



# Windmill Primary

## NEWSLETTER

Term 3 – 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

### Principal's message

As the term comes to a close, it has been a lovely day and week. The children have been learning about Chinese New Year and looking at the celebrations that take place. Hopefully, the weather will continue to be bright over the holidays for you all. Have a wonderful week and we will see you on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.



### Upcoming Dates

16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of School Term
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of Term 4
1 <sup>st</sup> March	SLT Coffee morning 9am
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Muffi dress as a word or a book character
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent meetings
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of School Term 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Closed for Polling Station
15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Start of Term 5

# Windmill's Wonderful Work

Reception have been enjoying learning all about Lunar New Year and have been gathering adjectives to write some fantastic dragon poems. The children built and set up their very own noodle bar to celebrate the occasion.

Gong hei fat choy!



On Thursday, Year 1 had a DT day and made Rainbow Wraps! The children were so excited to prepare and put together all the ingredients, before following their own design to create their own wrap. We hope the children enjoyed eating them, it was such a fabulous day!



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This week year 2 have been really busy. We have completed our journey tale hot writes and have had time to read our stories to our friends before publishing them. In maths we have started to look at multiplication and division, focusing on identifying the number of groups, how many are in each group and how many altogether. We have also been working really hard on our 10 timetables and have started to learn the division facts linked to them.

We also said goodbye to Mrs Butcher this week as she moves on. We wish her well in her next job.

This week in year 3 we have been using the knowledge we have gained across the curriculum this term to create some amazing pieces of writing.

In history we wrote a diary entry from the perspective of a Celtic warrior or a Roman soldier. We enjoyed imagining how the people would have felt as they battled each other.

In science we applied the knowledge we have gained about forces and magnets, to create an information text.



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This week as part of our reading sessions we have been focusing on Chinese New Year. We explored the story behind how the animal years were decided. We also looked at non-fiction texts to find out about some of the traditions which Chinese people take part in as part of their celebrations. The children liked the idea of celebrating new year for 15 days!



This week Year 5 have been getting up to all sorts! We have been working on creating our own 'Defeating a Monster' tales after working really hard to innovate on the model text, we have been adding to our knowledge displays for space in Science and we have been working hard on our multiplication skills in Maths!

We have also been talking a lot about road safety and keeping ourselves safe outside in the dark. We have been looking at designs for items of clothing and coming up with our own that include fluorescent colours, reflective strips and lights, then thinking about who would use which items and how it could keep them safe.

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Year 6 have rounded off Term 3 in true style, with highly focused learning. We have been writing our 'change tales' based on bullying. The children have worked incredibly hard on these and have often been reluctant to put their pens down – some budding authors in the making.

Fractions have been order of the day in maths, and the children can now multiply and divide fractions – they are making really great progress.

Our geography, this week became very explosive when we learnt about how volcanoes are formed. We watched some fascinating videos with volcanoes erupting. Year 6 were full of so many questions; they really are a curious bunch.

We would like to wish everyone a very relaxing half-term and congratulations to Year 6 for all their hard work.

# Windmill Updates

## **Parents Evening**

Meetings will be available to book through the Arbor Parent Portal from 26th February at 12:00pm. If you currently can't access, or have forgotten your password, to Arbor please contact the school office where we will be able to reset it for you.



Come and meet the Senior Leaders on 1<sup>st</sup> March for a coffee and a chat.

