

Monday 18th October 2021

A highlight from last week...

Year 3 pupils took part in a 'Be Bright, Be Seen' workshop in school last week, run by Telford & Wrekin Council's Road Safety team.

The children learned about wearing bright colours now the evenings are getting darker earlier. They talked about the Green Cross Code and using pedestrian crossings correctly.

Have a go at the game on this website to see if wearing bright colours works:

[Be bright be seen game - THINK!](#)



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

As we head towards the half-term holiday for this term, I am delighted to say that September and October have been excellent in school and the children are making great progress in their learning.

We do 'recall checks' at the end of each day in each classroom. We ask the children to remember what they have learned that day, and also from the day and week before.

Children knowing more and remembering more is what drives us.

In the last six weeks, we have adapted again to a different timetable, prioritising reading. We want all children to be able to read fluently, and to do that we need to help them love to read.

We need your help with that please - especially now that reading is not enforced for homework.

It's the best thing you can do to help your child experience success in their life.



This term, we're working on...

- Helping children to love Reading, because Reading is the key that unlocks life's doors
- Developing Early Years indoor and outdoor areas, to enable children's independence
- Building a database of all children's interests and abilities, so we can nurture them well
- Encouraging children to use their fluency in Maths to solve new problems

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

Anna received her Summer Reading certificate this week. Well Done!



Weekly Safety Message:

The clocks go back on 31st October. Does your child walk to school and from school on their own and do you know the route they are taking?

Think about:

Safe routes to school.

Staying off phones and not wearing earphones, so able to hear their surroundings.

Wear light-coloured or bright clothing to be more visible to drivers.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Practice independently putting on their own shoes.

Year 1

- Please can all pupils remember to bring their RWI book bag books home daily.

Year 2

- School trip to the library rescheduled for Thursday 4th November.

Year 3

- On Wednesday we are having a visit from Exotic Zoo.

Year 4

- Please can children remember to bring in their reading book every day.

Year 5

- We will be looking at letter writing - have a look at a few and see if you can spot any of the features.

Year 6

- We are looking at column multiplication - practice 6, 7 and 9 times tables.

Half Term

Break up Friday 22nd October

Return Monday 1st November.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Y1 Multi-Skills
- Y2 Football

Tuesday:

- Y2 Gymnastics
- Y3 Football
- Y3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- Y3 Archery
- Y5-6 Gymnastics
- Y6 Football

Thursday:

- Y3-4 Dance
- Y4 Football
- Y4 Netball
- Y3-6 Running

Friday:

- Y5 Football

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 993, Upton 945, Cluddley 807 and Rowton 707

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...

6. We are really good at caring for every single child at Windmill to the best of our ability. I was thrilled to hear a parent describe our school as:

'An oasis, wrapped in a fortress, full of the kindest staff'