

Monday 5th June 2023



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

This 'highlights' section of the Windmill Weekly, with the accompanying photograph, often seems to feature one of our Deep and Diverse experiences...:

(<http://www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk/the-windmill-curriculum/deep-and-diverse-experiences>)

...and today is no exception.

The photo shows a group of Year 4 pupils during their residential visit to the Long Mynd Adventure Camp. The children had a wonderful 2-night stay which we are sure they will remember for years to come!

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

What makes Windmill the school that you are happy for your children to come to?

Is it because you know that our motto is:

'Enjoyment, Achievement and Aspirations'?

And therefore you know we aim for everyone to:

- love school and love learning
- celebrate successes and understand failures
- broaden their horizons and realise their potential

On the 'Head's Welcome' page of our school website, I say how 'I think children who become Windmill pupils are really lucky - I wish I had gone to a primary school that had such an excellent teaching team and such wide-ranging opportunities.'

One of my aims as headteacher has always been to help our school to be one that I would be really happy to send my own children to. When I look around at what goes on here every day, I know we achieve that. It's a great place, with great people!



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.

Term Dates:

HALF TERM BREAK UP FRIDAY 21ST
JULY AND RETURN WEDNESDAY 6TH
SEPTEMBER 2023.

PD Day Friday 23rd June 2023

Sports Days -

Monday 26th June - Year 1,2 & 3

Tuesday 27th June - Year 4,5 & 6

Friday 30th June Nursery and Reception Fun Day.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please practise reading your green words and your red tricky words at home.

Year 1

- Please check Parentpay to give consent for RSE lessons this term.

Year 2

- If your child is going to Dudmaston residential, please check the equipment list/paperwork.

Year 3

- Please discuss with your child the different food groups we have e.g. protein, dairy, carbohydrates.

Year 4

- Keep practising all your times tables as it is our Multiplication Check Test this week and next week!

Year 5

- Please ask your children about the features of a non-chronological report. Can you find any examples at home?

Year 6

- Please see Class Dojo for upcoming events at the end of the year.

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 12479, Cluddley 12479,
Upton 11693 and Rowton 11586.

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...

5. Our school grounds are amazing! We are lucky to lots of space, but did you realise that we have: a woodland area (including a wildlife pond), an outdoor classroom (which doubles up as a bird hide), an orchard, and an allotment area. We make sure all classes have access to those areas.