

Monday 13th February 2023

Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Hello everybody!

This half-term has been a long one...

Usually, we would be in school after Christmas for six weeks at the most, but this is our seventh week. Usually, Valentine's Day is in the half-term holiday, but this year it is tomorrow and we're still at school. I will be in Arthog, North Wales, all week, with the Year 6 children, so I've booked some flowers to be delivered to my wife. Shhh... don't tell her!

Windmill staff work very hard, I can promise you that. They will have earned their break by the end of the week, that's for sure.

I hope you enjoy the week; probably for most of you it means spending more time with your children. There are so many things you can do together that don't cost much money. One of my favourite things to do with my children is find some woodland and build a den or shelter together.

Don't forget Telford's [10by10 scheme](#). You could use next week to try and tick off some of those...

A highlight from last week...

Some of our Year 2 and Year 3 children participated in football tournaments last week. Their attitudes were excellent. Even when they didn't do so well, they were heard to say, "Well, we did our best and we didn't give up!" so that makes us very proud of all of them.

We think it is an important life experience to compete against other people; to learn what it feels like to test yourself alongside other people. To win sometimes, to lose sometimes, and to maintain positive relationships regardless.

Thank you to our sports coaches for all they do!



The five strands of our strategic plan are:

- **Metacognition** (children understanding their learning journey) '**We learn well**'
- **Interaction** (all of us speaking, listening and communicating effectively) '**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

[Breakfast bagel club now starts at the slightly later time of 8:35am](#)

Children arriving between 8:20am and 8:35am will be charged 50p.

Lost Property

By main office every Tuesday from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March!

Come dressed as an adjective. Winners from each class will receive a prize.

There will be an opportunity for children to buy pre-loved books between 3:15pm and 3:45pm.

Children who bring in a pre-loved book (just one) and write a review for it, will get to exchange it for another.

Term Dates: Break up - Friday 17th February Return Monday 27th February. **BANK HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 8 MAY**

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 9291, Cluddley 9222, Upton 8123 and Rowton 8083.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Help your child write their name using the correct letter formation.

Year 1

- Make sure your child knows the name of the street you live on.

Year 2

- Log onto Learning with Parents, watch Addition and Subtraction video and have a go at the activities.

Year 3

- Can your children give you nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs when asked. Revise from BBC bitesize to revise from <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn>

Year 4

- Practise the 25 question multiplication check. You can find the link on dojo!

Year 5

- We are watching Grease at Telford Park School Tuesday. Please wear trainers and a waterproof coat!

Year 6

- No SATS boosters this week due to Arthog. We hope that the Y6's there all have a GREAT time! Updates on Class Dojo!

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-6 Girls Football
- Year 5 Kwik Cricket
- KS2 Running Club

Tuesday:

- Year 3-6 Boccia/NAK Inclusive
- Year 3-6 Choir
- Year 3-6 Inclusive Football
- Year 6 SATS Booster

Wednesday:

- Year 5-6 Gymfinity
- Year 3-4 Boys Football
- Year 3-4 Tag Rugby

Thursday:

- Year 3-4 Dance GemAcademy
- Year 1-2 Football
- Year 1-2 Kwik Cricket
- Year 6 SATS Booster

Friday:

- Year 5-6 Football

PLEASE NOTE:

Year 6 Booster sessions are cancelled this week due to Arthog.

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...

6. We are really good at caring for every single child at Windmill to the best of our ability.

I was thrilled to hear a parent describe our school as:

'An oasis, wrapped in a fortress, full of the kindest staff'