



Monday 26th September 2022

Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

With a slightly unexpected Ofsted inspection behind us (we expected one, but not quite so early in September), we are now launching into the new school year with several new and improved plans...

1. **Family Year Planner** - we aim to publish this very soon, with information about planned class visits and experiences, plus school events and fundraisers.
2. **Social/Fundraising Events** - we plan to have more events for children and families that are fun and also give us opportunities to raise money for school and for good causes. Let us know your ideas.
3. **Wall of Fame** - you may have seen some R5 photos on ClassDojo with the new wall of fame in the background. I would like to fill this with former Windmill pupils who have now finished secondary school.
4. **New uniform options** - coming soon... personalised PE hoodies and brand-new (optional) Nursery uniform and accessories

I am always keen to hear your ideas for improving our school. Email: office@windmillprimaryschool.co.uk

A highlight from last week...

Our School Council for 2022-23 has been formed. Children learned about democracy as they listened to their classmates explaining why they wanted to be a school councillor and then voted for their choice. As you can see from the picture below, there was a majority of girls chosen overall. We hope and trust that the girls will make a special effort to make sure all children's views are represented fairly (boys' and girls').

Mrs Hoofe coordinates our School Council, and they meet every Monday afternoon. Lana and Lexi-Mai are not pictured as they were absent, and our Executive Chairperson is yet to be selected.



This term, we're working on...

- **Metacognition** (children understanding their learning journey) '**We learn well**'
- **Interaction** (all of us speaking and listening with each other) '**We speak well**'
- **Writing** (using extensive vocabulary, correct grammar and punctuation) '**We write well**'
- **Collaboration** (partnering with others to improve what we do) '**We work together**'
- **Aspiration** (bringing the best out in each other and aiming high) '**We are inspired**'



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

Safety Message:

When reading information online encourage your children to consider if the story is believable and get them to fact-check it with other websites.

Lost Property

Will be by the main office every Tuesday from 9:45am until 3:45pm.

Secondary School Applications -2023/2024

The closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is 31st October 2022. No applications can be accepted after this date.

Four children from Year 6 went to the Wrekin Maths Challenge. Out of 61 teams we came 14th and 38th. We did brilliantly!



Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please practise your Read Write Inc sounds with your flash cards.

Year 1

- Class 4 - Share with us on Class Dojo if your child has been reading with you at home.

Year 2

- Trip to Southwater library on Wednesday. Wear sensible shoes, a coat and full school uniform. Please bring a rucksack to carry lunch and a book.

Year 3

- Please remember full PE kits for Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Year 4

- Please complete the 7 times table challenge on dojo!

Year 5

- Please log into ParentPay and give permission for your child to attend the cinema.

Year 6

- Please ensure your child brings in their Accelerated Reader book every day.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- UKS2 Girls Football

Tuesday:

- Year 1-2 Football
- Year 3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- LKS2 Gymnastics
- Year 3-4 Football

Thursday:

- UKS2 Dance
- Year 5 Football
- UKS2 Dance
- KS2 Gardening Club

Friday:

- Year 6 Football

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 831, Cluddley 870, Upton 778 and Rowton 718.

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...

2. Our six School Values are: 'Every day is a new day', 'Be there for each other', 'Do your best', 'Don't give up', 'Aim high', 'Believe in yourself'.
- We mention these a lot and you'll hear them regularly in Monday ClassDojo assemblies