

Windmill Whispers

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Wow! We are very nearly at the end of this academic year, believe it or not. It would be impossible for me to list all of the things that have been going on at Windmill recently. I always say how proud I am to be principal of such an incredible school...and I couldn't be any prouder at the moment! And it's all because of the fantastic children that come here...without them, our school would not be the place it is. So...congratulations to all the children at Windmill...you really are AWESOME! Have an amazing summer everybody and we go again in September for an even bigger and even better year! *Mr Coleman*

Wicked Trip!

On Wednesday 21st June Year 5/6 saw the production 'Wicked' in the Victoria Apollo Theatre, London. This was an outstanding opportunity that will never be forgotten and will undoubtedly be one of my treasured memories for years to come. It was about an untold story in Oz starring the soon to be wickedest witch of the west and Glinda (the good witch.) Magic, love and a slightly spooky tingle in your upper body is all weaved into one immensely powerful story, the prequel to the Wizard of Oz. The experience the school gave us was – unquestionably unforgettable; this five star performance is a delight to the human mind! *Poppy Ball*

The University of Northampton

Year 6 had the opportunity to visit The University of Northampton earlier this term. The children learned all about life at University; ranging from the new Waterside campus being built in Northampton town centre to what kinds of items you would find in halls of residence. We worked alongside current Journalism students to write letters to our future selves, sharing our hopes and dreams for our futures. We also took part in a construction challenge where we used skills such as resilience, team-work and budgeting; luckily for us, the teachers won this challenge! *Mrs Durrheim*

District Sports

It was a hot, sunny morning as we travelled down the A14 with tension throughout our coach. The children were eager to do their best and nervous about all the spectators. We started off well with a 1st in one of the first races but the field events were an unknown... After a couple of firsts and many 2nd, 3rds, and 4ths, we felt confident that we had improved on last year; Miss Davies' running club sessions had definitely paid off! Grit and determination beamed out of every child's face from the start to the finish line. As the awards were presented, we were disappointed not to be awarded a trophy, however, we knew that winning wasn't important, it was the effort to win that was. Well done to all the District Sports Team – you were fantastic with both your attitude and your effort! Can't wait for next year!

Mrs Durrheim

Hamerton Trip

On Friday last week we took 44 reception children to Hamerton Zoo Park. What an amazing day we had! From the minute the children walked in to their classrooms, right up until they left school to go home again their behaviour could not be faulted. The children's manners and behaviour were impeccable! Even the staff at the zoo in the education hut commented on how polite and well behaved our children were. Behaviour aside, the children had a fantastic time at the zoo. There was so much to see and do and the excitement and buzz from the



children made it all so worthwhile. All in all a magical day making some amazing memories with your children before they go up to Year 1! Thank you Reception for making us all so proud!!!

Mrs Frost

New Reception Children

Earlier this term we had the final visit from our new reception children before they officially join us in September! The children joined us again for their final induction and had a fantastic time! The children were all extremely well behaved and had lots of fun getting to know their new environment. Already I can see how much many of the children have changed since starting with us in February for Nursery afternoon visits! Miss Loasby and I are very excited about welcoming our new intake and all the exciting things that we have planned and cannot wait to welcome you all back to Windmill! Have a great summer and stay safe!

Mrs Frost

Woburn Trip Y2

On Thursday 6th July Year 2 went off to visit Woburn Safari Park. We explored lots of different animals on the coach safari and even had a tiger walking close to the coach. Once off of the coach we explored the foot safari seeing monkeys, sea lions and lemurs to name a few. We ended our day with an interesting talk from the meerkat keepers which was amazing. The children all had a fantastic time and their behaviour was amazing; A fantastic day was had by all!

