

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

## A highlight from last week...

You may already know that Chinese New Year was celebrated on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

Several classes learned more about this, and there was a whole-school assembly about it on Wednesday led by Mrs Russell, our school's Languages Leader, and also the person behind us achieving an International School Award a few years ago.

The picture below shows the Reception classes all tucked into a Chinese Dragon and they enjoyed doing a Dragon Dance in the Early Years playground!




# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

### Practice makes perfect better

I know the expression is 'practice makes perfect', but that might not always be helpful.

We believe in practice because we know it helps. Sometimes the improvement is small, and sometimes it is huge, but - to borrow another well-known expression - 'every little helps'.

Please help your children to believe in the power of practice. Tell them about something you have had a lot of experience doing and how well (or how easily) you can do it now, thanks to all that practising time.

With things like times tables and phonics, some children will be able to learn them very quickly and some will take longer, but if we encourage everyone to embrace the culture of practising, and building it into daily routines in small doses, we can all benefit from it - and none more so than your child.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

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

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

#### Term Dates:

Break up - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Return Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

**AN EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY HAS BEEN DECLARED FOR THE KING'S CORONATION ON MONDAY 8 MAY**

**Author Visit - We will be hosting a visit from the award-winning Scottish author Stuart Reid on Friday 3rd February 2023.**

Stuart's first book won the Silver Medal at the Forward National Literature Awards. His books were written to inspire children to read for pleasure, and Stuart's latest book 'Grandpa Jock and the Incredible Iron-Bru-Man Incident' was launched at the Edinburgh Festival. Pupils can purchase books on the day, all signed by the author, with a personal dedication to each child. Book prices are £7 each, two for £12, or a school special offer of five books for £20!

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Remember to label all clothes that come into school.

#### Year 1

- Look at the activities on learning with parents about time.

#### Year 2

- Learning with Parents and have a go at completing this week's activities on telling the time.

#### Year 3

- Please practise making numbers 10 times greater and 100 times greater e.g. What is 10 times greater than 52?

#### Year 4

- We are learning about plastic pollution! Try and recycle, making sure all your rubbish goes in the correct bin!

#### Year 5

- Ahead of geography day, think about our local area and how the land is used (especially in terms of farming).

#### Year 6

- Practise: x10, x100 x1000 with decimals, dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 with decimals, angles in a triangle, and times tables!

### 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 and New Age Kurling 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

#### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 7664, Cluddley 7785, Upton 6572 and Rowton 6690.

**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...

3. Deep and Diverse experiences are all guaranteed for every child, no matter what the cost. They are our supplement to the National Curriculum and each child gets a passport to record each experience. For more information, see our website: [www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk)