



Monday 22nd May 2023

Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

If you were to walk through the corridors of our school on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon, you would hear the wonderful sound of music!

We have Mrs Hawley and Mrs Jackson who teach our music lessons and they are music experts!

Children in Year 3 learn to play a stringed instrument as part of our guaranteed school experiences in our Deep and Diverse programme.

Mr Gibbons said they sounded great last week!

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

What do you believe?
 Or maybe I should ask: who do you believe?
 My answer to that would be:
 Someone you trust to tell the truth.
 I will tell you the truth. Even if it means admitting to something I have done wrong.
 If you were to look for information about Windmill Primary School online, you would find some facts, some opinions, and some feelings.
 The facts you find online tell you that Windmill Primary School is good. Many, many opinions you find online tell you that Windmill Primary School is good, and a few do not. The same for people's feelings.
 I will hardly ever go on Facebook to argue against someone who has said something negative about me or this school. It's not the right place for it.
 Instead, I always encourage people to talk to me.



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

Free 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.

Tiptop ice lollies - We are selling tip tops (ice lollies) at a cost of 20p each. The same cut off time of 8am on a Wednesday morning will apply. All payments are to be made via ParentPay. No cash will be taken at the school office or by your child's class teacher.

Tea Towel sales are now on ParentPay at £5 each.

Images of the design can be seen in your child's classroom window.

There are 4 Tea Towel Designs -
Early Years - Which feature Nursery, Classes 1 and 2.
Key Stage 1 - Which feature Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Lower Key stage 2- Which feature Classes 7, 8, 9 and 10.
Upper Key stage 2 - Which feature Classes 11, 12, 13, and 14.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please practise your number formation.

Year 1

- Try the Learning with Parents activities all about money.

Year 2

- If your child is going on the residential, please complete payment by Friday 26th May.

Year 3

- Please encourage your child to weight out items and read scales accurately.

Year 4

- PE as normal on Wednesday.

Year 5

- We're learning about vector drawings. Spot vector drawings at home or outside.

Year 6

- Don't forget swimming on Fridays 😊

Sports Days -

Monday 26th June - Year 1,2 & 3

Tuesday 27th June - Year 4,5 & 6

Friday 30th June Nursery and Reception Fun Day.

Term Dates:

HALF TERM BREAK UP FRIDAY 26TH MAY AND RETURN MONDAY 5TH JUNE.

PD Day Friday 23rd June 2023

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-6 Girls Football
- KS2 Hockey

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

- Year 5-6 GemAcademy Dance
- KS2 Mixed Ability Football
- KS2 Rounders
- KS1 Multisports
- Year 6 SATS Booster

Friday:

- Year 5-6 Football
- KS1 Cooking Club

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 12763, Cluddley 12244, Upton 11461 and Rowton 11390.

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'