tournament Wednesday 3rd July! Get practising your batting and fielding skills!

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
- Choir

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

Please note:

Year 3-4 tennis - 11th June and Year 3-6 girls football - 14th June are cancelled - apologies for any inconvenience.

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...

2. Our six School Values are: 'Every day is a new day', 'Be there for each other', 'Do your best', 'Don't give up', 'Aim high', 'Believe in yourself'.
-We mention these a lot and you'll hear them regularly in Monday ClassDojo assemblies.