

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023



# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Welcome back after the Easter break!

I spoke to the children in my assembly video this morning to say that I hoped they had not just sat and played video games for the whole two weeks, and then was saddened to hear a few boys talking together as I passed the toilets and they were saying 'I just sat around playing Xbox the whole time...'

Life is so much more than artificial entertainment...!

Life is for living, and I really, desperately, want to see and hear about Windmill children discovering the world around them. People, places, experiences.

Warmer weather is coming as we move towards summer, and I hope children get outside more. Telford Town Park is amazing, and it's only a short walk away! And if you walk the other way down the Silkin Way, you can easily get down to the River Severn by Coalport.

Help your children experience the beauty of nature!

## A highlight from last week...

In the week before the Easter holiday, a Windmill girls football team played in their first tournament, and they did really well!


They made it to the semi-final of the tournament and only missed out on the final by a single goal.

The weather was cold, rainy and windy, but the girls believed in themselves, did their best, never gave up.

Coach Carl and Miss Panter said they were brilliant at playing as a team: always there for each other.



The five strands of our strategic plan are:

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- **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

#### Breakfast bagel club starts at 8:35am

Children arriving between 8:20am and 8:35am will be charged 50p.

Lost Property - Always displayed by the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

Clubs - are starting again next week w/c 24th. All invites have now been sent out via ParentPay, please log on to confirm consent and make the £5 payment, if any families have any issues with this please send Miss Panter a ClassDojo message.

\* Dance club, Gymnastics club and Cooking club all start THIS Week.

#### Term Dates:

BANK HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY and MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY.

TERM DATES - HALF TERM BREAK UP FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND RETURN MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Practise your doubles and your number bonds to 10.

#### Year 1

- We will be sending links to phonic videos every day this term. They are only short so please try and watch them all.

#### Year 2

- Log onto Learning with Parents to access the new unit on Place Value.

#### Year 3

- This half term we are learning about the Egyptians. What do you already know about them?

#### Year 4

- To practise all times tables using the times table link on dojo.

#### Year 5

- Please remember that we have swimming on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

#### Year 6

- Booster will run until SATs week - WB 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### Clubs

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

#### Monday:

- Year 3-6 Girls Football
- KS2 Hockey
- KS2 Running Club

#### Tuesday:

- KS2 Tennis
- KS2 Choir
- KS1 Mixed Football
- Year 6 SATS Booster

#### Wednesday:

- KS2 Gymfinity
- Year 3-4 Football
- KS2 Netball

#### Thursday:

- KS2 GemAcademy Dance
- KS2 Mixed Ability Football
- KS2 Rounders
- Year 6 SATS Booster

#### Friday:

- Year 5-6 Football

#### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 11035, Cluddley 10746, Upton 9821 and Rowton 9745.

**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...

1. Our school vision is **IGNITE** (Include everyone; Guarantee opportunities; Nurture aspirations; Inspire each other; Try everything; Enable independence).  
- We already do all these things, but we keep trying to do them even better!