

9th March 2020



This week's shining example of Windmill Values and Vision is Madison in Year 6. On her way home on Friday, Madison noticed a knife in a bush. She didn't touch it, but she told her mum as soon as she got home. They phoned the police together and from Madison's description of where it was, the police were able to find it and take it away. Well done Madison, your 'be there for each other' attitude kept others safe!

Windmill Values and Vision

'Every day is a new day'	I	Include everyone
'Be there for each other'	G	Guarantee opportunities
'Aim high'	N	Nurture aspirations
'Do your best'	I	Inspire each other
'Don't give up'	T	Try everything
'Believe in yourself'	E	Encourage independence

What's on this week?				
Monday 9 th March	Tuesday 10 th March	Wednesday 11 th March	Thursday 12 th March	Friday 13 th March
Y2 Parent Meetings KS2 -Boccia/NAK Reception - ABC's	Y1 Parent Meetings KS2 - Dodgeball KS2 - Arts and Crafts KS2 - Reading Extension Choir KS2 - Cooking Club KS2 Cross Country	Y4 Parent Meetings KS2 - Dance Club Y1 and 2 Football	Reception Parent Meetings KS2 SATS Meeting for Parents - 3:15pm - 4:00pm Y5 Visit to St. Mary's Church, Madeley UKS2 - Maths Challenge Y3 and 4 Football Academy Yr 1 and 2 Gymnastics Yr 6 Reading Boosters - 3:15pm-4:15pm - Classrooms	Sports Relief - children are invited to wear their trainers for the day for a 50p donation Yr 5 and 6 Football Academy Girls Football
Year 6 Mathletics Booster Classes - every morning in Class 13 - 8:15am - 8:45am				
All after-school clubs finish at 4:15pm. Please collect your child promptly from the back door (by the hexagonal shelter)				

Headteacher's Report

It is nearly time for us to launch our new school website and our promotional school video too. It may be that we are able to do that this week, but it may have to be next week (depending on the technical side of setting it up so you can still access it at www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk).

Our strategy for communicating with you and the outside world effectively is:

- **ClassDojo** for *day-to-day communication* between home and school, make sure you have the app!
- **Twitter** and **Facebook** for occasional news shared with the whole world!
- **Windmill Weekly Bulletin** for *quick reference all in one place about what's happening and when*
- **School website** for quick reference about everything else to do with school
(a lot of the school website is aimed at new parents or prospective parents)



Stars of the Week



Pupil Stars: Arnoor, Zarah, Isabella, Layla, Harrison, Lilymay, Juanita, Charlie, Whitney, Layla, Holly, Danielle, Arneet and Roxy

Staff Star: Mrs Morris and Miss Riekstins

Well done to last week's stars, who received special stickers and lovely comments from their teacher in Friday's assembly.

Being chosen as Star of the Week is equivalent to R6 - the highest reward a pupil can earn!

Stars are also recorded in our Golden Book.

Attendance

Our attendance target for the whole school is 96% (classes above 96% are shown below in green). We let the classes know what their attendance % was each week and reward the winners with extra play time on the play parks!

Well done to last week's winners: Class 6 out of the EYFS and KS1 classes and Class 7 out of the KS2 classes.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
89.46	94.11	94.16	95.6	97.48	96.31	95.56	92.96	95.42	95.42	94.61	94.87	93.08	95.43

We still need new Windmill governors!!

School Governing Boards are made up of people from all walks of life and many have a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences. They are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are the link between the school and the community it serves.

We are looking for more members to join our Board and would like to hear from anyone who has:

- An interest in the performance of the school
- The confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- Time to spare and a willingness to work well with others

We need you to be committed to 2 meetings each term and to reading the documents provided before meetings.

If you think this is something that might interest and would like to learn more, please contact Mr Gibbons at school. You can also contact me, through the school, and I would be happy to answer any of your questions.

