



*Good to talk even better to listen
Respect myself, school and the community
Enjoy and achieve safely*

Able to make mistakes and learn from them

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A Note from the Head of School, Mrs Baines-Chambers:

We have had another busy half term with Year 6 and Year 2 undertaking their SATs. We are extremely proud of all of the pupils for the positive attitudes that they have demonstrated during this time. Year 1 pupils are busy preparing for their Phonics Screening check which will take place the week beginning 12th June. Please continue to support your children through reading daily, playing games and having fun exploring sounds when out and about!

Last week we had a visit from two judges from Pearson for the 'Primary teacher of the year award' that Mrs Carton has been shortlisted for - they were blown away by Wyndham and said what a welcoming, vibrant school we have that is filled with enjoyment. We are looking forward to hosting another visit this Friday for Miss Winfield who has been shortlisted for 'New teacher of the year award' - we are keeping our fingers crossed for both members of staff!

Thank you to the parents who are following our guidance for parking at the end of the day, can you also be mindful when parking in the mornings too.

When it arrives, I'd like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term break.

FS 1 and FS 2

FS1

We are so excited to be ending our term of jungle learning with lots of exciting activities. We will be taking part in 'I'm A Wyndham FS'er, Get Me Out Of Here!' in the Wyndham Woods this week which will involve us working together as a team and completing challenges such as obstacle courses, creating transient art, bug hunts and much more. We ask that children who attend on Monday afternoon bring suitable clothes that they do not mind getting a little bit muddy! Additionally, we have Breakfast with a Book, the Welly Walk and the GREAT assembly all happening this week. If you have any questions or queries then please come and speak to Miss Lawer and I'll be happy to help.

FS2

Last week in FS2 we had a fabulous week focusing our learning around the story of 'The Lion Inside'. This is a rhyming story about one little mouse trying to make himself heard and discovering along the way that even the smallest of us have the heart of a lion! From reading the story the children were able to reflect on their feelings and they began discussing times when they have been brave. All the children have been able to retell a time when they have been brave, which have varied from going on a rollercoaster to seeing a spider in their house! This then led to some amazing writing on Thursday during Big Write. Please scan the QR code to see some beautiful writing from Ruby about when she was brave after seeing a spider under her bed on holiday!



We have an exciting week this week with lots of exciting adventures! On Monday afternoon we have our 'I'm A Wyndham FS'er, Get Me Out Of Here' event where we will be involved in lots of outdoor activities in our woodland area. We also have our GREAT assembly and breakfast with a book on Tuesday morning, followed by a Welly Walk on Tuesday afternoon! If you would like to help us on our Welly Walk, please come and see us or message us on Class Dojo to let us know.

Year 1

We've had another jam packed couple of weeks in Year One! We have been exploring multiplication and subtraction in Maths, which highlighted just how super we are at both of these. We learnt to use different methods and then chose the one that we felt worked best for us, showing off just how evaluative we can be. We have absolutely loved our book for this half term - 'Where the Wild Things Are', and have been exploring this story even deeper. We held a special 'Wild Party' and wrote persuasive invites to our friends and families to invite them along too. There was a fantastic turn out for this event which was not only a time to have fun, but to celebrate our progression too. Thank you to all those who came! Last week saw us learn all about Maurice Sendak who is the author of the story and we even wrote our own stories that included some of his famous characters. Please check out our QR Code where you can see some examples of the fantastic work we have been doing.



Year 2

Well done to all the Year 2 children who have been sitting their SATS tests over the last week. Mr Christie, Miss Syson, Mrs Duerden and Miss Westbrook are so incredibly proud of how hard the children have been working over the last few weeks (both in class, at home, and during revision club). We have been blown away with your positivity, independence and attitudes towards the tests during the week. The children did themselves and the school proud and showed what fantastic learners they are. Mr Christie and Miss Syson both feel like the proudest teachers in the world. We will be celebrating all the children's hard work this Thursday with a trip to the local park for some fun and games in the sunshine. To break up the week during SATS, the children took a trip to the MAGNA Science Centre in Sheffield. The children had a GREAT time exploring the different elements. They came face-to-face with a roaring fire tornado, stood in the middle of a hurricane, and even got to control a JCB digger. Whilst in the water section, the children didn't know that it rains inside every 5 minutes... we got very wet! Finally, the children took part in a special slime making masterclass. The children couldn't believe their eyes when their mixtures started to turn into stretchy slime!



