

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### A highlight from last week...

An example of teachers and support staff going above and beyond last week was in Year 4, when several mini paddling pools were needed to sail origami boats, so that the children could have a memorable experience to help with their reading and study of Michael Morpurgo's book 'Why The Whales Came'.

Thank you to the staff, including all those that helped to blow up the inflatable pools and those that took numerous buckets of water outside to fill them!



# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Welcome to 2023 at Windmill!

I am sure it won't surprise you to know that we aim to make this year even better than 2022!

Children and staff have made a great start, with an excellent attitude to learning and making good progress.

Talking of progress, we have started our termly progress review meetings in school this week. We monitor how well each child is doing and we identify children that we think could and should make accelerated progress with targeted support. We will invite those children to 'pre-teaching' sessions in school, which begin at 8:10am every morning. This helps those children be ready for the day and we have seen them showing improved confidence and competence in lessons when they have attended. If your child is chosen, please help by making sure they attend each morning and arrive at 8:10am at the latest.

The next round of parents' meetings are at the end of March, along with Spring reports being issued.



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.

**SPACE RACE** for highest attendance was won last term by Class 14. They are being treated on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January to breakfast and lunch in school, being taught by Mr Gibbons on Friday morning and will visit Cineworld in the afternoon! Please log onto ParentPay to complete permissions.

Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019? They can start primary school in September 2023! Apply for a school place now > <https://orlo.uk/YE415> Have a question? Get in touch via email > [Admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:Admissions@telford.gov.uk)

#### Term Dates:

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

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Please practise writing your name?

#### Year 1

- Please check ParentPay for information about our visitors next week.

#### Year 2

- PE days are now Mondays and Tuesdays. Please make sure children come to school wearing the correct kit on these days.

#### Year 3

- Find persuasive articles /adverts/letters when they're out and about? Maybe write a letter to an adult at school to see if they can persuade us to do/believe something.

#### Year 4

- Please can all children practise their 9 times table using the links sent on dojo!

#### Year 5

- Talk about Judaism and consider how your knowledge has improved after our (virtual) visitor on Monday.

#### Year 6

- Please see class dojo for information on upcoming events.

### 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 - starting 19<sup>th</sup> January
- Year 1-2 Football
- Year 1-2 Kwik Cricket
- Year 6 SATS Booster

#### **Friday:**

- Year 5-6 Football

#### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 6500, Cluddley 6618, Upton 5553 and Rowton 5610.

**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)