

Tuesday 21st March 2023

Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Red Nose Day was supported by lots of people in school on Friday last week. We raised awareness and some money for Comic Relief [just world free from poverty | Comic Relief](#).

Something we've never done before, but I'm sure we will do again, was a whole-school Times Tables challenge.

Thank you to Miss Riekstins for organising and Mr Cox and Coach Carl for hosting the assembly.

Myley in Year 6 was the winner. I think she was also faster than all the adults that took part too!

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

I heard an interesting story this morning...

A story about some children who wanted to stand up for fairness, equality and justice.

Fantastic, yes?

Nearly fantastic...

The fairness, equality and justice were to do with Windmill Primary School. To do with approaches taken by members of staff and by me. Questioning whether we were dealing with people equally, without being prejudiced, sexist or racist.

The reason it was 'nearly fantastic' is that the children were planning to go straight to the protest stage and to skip the stage where they would bring their concerns to me and give me a chance to make things better.

When I spent some time talking to them, they said they understood why coming to me was important. We talked through their concerns and we agreed some things between us. No need for a protest now!



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 now starts at the slightly later time of 8:35am](#)

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.

Mufti Day - Friday 24th March in return for children bringing in a chocolate bar /egg. Week commencing 27th March we will be selling raffle tickets at 50p per ticket. The raffle will be drawn by Team Safe on Friday afternoon.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition We would like you to decorate an egg using whatever materials you like. You can decorate an eggshell, a chocolate egg, a biscuit egg or an egg made of paper or card.

Please bring in your egg creations on Thursday 30th March for judging

Have fun!

One Easter egg prize per class!!

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Competition Time. Reminder this Friday to please bring in your completed Dinosaur Diorama's.

Year 1

- Please check parent pay for information about our trip to the Ironbridge.

Year 2

- Please check ParentPay for information on the Dudmaston Bunkhouse residential payment and dates.

Year 3

- This week we have been practising counting in halves from any given number, forwards and backwards.

Year 4

- Parents meetings are on Wednesday 22nd March. Please remember to attend your appointment.

Year 5

- Please remember to give consent on ParentPay for the trip to The Wrekin and Ercall Woods.

Year 6

- Don't forget about boosters on every Tuesday and Thursday!

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

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 10387, Cluddley 10270, Upton 9218 and Rowton 9231.

Term Dates: Break up - Friday 31st March Return Tuesday 18th April. BANK HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 8th MAY

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...

10. Rewards and Consequences (R's and C's) are shared with you on ClassDojo, so you should know if your child is getting positive recognition for their attitude and behaviour. We put the emphasis on the positives, and C's are there to warn children away from the negatives.