



Monday 16th October 2023

Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Year 5 and 6 girls played a football match at St George's Church of England Primary School.

For some girls it was their first competitive football match, and it was a shame to lose 7-3.

Our girls were brilliant, and they displayed all the Windmill values, making Coach Carl, Miss Panter and Mr Gibbons very proud indeed.

They were losing 7-1 at half-time and improved so much during the game that they won the second half 2-0, which obviously wasn't quite enough to win the game overall.

Well done to all of them!

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

In this morning's video assembly, I was talking with Miss Riekstins to make sure everyone knows what her responsibilities are.

If you didn't see it, her role is different to what Mr Millington's was. She ensures that the best possible teaching and learning is happening in all classrooms, including Nursery. She also ensures all children are making the best possible progress during their time here at Windmill.



Mrs Cambidge and Miss Richards are both Assistant Headteachers.

Mrs Cambidge oversees our provision for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, plus children who speak English as an additional language, plus Children in Care and Pupil Premium Funded children.



Miss Richards ensures children's behaviour at school is excellent, including attendance, punctuality, playtimes and lunchtimes.



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

[Free bagels in the hall 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.

[End of School Day](#) - Please do not come onto the playground or wait outside classrooms until after 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children. Thank you.

[SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS](#) Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 will start secondary school from September 2024. Parents need to apply for a Year 7 place by 31 October 2023 and children with an EHCP by 31 October 2023. You can use [this tool](#) to check which school are your nearest or catchment area.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 220, Cluddley 200, Upton 238 and Rowton 268.

[Save the date! Autumn Disco 26th October](#) tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay.

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'

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Follow this link to play some shape pattern games.

Year 1

- Please return your child's flu form.

Year 2

- Please ensure your child brings their reading book to school every day.

Year 3

- We are looking at news reports in English - share news stories with children.

Year 4

- Please can you practise your 8 times table at home.

Year 5

- We are learning about graphs this week. Can you find any examples of graphs at home? We would love to see what you have found.

Year 6

- Please practice times tables at home.

Half Term dates -

Break up Friday 27th October and children return Monday 6th November.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-4 Football
- Year 2 Athletics

Tuesday:

- Year 3-6 Choir
- Year 5-6 Football
- Year 3-6 Dodgeball

Wednesday:

- Year 3-6 Gymfinity
- Year 3-6 mixed ability Football
- Year 3-6 Archery

Thursday:

- Year 3-6 Team Building
- Year 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3-6 Dance
- Year 3-6 Girls Football

Please note there will be no Football or archery clubs on Wednesday 18th October and 8th November due to staff training. Gym will run as normal.

Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccine - 24th October - please return consent forms by Friday 20th October.