

Monday 14th February 2022

Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

For those people who read this 'Head Lines' column last week, I apologise. I am going to repeat myself!

I would never mean to insult parents and families by saying 'you don't know what you are talking about', so I won't say that... ..but I do need to say **what bullying is not**, and then again **what bullying actually is**. Our [website](#) explains this well.

It is usually not bullying when two children don't get on well together and they say or do unpleasant things to each other. This is just what happens when children don't get on and they don't know how to handle it. As they grow older, they learn that saying and doing not nice things to each other does not help the situation, it makes it worse.

Bullying is:

'when someone wants to hurt someone else and they do it over and over again'

We investigate bullying every time it is mentioned, which is actually quite often, but we nearly always find that it isn't bullying, it is just children not getting on well together as friends.

A highlight from last week...

You may have noticed that we didn't update the picture for last week's highlight, sorry about that (it was left as 'Encanto' from the week before)!

Today, we're sharing a picture and a story from last week that demonstrates the wonderful experiences that Windmill children get. Read the [curriculum](#) and [experiences](#) pages on our website to find out more.

The picture shows Robyn, completely enthralled during a dance workshop that all Year 3 children travelled to Wrekin College for. The children loved it and were commended for their behaviour and talent!



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

Last Thursday we had the opportunity to take 10 children to the Arthog Outreach centre by Short Wood Primary School in Wellington.



We played lots of team games, learned lots about one another and had fun rock climbing for the first time EVER!

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 2987, Cluddley 2870, Upton 2823 and Rowton 2256.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Make a list of all the machines you can find around home and Dojo them the class teacher!

Year 1

- Can your child tell you about the significant people they have been studying in history?

Year 2

- Practice 2, 5 and 10 times tables over half term.

Year 3

- Please remember to bring your reading book to school every day.

Year 4

- Please wear their PE kits on Thursday and Friday!

Year 5

- PE will return to Wednesday and Friday this week.

Year 6

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Breakfast Club

If children attend Breakfast Club and require breakfast they need to attend before 8:15am.

Half Term Dates

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

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/Y5 Football

Thursday:

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

Friday:

- Y5 Football - moved to Wednesday with Year 6

Weekly Safety Message:

Being a parent can be challenging, even in normal everyday life.

These days, perhaps more than ever, taking care of your mental health is so important.

Remember to find sometime for yourselves in your day.

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...

8. EYFS stands for Early Years Foundation Stage. It is basically our Nursery and Reception classes. Gill Lambert is our EYFS Lead and she has masterminded the improvement of the outdoor environment, with new surfacing, fencing, play equipment and furniture. More to come...!