

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023



# Windmill Weekly

## A highlight from last week...

Thank you to families of Reception children.

Classes 1 and 2 have just completed a project working together with families to create their own dinosaur dioramas.

What's a Diorama you might ask...? It's a model that shows animals in their natural environment. Have a look at the picture!

Miss Richards, our lead teacher for Geography, chose the winners and all the children who took part won a dinosaur book for their entry.

What a lovely project - well done everyone!

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

As we approach the Easter holiday two weeks, I have realised that we haven't got an Easter Celebration planned. That's when we usually invite families to come into school to join in with some themed songs and presentations by pupils. We do this at Harvest time and Christmas.

I think the only reason we haven't done it this time is that Miss O'Hara would have coordinated it, but she began her maternity leave at the beginning of March.

Instead, children have participated in an assembly today about Easter, and tomorrow there is an assembly about Palm Sunday. On Thursday, I will gather all of the children together in the hall and we will have a mini Easter celebration, including how Easter Eggs are linked to the Christian Easter story.

As I shared on ClassDojo at the end of last week, we also wish our Muslim families and friends 'Ramadan Mubarak' as they begin their fasting season.



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.

Raffle - Raffle tickets are available to buy on ParentPay this week at 50p per ticket. The raffle will be drawn by Team Safe on Friday afternoon.

Easter Egg Decorating Competition We would like you to decorate an egg using whatever materials you like. You can decorate an eggshell, a chocolate egg, a biscuit egg or an egg made of paper or card.

Please bring in your egg creations on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March for judging

Have fun!

One Easter egg prize per class!!

**CANCELLED CLUBS** - Year 1 and 2 Football and Year 1 and 2 Kwik Cricket are cancelled this week - sorry for any inconvenience.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Week 2 of your red reading words.

#### Year 1

- Class 4 parents meetings Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. You will receive a message with your time slot on.

#### Year 2

- Deposit of £5 for the Dudmaston Bunkhouse residential to be paid by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March please.

#### Year 3

- We are learning about different religions as part of RE and World Views lessons. Do you have a religion you follow? Please share with us.

#### Year 4

- Spring performance Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March for deep and diverse experience starting at 2:15pm. Please come along.

#### Year 5

- We have been learning about Frida Kahlo. Please ask them about what they have been learning.

#### Year 6

- Don't forget about boosters on every Tuesday and Thursday!

### 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- **CANCELLED**
- Year 1-2 Kwik Cricket- **CANCELLED**
- Year 6 SATS Booster

#### **Friday:**

- Year 5-6 Football

#### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 10734, Cluddley 10556, Upton and Rowton 9523.

Term Dates: Break up - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Return Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.  
**BANK HOLIDAY ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> 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...

1. Our school vision is **IGNITE** (Include everyone; Guarantee opportunities; Nurture aspirations; Inspire each other; Try everything; Enable independence).  
- We already do all these things, but we keep trying to do them even better!