

Monday 20th November 2023



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Four Year 6 pupils represented Windmill at the Telford Schools Debating Competition on Wednesday afternoon.

Ade, Sienna, Andrew and Theo constituted our Team and did an outstanding and sophisticated job in the debate.

They were extremely eloquent and responded amazingly well to the challenge.

This was a helpful addition to our excellent programme for Religions and World Views at Windmill, led by Mr Butterworth.

We aim to have more debating opportunities in school too!

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

What is the thing you value most about a school?

Some of you will have had the experience of choosing a preferred secondary school for your child. All of you have had the experience of choosing a primary school.

So what is it that made your mind up?

When I looked at the two Bridgnorth secondary schools for my youngest son, one of them impressed me because of the interesting activities the teachers were doing, and the other impressed me because the headteacher seemed very passionate and dedicated.

I would be very interested to know what matters the most to you.

Please have a quick look at this survey, which asks you to indicate what the biggest influence is on how you rate a school:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6U9SVw2gMF>



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.

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

Diary Date:

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Fair 2:30pm until 4:15pm. If you would like a stall please speak to Mrs Coles.

Calling All Parent Volunteers - we desperately need help to tidy our community garden. Please speak to Mrs Coles if you are able to help.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Reception children practise writing their numbers correctly. Have a look at the video and the rhymes to help! Have fun.
<https://youtu.be/WtVnKUd8nWM?feature=shared>

Year 1

- Play the number bonds game on hit the button.
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Year 2

- Children have been practising doubling numbers this week. Please support this learning at home.

Year 3

- Please discuss the difference between how we live now and how people lived in the Stone Age.

Year 4

- Practice times tables using the links on Dojo.

Year 5

- Please ask your children what a setting description is. Can they describe Narnia to you?

Year 6

- Practise times tables at home!

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-4 Football
- Year 1-2 Multi Skills

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 1-2 Football

Friday:

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

Club Cancelled - Multi-skills - there will be no multi-skills club on Monday 27th November.

Parent Consultations - Please return your slip with your preferred time back to your class teacher as soon as possible.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 2109, Cluddley 2063, Upton 2097 and Rowton 2005.

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.