

Tuesday 7th May 2024



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Last week's Windmill Weekly mentioned our school garden and some rhubarb that was used to make a dessert in our school kitchen.

This week, we can see in the picture that children are doing some other exciting learning activities in our school grounds.

Year 2 went to the pond area and dipped their nets in to see what creatures they could find.

We are so lucky to have such places in our school. We wish we had more volunteers to help us keep them tidy and ready to use.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher


I hope you enjoyed a longer weekend. It was good that the weather was warmer, drier and sunnier than it has been in most of 2024 so far. I enjoyed some time in the garden and was laying some bricks!

It is always interesting to see and hear what different people choose to do when they have free time. I personally think it is good for us - and especially children - to experience boredom sometimes. It makes our brains come up with ideas and it forces us to think of what we would actually choose to do. Technology makes our lives better in so many ways, but one of the problems with it is that entertainment is always one button-press away. Pressing 'play' on a video, and then repeatedly swiping to get more videos, can completely use up our free time, and then we wish we had that free time all over again.

Giving children some 'bored time' is actually really healthy. You would certainly have my support if you decided to do it!



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

Free bagels in the hall 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.

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

End of School Day - Please do not come onto the playground or wait outside classrooms until after 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children.

Dinner Money - The price for primary meals has increased by 20p per meal to **£2.70** per meal since 1st April 2024.

Dogs On School Grounds - just a reminder dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

Latest House Point totals:
Henmoor 5682, Cluddley 4917,
Upton 5195 and Rowton 4981.

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...

8. EYFS stands for Early Years Foundation Stage. It is basically our Nursery and Reception classes. Gill Lambert is our EYFS Lead and she has masterminded the improvement of the outdoor environment, with new surfacing, fencing, play equipment and furniture. More to come...!

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Have a go at practising your blending.
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Ywwk1Obi/EufOFlQn>

Year 1

- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/sESIXMh7/7GU64y69>

Year 2

- Have a look on Dojo for equipment list for Dudmaston.

Year 3

- Please practice your 8 times table.

Year 4

- Please can you practise your times tables on Maths Frame.

Year 5

- In English, we are finding out about piranhas. Can you use the internet to research some more facts?

Year 6

- Please see Class Dojo for information about SATs breakfast club!

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3 and 4 Football
- FunZone (Community lead)
- Year 1 and 2 Mini Tennis

Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 Boys Football
- Year 3 and 4 Tennis

Wednesday:

- Year 3 to 6 mixed ability Football Fundamentals
- Year 3 to 6 Athletics
- Year 3 to 6 Gymfinity

Thursday:

- Year 5 and 6 Rounders
- Year 1 and 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3 to 6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 GemDanceAcademy

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 24th May
Start back Monday 3rd June
PD Day Friday 21st June
Break up Friday 19th July