

Monday 16th May 2022

A highlight from last week...

Many Year 4 children had an amazing experience spending three days and two nights away from home on the Long Mynd last week.

As part of our commitment to giving children the best possible start to the rest of their lives, we guarantee a big list of experiences for them, which we call '[Deep and Diverse](#)'. These experiences contribute to the children increasing their '[cultural capital](#)'. In other words, what we think they should know and experience by the time they leave Windmill.

Find out more [here](#).



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Today is the start of Year 6 SATs week (SAT is an acronym for Standard Assessment Test).

I feel very proud of the way they have come to school today: mentally and physically prepared. I think one or two of them could have done with more sleep mind you...

There is very little doubt in my mind that children in Year 6 (and other year groups) have been disadvantaged by Covid-19 disruption. Even though we did our absolute best to keep education going for our children, it was difficult to do so when children were at home and all of them with different amounts of support.

It is therefore really pleasing to see that the staff and pupils have worked very hard to catch up, to identify and fill gaps in knowledge, and to practise everything as much as possible. Thank you to you too parents and carers, for all your support and all those days of home learning.

Together, we have done a great job!
Team work makes the dream work!



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!

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Find something in your house that is a cube, a cuboid, a cone, a cylinder and a sphere - post your answers on Dojo.

Year 1

- On Tuesday we have a 'Toy Share' day, please send your child to school with a cuddly toy for our Teddy Bear's Picnic.

Year 2

- Recall the 5 oceans of the world to your families.

Year 3

- Practise this 4 times tables song please.
- https://youtube.com/watch?v=8QU_E0u-tP4&feature=share

Year 4

- Remember swimming is on Friday please remember to give consent!

Year 5

- Bikeability continues this week.

Year 6

- SATs breakfast club is open from 8am

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor , Cluddley , Upton and Rowton .

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Y5-6 Boys Football
- Yr5-6 Tennis

Tuesday:

- Y3-4 Football
- Y3-6 Choir
- Yr3-4 Kwik Cricket

Wednesday:

- Y5-6 Gymnastics
- Y5-6 Rounders
- Y5-6 Girls Football

Thursday:

- Y3-4 Dance
- Y1-2 Football
- Y1-2 Mini Tennis

Friday:

- Football FUNdamentals

Tip top Tuesday's and Thursday's - A tip top will cost 20p and money can be bought into class on these days. Children will have the tip top at breaktimes.

Breakfast Learning Club - please note is cancelled this week due to Year 6 SATs.

Other news and notices

Please can we remind all families they are not permitted on the school site until 3:10pm - this is a Safeguarding issue as children may still be continuing their lessons on the playground until then.

Attention Parents & Carers
The 5-year-old
Dental Health Survey
is coming to your child's school soon

WHAT IS IT?
The community dental team is carrying out dental checks of 5-year-old children in reception and year one. This will take place at your child's school.

WHY DO WE DO IT?
The information we collect about the dental health of local children is used to plan local dental services and improve the dental health of children in Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT IT?
If your child is picked and you agree that they can take care then please return the completed consent form to school by the deadline. The form will be sent out closer to the survey date.
By allowing your child to take part you are helping us to improve children's dental health.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Please watch the video, via the QR code or link ([Watch Dental Survey - YouTube](#))
The video will take you through how we do the dental check.

NHS
Shropshire Community Health

Weekly Safety Message:

Help your child identify trusted adults who can help them if they are worried: This includes you and other adults at home, as well as adults from wider family, and school.

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...

5. Our school grounds are amazing! We are lucky to lots of space, but did you realise that we have: a woodland area (including a wildlife pond), an outdoor classroom (which doubles up as a bird hide), an orchard, and an allotment area. We make sure all classes have access to those areas.