

Monday 3rd October 2022



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

On Monday last week, Year 3 children invited their grandparents into the school hall in the afternoon to practise their hospitality skills.

The children took orders for drinks and provided cakes and a game of Bingo for their guests.

This is part of the hospitality strand of our Deep and Diverse programme, which starts with role play in Nursery and progresses through Toy Share Day in Year 1 and Tidy School Day in Year 4 to Planning and Preparing a Meal in Year 6.

Look [here](#) for more information on our [Deep and Diverse Experiences](#).

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

You may or may not have noticed that the bottom of this page has been different this year.

It used to show that we were working on:

- Helping children to love Reading
- Early Years indoor and outdoor areas
- Database of children's interests and abilities
- Using children's Maths fluency in new problems

As you can see below, we now have a focus on five main areas and we are probably going to be working on those for the whole of this year, and maybe beyond then too.

You'll also see that the phrases are written with the word 'we' at the start of each. That's because we as staff know that we want to be a part of the school's development in those areas and we would like you to be too.

Watch this space!

I am always keen to hear your ideas for improving our school. Email: office@windmillprimaryschool.co.uk



This term, we're working on...

- **Metacognition** (children understanding their learning journey) '**We learn well**'
- **Interaction** (all of us speaking and listening with each other) '**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

Safety Message:

Fake news: Help your child question what they are accessing online. If they are reading a news story, get them to check to see if it has been reported on the TV, radio or in a newspaper.

Lost Property

Will be by the main office every Tuesday from 9:45am until 3:45pm.

Secondary School Applications -2023/2024

The closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is 31st October 2022. No applications can be accepted after this date.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS -

Please note - there will be no after school clubs on:

Wednesday, 5th October, 19th October and 9th November due to staff training.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Children will need a warm coat/hat/gloves, a lot of our curriculum is taught outside, we don't want anyone getting cold.

Year 1

- Class 4 -Practise counting in tens use this video to help you <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rd5DBkP9avw>

Year 2

- Library books are due back on October 19th to be returned to the library not to class.

Year 3

- Practice adding and subtracting two-digit numbers e.g. $34 + 13$, $56 - 23$. Discuss the strategies used.

Year 4

- Please continue with the 7 times table challenge and send pictures through dojo!

Year 5

- Practise column addition and subtraction in preparation for our new unit of maths.

Year 6

- We are walking to Telford Park school on Wednesday, children need to be in school uniform/ warm and waterproof coat. Please give consent for cinema trip on ParentPay.

Clubs

(Priority for clubs is given to invited children, based on need)

Monday:

- UKS2 Girls Football

Tuesday:

- Year 1-2 Football
- Year 3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- LKS2 Gymnastics - CANCELLED
- Year 3-4 Football - CANCELLED

Thursday:

- UKS2 Dance
- Year 5 Football
- KS2 Gardening Club

Friday:

- Year 6 Football

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 1138, Cluddley 1285, Upton 1030 and Rowton 1025.

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...

3. Deep and Diverse experiences are all guaranteed for every child, no matter what the cost. They are our supplement to the National Curriculum and each child gets a passport to record each experience. For more information, see our website: www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk

