

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## A highlight from last week...

We were visited by Stuart Reid, author of nine 'Gorgeous George' books, and an expert in promoting literacy.

Stuart was delighted to visit Windmill and was exhausted at the end of the day, having given so much energy to his workshops.

He said, "What a super day and I hope the feedback has been good. The energy, contribution and laughter from Windmill pupils (and teachers) was superb! The students were an absolute joy to present to!"

This was a great end to National Storytelling Week!



# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Last week was National Storytelling Week and this week includes Safer Internet Day. It seems there's always some kind of theme going on...

Both storytelling and online safety are close to my heart because I believe in the power of both.

I remember stories told to me, especially when they were told to me with enthusiasm and when they inspired me or changed my thinking. My assembly today was about people we admire, and often the films I have watched that I have been most moved by are those based on true stories.

Online safety is so important because it's so easy to accidentally get into trouble through mistakes made online. Imagine if you ended up sharing something that you would never have chosen to make public, and before you know it, it's too late.

The best thing we can do to help children stay safe is to talk to them and encourage them to talk to us. That's the theme of this year's focus day: [Safer Internet Day 2023 - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

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 will now start at the slightly later time of 8:35am from Monday (6th). 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 17<sup>th</sup> February Return Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. BANK HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 8 MAY

### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 8762, Cluddley 8743, Upton 7572 and Rowton 7607.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- We are working on addition and subtraction in maths - look at numbers with your children.

#### Year 1

- For the wildlife area on Friday, please wear appropriate clothes and footwear - long trousers and long sleeve tops.

#### Year 2

- Try the fractions activities on Learning with Parents.

#### Year 3

- We have been learning about forces and magnets. Do you have any magnets at home? What materials/objects does the magnet attract or repel?

#### Year 4

- Please practise 12 times table!

#### Year 5

- We are invited to watch production 'Grease' at Telford Park School on Tuesday 14th February at 9.30am. Wear waterproof coat and trainers. We will be back for lunch.

#### Year 6

- We have made lighthouses in our D&T lessons, ask your child about them and why not have a go at making one with them! They were all really great!

### 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

#### **CANCELLED CLUBS:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb Football and Cricket clubs cancelled**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Football and Tag Rugby clubs cancelled**

***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...

5. Our school grounds are amazing! We are lucky to lots of space, but did you realise that we have: a woodland area (including a wildlife pond), an outdoor classroom (which doubles up as a bird hide), an orchard, and an allotment area. We make sure all classes have access to those areas.