Graham Parkinson, Chair of Governors

Wrekin College Maths Challenge

Congratulations to our Year 5 Maths Team who represented Windmill Primary School at the Wrekin College Maths Challenge. Eighty teams took part in the competition, many of them from private schools. Windmill Team 1 came an amazing 20th out of the 80; Team 2 were not too far behind. Well done to Malachi and Joseph (Team 1); and Kaya and Amelia (Team 2). You represented the school amazingly well and achieved excellent scores in a very tough challenge.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day in school last Thursday. The children came into school dressed as a character from a book. During the day children experienced a range of different reading activities from different teachers in the school. There was also an assembly and the children took part in a costume parade.

There were some fantastic costumes with the winning costumes receiving a WHSmith voucher. Well done to Georgia, April, Hattie, Toby, Theo, Jacob, Kelsey, Charlie, Amana, Ruby, Corey, Maya, Chloe and Lacey-Jade!

Pupils Arriving Late

Please ensure if pupils arrive late for registration, they are escorted to the school office and signed in. Thank you.

Reception Class - Clothing Appeal for Welly Wednesday

Reception Class are very low on spare clothes, leggings and jogging bottoms for Welly Wednesday. If you do have any spare items of clothing you would be willing to donate to school, it would be very much appreciated by Reception! Thank you!

Year 5 Visit to St. Mary's Church, Madeley - Thursday 12th March

Year 5 will be walking to St. Mary's Church, Madeley on Thursday 12th March to learn more about the Catholic beliefs and practices. There will be no charge for this visit. Please see Class Dojo for full details of the trip.

Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents - Thursday 12th March 3:15pm - 4:00pm

There will be a meeting for all Year 6 parents regarding this year's SATS from 3:15pm - 4:00pm. Please try and attend this meeting as it will provide you with some useful information to help your child with their upcoming SATS.

Sports Relief - Friday 13th March

We are supporting Sports Relief this year and on Friday 13th March children are invited to wear their trainers for the day and a 50p donation.

Phonics/ Reading Meeting for parents in Nursery, Reception and KS1 - 16th March 8:50am - 10:00am

Parents are invited into school on Monday 16th March at 8:50am - 10:00am for further information on phonics and reading. Please try and attend this meeting as it will provide you with some useful information to help your child.

Year 1 Easter Workshop - Thursday 19th March

Year 1 will be visiting the Sambrook Centre on Thursday 19th March to take part in an Easter Workshop.

Year 5 Visit to Holy Trinity Church, Dawley - Tuesday 24th March

Year 5 have been invited to join the Holy Trinity Church in Dawley at a special outdoor Easter Event. Both classes will walk to the church and return in time for lunch. The consent for this visit is covered by the annual forms completed in November.

The children will need to wear school uniform with trainers in their bags to change into for the walk and a warm coat.

We will leave school at 10.00am and return at approximately 12.30pm.

Year 5 Coffee Morning - 31st March 2020 - 9:30am-10:30am

Year 5 invite the families of Y5 children to a special coffee morning on Tuesday 31st March 9.30am -10.30am.

Please come and join us so we can share our hard work with you.

Year 4 Outdoor Residential Trip (Outback to Basics) - July 2020

The deadline has now passed for booking a new place on the residential trip. Parents who have paid a deposit can now start to make payments towards the balance via ParentPay.

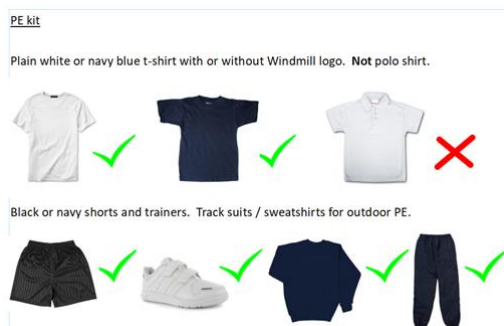
Designed Safeguarding Leads in School

The Designed Safeguarding Leads in school are Jason Millington (lead), Kizzie Coles (deputy) and Mel Dexter (deputy). If you have a safeguarding concern, please make contact with Safeguarding Leads via the school office number. Thank you.

School Uniform

We have noticed a decline in children wearing school uniform. **Just to remind everyone that trainers, leggings and boots are not in line with the uniform policy.** This policy can be located on the school website.

