

Windmill Whispers

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What does it mean when we talk about Environment, Culture and Ethos here at Windmill?

It's about a collective understanding. A togetherness...together in the shared vision that we have for our children. A united approach that puts children and their needs (and only the children and their needs) at the heart of everything that we do, at the heart of every decision that we make. We are all leaders – we lead our children on the right track. Their right track. We all believe it and we do it because it is right. The Environment has to be right. The Culture and Ethos have to be considered, consistent and right. We are very privileged to do the job that we do...our school is amazing and long may it continue! Here's to a great term... *Mr Coleman*

Reception

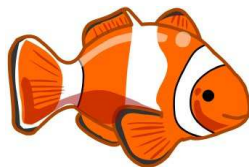
Wow! What can I say? Reception children have made an amazing start to their first term at school. They are now settling well and enjoying their learning. They have already greeted a range of visitors into school including the Fire Brigade, a nurse and a policeman. This has helped the children understand about different occupations in life and has enriched their learning about life in the wider community. The children have also been learning about numbers and letter sounds. The reception team are looking to continue building on this fabulous start!!! *Mrs Frost*

Girls Football

Year 5 and 6 girls played in a football tournament at Higham Ferrers and came 4th over all, out of 12 teams. Several of them had not played football before, but they showed outstanding unity and courage, only losing one game the entire tournament! Well done girls, we are all very proud of you. Go team Windmill!
Miss Davies

Sea Life Centre

Year 1 set off on a dreary Wednesday morning to explore Life in the Oceans at the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham. The children had a chance to see a huge range of sea creatures from penguins to octopus, sea horses to rays and find out all about them from our tour guide. They could have sat in the underwater tunnel all day watching the sharks and sea turtle swim around and above them. The Sea Life Centre gave them an amazing opportunity to bring together all they had learned in the Autumn term and they came home filled with wonder and even more questions. It was a pleasure to have the children's company and share their amazement.
Miss King



What a Wow for WWAC!

Over the half term break we were delighted to hear that Windmill Wide Awake Club had been selected by Kellogg's as the Best Breakfast Club in the East of England. The work that Mrs Taylor and Mrs Roberts put into giving those children attending this provision has been highlighted many times before but this is a fantastic way of being officially recognising both the WWAC team and the school as a whole. On top of this the club has been awarded £1000 to spend to make the experience an even greater one AND Mrs Taylor and Myself will be taking 4 lucky children to the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday 12th December to receive the award (Mrs Taylor is already shopping for hats and making appointments at the hair dressers...me not so much). Watch out in the next edition of *Whispers* for a report on the day itself.
Mr Bateson

Coggins Class Assembly

Congratulations to Coggins class on their amazing assembly all about the Romans. They entertained and informed us with fun facts, poetry and singing. Well done everyone!

In Science Enquiry Day, all year groups looked at accidental discoveries including the microwave and chocolate chip cookies!

Magical Maths

Fantastic news... Magical Maths is BACK at Windmill Primary School!! Magical Maths is a super fun after school club with BRAND NEW content designed to boost children's confidence and better engage them with maths. Each week has a different theme and includes a dressed up character including Professor Poopenshtinken (maths genius), the Mathemagician, Stately Holmes (the maths detective) and the Olympic Mathletes! *Mrs Brightwell*

First Autumn term at Windmill has been pretty amazing and full of great learning opportunities for our wonderful children! During our first few days back to school after the Summer break, all children took part in two WOW Days to get fully immersed for the learning of the term. Year 1 got involved in an underwater adventure, Year 2 created large scale UK landmarks, Years 3 and 4 put their scientific thinking to the test when they created Rube Goldberg machines and Years 5 and 6 became Romans and took part in gladiatorial battles! *Mrs Brett*

Pebble Painting

Recently everyone at Windmill had the opportunity to create their own pebble fish as part of an 'Only One You' day celebrating 'Being an Individual', which is one of our meta-cognition learning behaviours. *Mrs Brett*

Game Changers

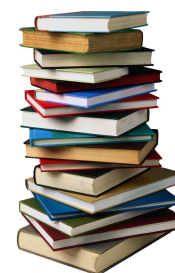
On the last day of term, we welcomed Pam Cookey, past England Netball Captain, and the Sky Sports Game Changers team into school for the day. Children got involved in skills coaching, a press conference and the Sky Sports Game Changers Challenge. What a truly fantastic way to end a truly fantastic term! Life is certainly busy at Windmill but the learning opportunities are unique. *Mrs Brett*

Bikeability

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in 'Bikeability' last week. Which means they all gained a certificate in bike proficiency. Well done to all. Happy cycling!

Book Fair

A big thank you to all those who popped in to see us at the book fair during the Pupil Learning Conferences and bought a book, we made enough money to buy £284 worth of books to share between the two libraries. **Fantastic!**
Mrs Robinson



It was wonderful to see so many Windmill children past and present at the Remembrance Day Parade in Raunds on Sunday.



Lest We Forget.

Please remember P E Kits should be in school for the whole term!

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

Term 2

Polling Day – school open as usual
Children in Need Day Mufti - £1
RWSA Disco KS1 and KS2
Raunds Town Christmas Light switch on
RWSA Mufti Day
Reception Nativity
Reception Nativity
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Carol Concert
Term ends

Thursday 16th November 2017
Friday 17th November 2017
Friday 17th November 2017
Sunday 26th November 2017
Friday 8th December 2017
Tuesday 12th December 2017 2pm
Wednesday 13th December 2017 6pm
Friday 15th December 2017
Wednesday 20th December 2017 2pm
Wednesday 20th December 2017

Term 3 Spring 2018

Training Day for staff
Term starts
Wow Days
SATs Information Evening Year 6
Term ends

Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Thursday 4th January 2018
Thurs 4th & Fri 5th January 2018
Tuesday 16th January 2018
Friday 9th February 2018

Term 4

Term starts
Wow Days
Pupil Learning Conferences (late)
Pupil Learning Conferences (early)
Year 3 & 4 Residential Information Evening
Easter Bonnet Parade (RWSA)
Term ends

Monday 19th February 2018
Mon 19th & Tues 20th Feb 2018
Tuesday 13th March 2018
Wednesday 14th March 2018
Tuesday 20th March 2018
Thursday 29th March 2018
Thursday 29th March 2018

Term 5 Summer 2018

Term starts
Bank Holiday
SATs Week
Year 3/4 Residential
Year 3/4 Residential
Term ends

Monday 16th April 2018
Monday 7th May 2018
w/c 14th May 2018
15th – 16th May 2018
17th – 18th May 2018
Friday 25th May 2018

Term 6

Term starts
Wow Days
Year 5/6 France
Year 5/6 Production
Year 5/6 Production
Leavers Assembly
Break for Summer Holidays

Monday 4th June 2018
Mon 4th & Tues 5th June 2018
W/c 25th June 2018
Tuesday 17th July 2018
Wednesday 18th July 2018
Thursday 19th July 2018
Thursday 19th July 2018