

Monday 30th September 2024



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Idris Caldora from the Royal Society of Culinary Arts visited Year 3 classes last week to help them learn about hospitality, and how to host a meal. They learned how to welcome and serve people, how to set a table, how to take an order, how to dress, and much more!

This experience happened as part of our programme of Deep and Diverse experiences and helps the Year 3 children prepare to host Afternoon Tea for Grandparents Day.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

In this morning's assembly on ClassDojo, I was talking about race.

We have hardly any racist incidents in school and if we ever do have one it is usually because of a misunderstanding. I have not met a child at Windmill who actually feels a dislike of another child simply because of their skin colour.

I do notice that sometimes children play together with children who speak the same first language as them, or who have the same cultural heritage as them, and I do think there's something normal and natural about that. What I would love is for all Windmill children to have an interest, a respect and a curiosity for the differences amongst them.

I hope that any viewers of my assembly found it to be respectful and careful.

For your information, around 68% of children in our school are White British, around 18% Black or Black African, 8% White European and 6% Other.



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

Lost Property - will be in the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm. Additionally, there will be a second-hand clothing rail available for families to take any items that will be of any use to their child.

Asda - are running a Cashpot for Schools initiative in which the school will be given a grant depending on how much YOU spend. If you wish to sign up, log into your Asda app then join the Cashpot for Schools. Please search for our school and add us. This will not affect your personal Cashpot.

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

Dinner Money - The price for primary meals is **£2.70** per meal. Payments via ParentPay.

Fundraising - Thank you to everyone for their support with the Macmillan Coffee morning last Friday. The current total is £243.50. Final total will be shared next week.

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

- Children are working on their speaking and listening skills.

Year 1

- Listen to 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NbyiDpY6Ww>

Year 2

- Children need waterproof shoes, a coat and bag for the trip to Southwater Library on Wednesday.

Year 3

- Please return library books to class when you've finished with them so the children can choose a new one.

Year 4

- All children have a school library book. Once they have finished reading it, please return it to school so that it can be changed.

Year 5

- Please can children log in to EMILE and practice their spellings.

Year 6

- Secondary school staff will be visiting this week - please ensure that all children are in school!

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 1-2 girls Football
- FunZone (Community lead)
- Year 3-6 Gymnastics

Tuesday:

- Year 3-4 boys Football
- Year 1-2 Cricket
- Year 3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- All clubs are cancelled due to staff training

Thursday:

- Year 3-6 Dance
- Year 1-2 Football

Friday:

- Year 5-6 boys Football

There will be no after school clubs on Wednesday 2nd, Wednesday 16th October and Wednesday 6th November due to staff training.

Term Dates:

Half Term Holiday - Break up Friday 25th October and return Monday 4th November.

Latest House Point totals:
Henmoor 364 Cluddley 276
Upton 342 and Rowton 320