

Tuesday 1st March 2022



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Welcome back after the half-term break!

Sorry this issue of the Windmill Weekly is coming to you a day late... yesterday whizzed by!

On Thursday this week, it is World Book Day. We are celebrating how good it is to read books by encouraging children to dress up. This year, to get everyone's imagination going, the challenge is to dress up as a word.

Some words I would love to see in costume form would be:

'stuck' or 'invisible' or 'thunder'

But that is just my imagination having a bit of a laugh!

For those children (and parents) who might be disappointed not to be dressing up as a favourite book character, don't worry - you still can. Just think of a word that goes with that character 😊

I hope it's a fun day for everyone!

A highlight from last week...

Not quite 'last week', but the week before the half-term break, most Year 6 pupils went to Arthog Outdoor Education Centre in North Wales and had hopefully a life-changing experience. Don't worry, the children who didn't go still had a really good week - see the next page for more on that.

Going to Arthog is one of our Deep and Diverse experiences that we guarantee all children have the opportunity to take part in (see our website for more information: [Deep and Diverse Experiences | Windmill Primary School](#))

The children will definitely have used the [Windmill Values](#) while they were there!



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

The Year 6 children who didn't go to Arthog studied hard to find about the famous conservationist and explorer, John Muir. They also spent a lot of time in the school Wildlife Area making dens, discovering and exploring, making fires and shelters. They had a great time...and didn't get too muddy (well - just a bit!)



Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 3130, Cluddley 2983,
Upton 2910 and Rowton 2421.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Practice writing your name with the correct letter formation.

Year 1

- Remember Year 1 PE is Monday and Thursday.

Year 2

- School trip to Tile Museum Wednesday 2nd March.

Year 3

- Don't forget it's World Book Day on Thursday, this year we are asking children to dress up as a word.

Year 4

- Please practise telling the time to the nearest minute!

Year 5

- Reminder to bring in reading books and diaries every day.

Year 6

- Please stay tuned for information about upcoming after school boosters for Y6.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Y2 Football

Tuesday:

- Y3 Football
- Y3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- Y3-4 Gymnastics
- Y6/Y5 Football

Thursday:

- Y5-6 Dance
- Y4 Football

Friday:

- Y5 Football

Weekly Safety Message:

How much screen time is your child having? Set fair and consistent rules when your child is online.

Breakfast Club

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

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.