

Monday 24th June 2024



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Thank you for your 'Thank a Teacher' messages last week and thank you for making provision for your children for our staff training day on Friday.

Last week saw Year 1 and Year 2 children raise a tremendous total of around £1000 from their sponsored walk. As part of our Deep and Diverse experiences, we want to help children understand that together (and with a bit of effort) they can achieve more than they might expect.

The children wanted to raise money for a beach-themed day so they have that to look forward to.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

I apologise in advance to anyone who doesn't care about sports teams and whether they win or lose...

For me, I think I have noticed that if a sports team I support wins or loses, it can affect my mood more than it probably should. You might not be following the T20 cricket world cup, but when England lost to South Africa it made me feel a bit miserable for an hour or two afterwards. When they then beat USA convincingly, I felt like everything was right in the world!

At Windmill, we want to try and understand what affects each child's feelings. We want to be able to comfort children if they are feeling sad and celebrate if they are feeling happy. This morning, a child I was spending some time with told me that he was feeling sad and missing his mum, who had gone on holiday. I was able to empathise and say that I have felt like that before, but the good news is that it won't be forever.

It was good that the child was able to explain to me about this. Please help us by helping your child to express their feelings.



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

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

Tesco- Reminder about the Tesco blue token funding starting July in 9 local stores.

Sports Days

Year 1-3 Tuesday 25th June
Year 4-6 Wednesday 26th June
EYFS - Friday 28th June - 1:30-2:30pm.

Parents, grandparents and siblings under 5's are invited to attend. We will start at 9:15am, breaktime 10:35am-11:05am. Lunchtime 12:00pm-1:30pm through to 3:15pm. On arrival please report school office.

Anyone who has a request regarding another family will need to make a request in writing to Mr Gibbons (letter or email to office@windmillprimaryschool.co.uk)

Summer Fayre - Saturday 6th July.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- EYFS sports day Friday 28th June at 1.30-2.30 please sign in at the office.

Year 1

- It's our sports day on Tuesday, please see dojo for more information.

Year 2

- Practise punctuation, grammar and sentence creation with your child.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd63xyc/articles/zncgvk7>

Year 3

- Can you find out any facts about the Amazon rainforest?

Year 4

- Our performance is on Friday at 2:15pm - please arrive at the office 10 mins before.

Year 5

- Have a go at some of these solar system quizzes:
<https://wordwall.net/en-gb/community/naming-planets>

Year 6

- Check ParentPay for end of year information.

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
- Choir

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

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 6935, Cluddley 5949, Upton 6471 and Rowton 6206.

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 19th July
Return to school Wednesday 4th September 2024.

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'.