



Monday 11th November 2024

Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Year 5 had a really busy day on Wednesday! They did a big science investigation to find out the properties of different materials.

One of the most exciting and technical parts of the investigation was seeing which materials conduct electricity.

The children worked really well together in teams to set up the electrical circuits and then used crocodile clips to connect the circuit to the different materials.

You can see in this picture that the material did conduct electricity because the bulb lit up!

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Sadly, I haven't had many people volunteer to help with my outdoor clean-up... 😞 Maybe because the weather is damp and cold. I try not to let the weather affect me too much, a good choice of clothes often makes the weather irrelevant!

Parents and carers would have been really proud of their children this morning. We gathered in the hall for two minutes of silence as part of Armistice Day (remembrance). All children stood smartly and silently as we remembered the people who lost their lives in war and those that are still serving in the armed forces.

We thought about the paradox of war and peace, and how sometimes we have to 'fight' for what we believe in. We hope that our 'fights' for justice never have to be violent, but sometimes the use of force seems to be the only way.

We hope and pray that peace can be achieved without war, but if war is necessary, we hope and pray that peace follows war.



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 3:15pm to Wednesdays at 9:00am. Additionally, there will be a second-hand clothing rail available for families to take any items that will be of 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.

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

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

Menu Change - as part of National School Meals the menu on Thursday 14th will be:
Shredded Quorn BBQ bake
BBQ chicken bake
Wedges

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...

9. Our teachers are brilliant. We only employ the very best we can find and we know that Windmill teachers do not only teach children well, they also communicate with families really well too. Please make sure you work with them and support them, thank you.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Reception parents check ParentPay and consent to the trip please.

Year 1

- Please interview your grandparents about what life was like when they were a child.

Year 2

- Remember to log into Emile to practise this week's spelling rule.

Year 3

- Remember to bring back the parent meeting slip.

Year 4

- In Design and Technology, we will be making night lights. If you have any at home, can children consider what they are made from, how they work, what the design is, etc.?

Year 5

- In Science we have been learning about the properties of materials, why not do some experiments at home with some household items?!

Year 6

- Please check ParentPay to consent for the trip to Blist Hill.

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
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Tuesday:

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

- Year 3-6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 Dodgeball
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Thursday:

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

- Year 5-6 boys Football

Term Dates:

Half Term Holiday -
Break up Friday 20th December
and return Tuesday 7th January.

Latest House Point totals:
Henmoor 1028, Cluddley 1116,
Upton 1149 and Rowton 1055.