PE Kits



Some children regularly do not have their PE kits in school. We would like children to bring their PE kit into school on Mondays and take it home on Fridays. Due to the cold weather please send your child with appropriate outdoor sport clothing e.g plain black or navy jogging bottoms. We will phone families whose children have incorrect kit or no kit. Earrings must be covered with micropore tape/plasters (supplied by parents) or taken out and long hair must be tied up.

There are always lots of sporting opportunities within school and its important your child has their PE kit in ALL week to make the most of these.

Year 6 Booster Classes

All Year 6 pupils are encouraged to attend!

Mathletics -	Every day from 8:15am - 8:45am	Class 13
Arithmetic Booster Classes -	Every Tuesday from 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Year 6 classrooms
Reading Booster Classes -	Every Thursday from 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Year 6 classrooms

School Dinners

School meal payments are now made through ParentPay. We no longer accept cash through the office and the E-payment facility through Telford and Wrekin has been withdrawn. The cost of school dinners is **£2.30** per meal. **Please remember that payments need to be made in advance or on the day of meals being taken.**

The cost of school dinners increases on 1st April 2020, from £2.30 up to £2.35

Breakfast Club

Please make sure all breakfast club payments are made via ParentPay in advance of children attending or on the morning of them attending, thank you.

Healthy Snack

Children invited to buy cereal bars every Wednesday as a healthy snack. Cereal bars are charged at 50p each and payments can only be accepted in class when you drop your child off in a morning. **We do NOT accept payments in the school office.**

Emergency Contacts

If you have recently moved house or changed contact details please inform the office as soon as possible. It is essential that we have the correct contact information on file.



Lost Property

Please ensure all uniform, water bottles, shoes, PE kits and trainers are marked with children's names. A number of items go missing or get muddled up and it is much easier to sort out/find items when they are labelled. We put out all lost property every week in the entrance foyer by the front office. It is displayed between 3:00pm on Mondays to 9:30am on Tuesdays. Items unclaimed will be donated to charity.

Dogs and Pets

Please can we remind families that dogs (or any other pets) are not allowed to be brought onto the school site (with the exception of Assistance Dogs). Thank you for your understanding.

Vehicle Gates

Please do not walk through the vehicle gates. They are for visitors and staff in vehicles only. These gates operate on a sensor and may shut suddenly when not detecting a vehicle. Please always walk round to the pedestrian gate and consider the safety of yourself and child/children. There was an incident in another Telford school about three years ago when a child was trapped in a moving gate.

Term Dates (and other big events)

Friday 3rd April
Monday 20th April
Tuesday 21st April

Last day of term
PD Day
Children return to school



**GET YOUR KIT ON
AND GET INVOLVED**

WHAT
Children can wear their trainers! *SOP Donation*

WHEN
Friday 13th March

WHERE
Windmill Primary

**GET MORE POSTERS AT
SPORTRELIEF.COM/SCHOOLS**

After your event, flip this poster over to announce your goal total.

WIN A MEDAL-WINNING VISIT
Win a visit from Double Olympic
Olympic gymnast **Max Whitlock**
MBE, with thanks to our friends
at Posh and Q&D Sport.
Enter now at
sportrelief.com/max

SPORT RELIEF **IT'S GAME ON**
9-13 MARCH

Sport Relief is an initiative of Comic Relief which is the trading name of the Children's Charity, a registered charity in England and Wales (registered and funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government).

Coming to Windmill Primary School 2020

FREE Family Learning Courses available subject to demand. Free crèche available on request. Example courses subject to demand;

- Craft Courses
- Family Maths
- Family English
- Cooking Together
- Introduction to Child Development



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family learning

“Let’s learn together”

Please register your interest speak to Mrs Coles



Telford & Wrekin
COUNCIL



Weekly Bulletin



Coming to Windmill Primary.



Did you know?

1.9 million tonnes of food is wasted by the food industry every year in the UK

250,000 tonnes of the food that goes to waste each year is still edible

That's enough for 650 million meals

8.4 million people in the UK are struggling to afford to eat

This is equivalent to the entire population of London

Come and help reduce food waste

Collections after 11am Tuesday for further information

Speak to Mrs Coles.

<https://fareshare.org.uk/>