

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023



# Windmill Weekly

## A highlight from last week...

On Thursday last week, a set of laptops was delivered to Class 9, which will be used by the children during the summer term.

We were chosen by TA Education (also known as Tablet Academy) for a project to see how the use of technology can enhance teaching and learning.

Mrs Gain, our school's computing lead, is excited and interested to see how the project develops - and so are the children in Class 9!

They will take things slowly, so don't worry - we won't be throwing away pens and paper just yet!!

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

In one of the only full school weeks of this half-term (last week had a staff training day and the next two weeks have Bank Holidays), I am thinking about our Year 6 pupils who are getting prepared to do SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) the week after next.

I am thinking not only about them following our school values to help them through the tests (see the bottom of page 2 of this newsletter for a reminder of those), I am also thinking about the rest of their lives.

I spoke to one Year 6 pupil this morning who said they had no ideas or aspirations for the rest of their life. They said life is boring, apart from video games, and even they get boring after a while.

This is so sad, isn't it? After my thinking in 'Head Lines' last week about the risk of children not experiencing enough in life - and being stuck playing video games - I am feeling concerned that video games (an artificial reality) are stopping children dreaming about real-life goals and ambitions.

Please talk to your children about this! Thank you.



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 to remind and prompt you about school events!

### Other news and notices

#### Breakfast bagel club starts at 8:35am

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

Lost Property - Always displayed by the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

Popcorn - If you would like your child to receive a bag of popcorn at breaktime on Wednesday, please make sure you have paid 50p on ParentPay by 8am on Wednesday morning.

Clubs - are starting week. All invites have now been sent out via ParentPay, please log on to confirm consent and make the £5 payment, if any families have any issues with this please send Miss Panter a ClassDojo message.

#### Term Dates:

BANK HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY and MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY.

TERM DATES - HALF TERM BREAK UP FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND RETURN MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Practise counting to 100.

#### Year 1

- Please keep watching the daily phonic videos. Thank you

#### Year 2

- Can the children please make sure they bring their reading books to school every day.

#### Year 3

- Year 3 are learning about angles and shapes. Please complete Learning with Parents activities based on angles and shapes.

#### Year 4

- Please can all children wear PE kit on a Wednesday and Friday!

#### Year 5

- It's Geography Day on Tuesday. Ask your child about Mexico's location, climate and culture to see how much they can teach you!

#### Year 6

- Boosters will run until SATs week - WB 9th May 2023.

### Clubs

(Priority for clubs is given to invited children, based on their needs and interests)

#### **Monday:**

- Year 3-6 Girls Football
- KS2 Hockey

#### **Tuesday:**

- KS2 Tennis
- KS2 Choir
- KS1 Mixed Football
- Year 6 SATS Booster

#### **Wednesday:**

- KS2 Gymfinity
- Year 3-4 Football
- KS2 Netball

#### **Thursday:**

- Year 5-6 GemAcademy Dance
- KS2 Mixed Ability Football
- KS2 Rounders
- KS1 Multisports
- Year 6 SATS Booster

#### **Friday:**

- Year 5-6 Football
- KS1 Cooking Club

#### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 11301, Cluddley 10936, Upton 10051 and Rowton 9960.

**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