

Monday 31st January 2022



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

It is always good to know how you are feeling about Windmill. That's one of the reasons I try and make sure I'm outside at the beginning and the end of the school day. Mr Millington is too.

Some day before the summer, we will have a visit from Ofsted, and they will want to ask parents what they think about Windmill.

For me, it would be horrible if it wasn't until an Ofsted visit until I found out a family was unhappy about something, I would rather know now so that I can try and help.

So I'm encouraging you to go online and complete a survey at [Give your views | Ofsted Parent View](#) and There is a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher. Just email us at office@windmillprimaryschool.co.uk to let us know you have completed the survey and say who your child is. You need to do this because the surveys are anonymous, so we will keep an eye on the number of surveys completed to check it matches with the number of emails we have received. Thank you

A highlight from last week...

Year 5 children walked to the cinema last week.

We had an unexpected gift from a friend of Miss McCran who asked, 'Have your children had any kind of treat considering all they've been through with Covid?' and while the answer is actually, 'Quite a bit...', we decided to say, 'Well, what are you offering?' and so the idea of a cinema trip came about, paid for by Miss McCran's friend's company.

The walk to the cinema was a long way, and quite tiring, but it was worth it! The children loved the film (Encanto) and were very grateful.

Thank you Donal!



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

Don't be late...

We still feel like we are seeing too many children arriving late for school this term.

Please remember for all classes, apart from Nursery, that school starts at 8:45am and doors are only open for 5 minutes.

After this, children are classed as late and will need to enter school through the office entrance.

Half Term Dates

We will break up on Friday 18th February and then children will return to school on Monday 28th February.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 2645, Cluddley 2553, Upton 2457 and Rowton 1992.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please remember to bring your book bags with you every day.

Year 1

- Use this game at home www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button to practise doubles, number bonds and multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

Year 2

- Pedestrian Training - Class 5 Wednesday 2nd February and Class 6 Wednesday 9th February.

Year 3

- Practise telling the time on clocks in your house.

Year 4

- Please complete learning with parents as it is linked with our unit on fractions!

Year 5

- We are learning about fractions - can you find how they are used in the home?

Year 6

- Y6 are learning to play netball this half term. Do you remember any of the rules?

Clubs

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

Monday:

- KS1 Kwik Cricket
- Y2 Football

Tuesday:

- PPG/SEN Boccia/NAK
- Y3 Football
- Y3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- KS2 Kwik Cricket
- Y3-4 Gymnastics
- Y6 Football

Thursday:

- Y5-6 Dance
- Y4 Football
- Y5-6 Hockey

Friday:

- Y5 Football

Weekly Safety Message:

Is your child behaving online? How do you know? Please check app chats regularly so that everyone is safe and happy.

WIN A £50 AMAZON VOUCHER

See the front page for more information...

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. We were thrilled to hear a parent describe our school as:
'An oasis, wrapped in a fortress, full of the kindest staff'