

Monday 26th February 2024



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Well, not last week, but the week before half-term...

A big thank you to the Windmill PTA (Parent and Teacher Association), sometimes just called 'Windmill Friends'. Led by Mrs Coles, the PTA has already organised two discos and a Christmas Fayre, raising significant amounts of money for school.

If you would like to join the PTA (we particularly need a treasurer), please let us know in the school office.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

I'm sure you're all fed up of me talking about Arthog in North Wales by now, but I do want to say a bit more...

Our programme of Deep and Diverse experiences ([Deep and Diverse Experiences | Windmill Primary School](#)) includes three residential visits:

1. Year 2 children spend one night away from home in a National Trust property near Bridgnorth (approximate cost £30)
2. Year 4 children spend two nights away from home in bunkhouses on the Long Mynd in Shropshire (approximate cost £100)
3. Year 6 children spend four nights away from home by the seaside in North Wales (approximate cost £175)

I'd like to be clear with you that these experiences are guaranteed for all children. That means that if a family cannot afford the cost, we still find a way of making it possible for the child to go.



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. Thanks.

ParentPay - Please ensure that you log in to ParentPay regularly to prevent missing important information.

Dinner Money: The price for primary meals will increase by 10p per meal to **£2.70** per meal from 1st April 2024

Latest House Point totals:
Henmoor 4214, Cluddley 3883,
Upton 3955 and Rowton 3929.

Mufti (non-uniform) Day
Thursday 21st March - bring some chocolate to qualify

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- We are learning about dinosaurs. Find out an interesting fact to share.

Year 1

- Log in to emile and have a go at this weeks spelling game.

Year 2

- Please read with and to your child as often as possible to develop their understanding of text read.

Year 3

- Keep practicing spelling on emile.

Year 4

- Keep going on emile to practice tables and spellings.

Year 5

- Please remember to give your consent for Bikeability. The letters were sent home on Wednesday 21st February.

Year 6

- Booster is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Parent Meetings - start week beginning 11th March - the children will be bringing home a letter - please return as soon as possible.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3 and 4 Football
- Year 1 and 2 Kwik Cricket

Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 boys Football
- Year 3 to 6 Choir
- Year 3 and 4 Kwik Cricket

Wednesday:

- Year 3 to 6 mixed ability Football Fundamentals
- Year 3 to 6 Netball
- Year 3 to 6 Gymfinity

Thursday:

- Year 5 and 6 Kwik Cricket
- Year 1 and 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3 to 6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 GemDanceAcademy

Term Dates

Break up Friday 22nd March

Start back Tuesday 9th April

Break up Friday 24th May

Bank holiday Monday 6th May

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...

10. Rewards and Consequences (R's and C's) are shared with you on ClassDojo, so you should know if your child is getting positive recognition for their attitude and behaviour. We put the emphasis on the positives, and C's are there to warn children away from the negatives.