

Monday 8th November 2021

A highlight from last week...

Year 2 pupils visited the library and all of them became members.

We organise this each year for all our Year 2 children because we think it really helps them to develop a love of reading. And it's free!!

They combined their visit with some learning about the history of Telford and Brookside to link to their Geography and history work this half term: 'Brookside: then and now'.

Well done everyone!



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

The nights are darker since the clocks changed and we have already past Bonfire Night... maybe you noticed my assembly this morning about fireworks!

We are also in the season of Diwali, celebrated by many people, including Hindus and Sikhs, and we wish everyone a happy festival of light.

In school, we will be thinking about Christmas soon, preparing nativity plays and carol singing. Some of you have asked me if we will be inviting parents into school for these events and I have said 'I don't know'. The truth is, we have to wait and decide that nearer to the time and we will try to make a decision that is safe for all. If we can't invite you in, we will at least video the celebrations and ensure you can all watch.

We are planning to report to you all about your children's progress through the curriculum. That will be by video link this year and will take place in the week beginning Monday 22nd November. Don't worry about whether you have the right technology, we will ensure you can get access to participate.



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

Poppy Appeal - Poppies for sale in school every lunchtime between 12:30pm and 1:00pm until Wednesday this week.

New playground markings - in the early years garden and new markings in the MUGAs in school. Don't they look great!



Weekly Safety Message:

Making mistakes (Online and offline) - Children, like adults, make mistakes using digital technology, just as we all do in other situations. If you are supportive and handle the situation with understanding, you can help your child to learn and solve problems. If you are concerned about things your child does online - ie posting particular images on social media or texting inappropriately, check what they are doing offline. They may be taking risks there, too.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Review all sounds learnt so far in your RWI phonic sessions.

Year 1

- Please encourage your child to handle and identify materials they find around your home.

Year 2

- Talk to your child about what they might like to borrow from the library now they have joined.

Year 3

- Please read every day and bring books to school every morning.

Year 4

- Please can you bring in your accelerated reader book every day!

Year 5

- It's fantastic to see you reading at home. Why not tell us a bit about the books you're reading!

Year 6

- Ask your child to perform some poetry to you (that's what we have been doing this week).

Adults' Festive Craft course at Windmill:

<http://www.learntelford.ac.uk/PublicSites/CreateFromCourse/7931991>

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Y1 Multi-Skills
- Y2 Football

Tuesday:

- Change for Life
- Y3 Football
- Y3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- Y3-4 Netball - cancelled
- Y5-6 Gymnastics - cancelled
- Y6 Football - cancelled

Thursday:

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

Friday:

- Y5 Football

Clubs - Please note that all clubs are cancelled for Wednesday this week due to staff training - thank you.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 1373, Cluddley 1266, Upton 1244 and Rowton 1069.

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...

7. We try to spot each child's talent in our school and to nurture it. Nurturing can range from verbal encouragement, all the way through to sponsoring a child to participate in additional activities. We keep a record of children's talents and share this information between us.