Mrs Bashford



Fineshade Trip Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time on their trip to Fineshade Woods. One of the activities involved following the interactive trail for signs of the Gruffalo. We used an app to point at special markers and watched the characters from the Gruffalo come to life. The children and adults were amazed! We also identified some of the trees on the walk. Another activity involved looking at 14 different animal objects using magnifying glasses and naming them. There were bird eggs, wasp nests and a snake skin to name a few. The children also enjoyed some time in the play area. It was a tiring day for the children but they thoroughly enjoyed it and great memories were made. Miss Ridsdale

A future full of possibilities

Children at Windmill recently took part in a Careers Week designed to provide an experience of a huge range of jobs and professions. Over the week, 26 volunteers visited school and shared the story of their jobs. Visitors gave fascinating talks and presentations, some ran activities and some brought in props to help the children understand what their job involved. Volunteers represented a range of careers from surveying to aeronautical engineering, from sports coaching to veterinary nursing and from marketing to banking. Throughout the week, children kept a Careers Week notebook which they used to take notes and complete activities. Over the week children discovered there were jobs and careers that they hadn't heard of before but volunteers also talked about what inspired them in their career path. Children learned how they can use our school values and learning behaviours to follow their own dreams.

Although Careers Week is over, we are always looking for visitors from the community to come and talk to the children. If you think you could offer half an hour of your time, please contact Michelle Brett on 01933 623121 or email michellebrett@windmillprimary.net
Mrs Brett

The Keymaster

How do I describe it? Our Year 5 and 6 children performed amazingly; it was a truly exceptional performance. Well done everybody! After witnessing the performance, Sarah Triolaire (our Chair of Governors) emailed me: 'The performance from Yr 5/6 last night was truly wonderful, they really did an amazing job. The support and compassion they have for each other is a joy to see in a group of young people clearly keen to help others who are maybe a little unsure and need a little boost of confidence. They have a great deal of respect for the staff as well, that was very clear.'
Amazing Year 5/6 – we are all very proud of you! Mr Coleman

Online Safety

Please please please keep a close eye on what your children are doing with phones, tablets, online gaming and computers over the holidays. Vigilance and awareness is everything! Thank you.
Mr Coleman

Dates for your Diary – This is subject to change and will be updated in every issue so please keep checking!!

Term 6 Summer 2

Term ends

Friday 21st July 2017

Term 1 Autumn 2017/18

Training Day for staff

Monday 4th September 2017

Term starts

Tuesday 5th September 2017

Wow Days

Tues 5th & Wed 6th Sept 2017

Roald Dahl Day

Wednesday 13th September 2017

Groundforce Day

Saturday 23rd September 2017

Harvest Festival

Monday 16th October 2017

Term ends

Friday 20th October 2017

Term 2

Training Day for staff

Monday 30th October 2017

Term starts

Tuesday 31st October 2017

Wow Days

Tuesday 31st Oct & Wed 1st Nov 2017

Pupil Learning Conferences late

Wednesday 8th November 2017

Pupil Learning Conferences early

Thursday 9th November 2017

Reception Nativity

Tuesday 12th December 2017 2pm

Reception Nativity

Wednesday 13th December 2017 6pm

Christmas Carol Concert

Wednesday 20th December 2017 2pm

Term ends

Wednesday 20th December 2017

Term 3 Spring 2018

Training Day for staff

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Term starts

Thursday 4th January 2018

Wow Days

Thurs 4th & Fri 5th January 2018

Term ends

Friday 9th February 2018

Term 4

Term starts

Monday 19th February 2018

Wow Days

Mon 19th & Tues 20th Feb 2018

Pupil Learning Conferences

Tuesday March 13th 2018

Pupil Learning Conferences

Wednesday 14th March 2018

Easter Bonnet Parade (RWSA)

Thursday 29th March 2018

Term ends

Thursday 29th March 2018

Term 5 Summer 2018

Term starts

Monday 16th April 2018

Bank Holiday

Monday 7th May 2018

SATs Week

w/c 14th May 2018

Year 3/4 Residential

15th – 16th May 2018

Year 3/4 Residential

17th – 18th May 2018

Term ends

Friday 25th May 2018