



Monday 7th February 2022

Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Thank you for sharing your views about Windmill on Parent View. The results were very positive.

97% of families said their child is safe and happy at Windmill and 96% said their child does well here.

97% said there is a good range of subjects at Windmill (3% said they did not know). 91% said their child can take part in clubs and activities. 92% said they would recommend Windmill to another parent.

The area that seems obvious for us to do more work on is bullying. On the plus side, only 10% of parents completing this survey thought that bullying was not dealt with quickly and effectively.

What I can see is still a problem is that **we are not yet clear what bullying is**. When we ask Windmill children, 90% of them say they have never been bullied, but 47% of parents in this survey say their child has been bullied. We have done so much work with children on what bullying is and there is [a good section on our website that covers this](#). It is: 'when someone wants to hurt someone else and they do it over and over again'. This happens here very rarely.

A highlight from last week...

Following on from last week's highlight, which was Year 5 walking to the cinema, this week's highlight is also about walking...

Class 5 did their 'Pedestrian Training' (and Class 6 will do theirs this week). Mrs Coles arranges this every year for Year 2 children and the main outcome is that children know their Green Cross Code and have a chance to practice it on pavements and roads in Brookside.

Mrs Coles said, 'Class 5 children were brilliant and they showed the instructor how well they had listened and learned the safety rules to keep themselves safe.'

[Green Cross Code](#)



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.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Some advance notice that Friday 22nd July will be an additional holiday day to celebrate!

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 2786, Cluddley 2730, Upton 2661 and Rowton 2126.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Remember to share your bedtime book and home reader.

Year 1

- Please set-up a routine to bring RWI book and reading record to school daily.

Year 2

- Tile museum trip postponed. New date TBC. Volunteers welcome to come on the trip - contact class teacher via dojo.

Year 3

- Tell the time on an analogue clock for quarter past and quarter to the hour. Link for activities www.topmarks.co.uk/time/teaching-clock

Year 4

- We are going on a trip next Thursday please check Parent Pay!

Year 5

- We met with Dr Eve Clevenger (virtually), who enlightened us about Jewish Prayer - ask your children to tell you more.

Year 6

- We are writing persuasive letters this week. Ask your children all about it!

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:

Did you know? "An increase in screen time has also resulted in a significant upward trend in online abuse." Ofcom, Dec 2020

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.