

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

## A highlight from last week...

The highlight for everyone, apart from maybe Mr Gibbons, was raising around £500 for Children in Need so that our headteacher had to immerse himself in a wheelie bin full of gravy!

He promises us that he didn't enjoy it at all, but you might agree with us if you have seen the video footage that we think he did relish being the centre of attention.

The children certainly found it great fun and we might just have started a new tradition at Windmill to think of a different challenge for Mr Gibbons each year!



# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Last week I wrote about Anti-Bullying Week and I mentioned how people can become confused about what bullying is.

This morning a pupil said to me 'someone in my class is bullying me'. I took that very seriously and spent time listening to the pupil explaining to me what has been happening.

It was clear to me that this pupil and the other child don't get on very well all the time, and sometimes they have said some not very nice things to each other... but it was also clear to me that it was not an example of bullying, because it was not one person deliberately trying to hurt another person, over and over again. It was two children, who don't get on with each other very well, falling out quite regularly.

I spent time with both children listening to their feelings and could tell that these were two lovely children who were never going to be best friends, but actually - with a bit of encouragement - have the potential to go through life without upsetting each other very much at all!



## 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

#### Children in Need

Just under £500 has been raised with the gravy challenge and you can still donate on ParentPay this week. It would be good to get the total just over the £500 mark.

#### A Visit from Community Academies Trust

We welcomed Philip Hamilton OBE, Ed May (both founding trustees of CAT) and Jon Baker (headteacher of another CAT school) to Windmill on Thursday last week. They were really impressed with everyone, complimenting the children on their politeness and excellent attitudes to learning.

#### Weekly Safety Message:

#### Tips for staying safe while you are out with your children:

Young children are vulnerable even if you are with them.

When visiting places, always arrange a meeting point for you, in case any of you get lost

Remind your child not to talk to older strangers, even if you are nearby.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Practise writing name using the correct letter formation

#### Year 1

- Sign-up to a parents' meeting via the link on Class Dojo

#### Year 2

- Practise quick recall of times table facts for the 2,5 and 10 x tables

#### Year 3

- Go for a walk around local area - identify features represented on a map

#### Year 4

- PE is Wednesday and Thursday

#### Year 5

- Practise times tables to help with maths over coming weeks

#### Year 6

- Practise times tables using this link:

[www.themathsfactor.com](http://www.themathsfactor.com)

#### Parent Meetings

Parent meetings will be 10-minute video meetings. Parents just need access to a phone, tablet, laptop or computer with internet access. Parents will be receiving instructions for bookings.

### 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
- Y5-6 Gymnastics
- Y6 Football

#### Thursday:

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

#### Friday:

- Y5 Football

### Latest House Point totals:

Cluddley 1776, Henmoor 1636, Upton 1575 and Rowton 1344.

***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...

9. *Our teachers are brilliant. We only employ the very best we can find and we know that Windmill teachers do not only teach children well, they also communicate with families really well too. Please make sure you work with them and support them, thank you.*