Year 3

We have had a GREAT half term and it has gone so quickly! The children have really impressed us with their narratives over the past two weeks. The children have used lots of grammatical devices to make their writing more interesting. In maths, we have finished our geometry topic and the children have blown us away with their tiny teaching. After the half term break, we will be focussing on fractions for the first few weeks back. Year 3 have loved the geography topic and have been fantastic at reading maps and telling each other all about the world. Well done to our handwriters of the week: Larissa and Angela! Miss Brooker and Miss Harries are very impressed with your hard work. Thank you to all the parents who attended the crafts afternoon. We hope you enjoyed it! The children loved sharing their work with you. Please be reminded that it is Roald Dahl day for Year 3 and 4 on Friday and children may come to school dressed as their favourite Dahl character. Swimming will continue after the half term break for Miss Harries' class.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a very busy couple of weeks. We have enjoyed doing Talk for Writing to help us create our very own adventure stories. Mr Holden and Miss Wareing are very impressed with the stories the children have written. They have used some excellent vocabulary, adverbial phrases, relative clauses and speech in their work. The year 4 children are really flourishing with their writing and it is amazing to see. In maths children have been tackling the tricky subject of decimals! They have been working so hard at proving all their answers and using great vocabulary to explain their answers. We are very excited about our Roald Dahl day next Friday and can't wait to see some fabulous costumes!



Year 5

In Year Five, we have been translating shapes using coordinates using the instructions we have been given. This included using a mirror line for reflection too!



For English, we have written a story for our own predictions of the Iron Man. Also, we went into the 4D room and learnt about Shakespeare's play 'Hamlet.' We studied the famous soliloquy "To be or not to be: that is the question," and wrote our own based on the Iron Man's thoughts.

We have also learnt a lot in Geography about reading maps using all of the school. We added our own symbols to older maps of the school and studied 6 figure referencing to learn about population density too. This was summed up brilliantly by Milly Scothern as "Busy, busy, busy!"

Year 6

Year Six have been focusing their learning around animal cruelty and neglect over the past couple of weeks. We watched a video clip called 'The Gift' which tells the story of an unwanted dog and then wrote recounts based around it. The children have been fabulous at coming up with super vocabulary in order to describe the feelings of the dog which really provoke empathy using our WOW words of the week. The QR code shows



Keeley's recount. Well done Keeley - super progress! We will continue this theme this week where we will be writing a leaflet on behalf of the RSPCA to stop animal cruelty. We will also be continuing with our pet sketches this week where we have focused on light and shade to create a realist look to our artwork! Keep checking Twitter and Facebook to see some of the finished designs!

We have also been very busy getting Aladdin rehearsals well and truly underway! The children have been practising the songs at every opportunity and directors Miss Hursey and Miss Walker have been busy starting the set design; we know it will be a show worthy of the West End! Please remind and encourage your children to learn their lines and the songs as the show is only in a matter of weeks. More details regarding dates and times will follow soon.

Rolls Royce STEM Competition

The school went to Rolls Royce Learning and Development Centre on Saturday 20th May for the STEM Primary Engineer Projects linked to the ones that the school had run earlier this year. Our teams competed against all of the other teams in this region and we were very proud of the efforts from years 2, 5 and 6. Well done to all of you!

Term Dates

A reminder of some key dates for your diaries.

The school will close for half term on Friday 26th May and open again on Monday 5th June. There is an INSET day on Friday 30th June and school will close for the summer holidays on Wednesday 26th July.

Quiz Night

A thank you for everyone who attended our family quiz night on the 18th. It was great to see you all there and we look forward to hosting another in the future.

Safeguarding

A note of people in school to speak to if you have any concerns of the safeguarding of children. Key people with safeguarding responsibilities are Paula Baines- Chambers and Suzannah Hemmings. Additional staff are Angela O'Brien, Paul Lowther and Euan Holden.

Do not hesitate to speak to us if you do have any concerns for the safety and well being of children. Thank you.