



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

Together we aim high

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

What a GREAT start to the year we are having, there have been some wonderful learning opportunities and trips enjoyed thanks to the creativity and hard work of the staff.

We continue to have visitors to Wyndham and their feedback is extremely complimentary, lots of them commenting how lucky Wyndham pupils are to have such wonderful learning experiences and that they wish that their visit was for longer as they don't want to leave us. Their feedback is credit to our pupils who have beautiful manners and talk from the heart about learning.

Some more good news to share - Wyndham are this year's Regional winners for the Central North region, for 'Grow your own potatoes'! We have won a buddy bench for our pupils to enjoy.

Morning arrangements - thank you for following the new arrangements for pupils in years 1-6, this has ensured a smooth start to the mornings and is also developing independency.

Coffee morning - I will be holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 4th October, it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible. We will meet at 9:00am in the KSI hall.

This will give you the opportunity to talk about what you feel is going well at Wyndham and if there are things that you feel we could do better.

FS1 and 2

We have had a great week doing some fab learning around our topic 'All About Me'. We have been getting to know all of our new friends in our classes and working together to follow our school expectations. In FS1 and FS2 we have started learning our Phase 2 sounds in our phonics lessons, we have been so impressed with how quickly the children are picking them up- well done!

Over the next couple of weeks we will extend our 'All about me' learning to focus on our families, ourselves and where we live. We will be drawing around our bodies and labelling them, creating collages of our favourite food and exploring our local area.

Please remember we have our share a story session every Wednesday at 3pm, for you to share a story with your child.

Year 1

It's been another crazy couple of weeks in Year 1! We've been helping Princess Smartypants with lots of things, including finding her Prince Charming by writing fantastic WANTED posters, helping her organise her jumbled wedding list using our knowledge of materials, unlocking her castle using our counting skills and locating her lost pets in our school by thinking about classifications of animals and habitats! Not to mention showing our families and friends how we learn in phonics during our Meet and Greet/Phonics Immersion Afternoon! Wow, have we been busy! Both Attenborough and Armstrong have settled into Year 1 brilliantly and are amazing Miss Baines, Miss Gee, Miss Westbrook and Mrs Flint every single day. We're looking forward to continuing our super learning and going on our trip to Chatsworth House and Farm on Wednesday 28th September.

Year 2

Wow! What a GREAT week we've had. Firstly, we'd like to say a massive thank you to all the parents who attended our meet and greet sessions. It was fantastic to discuss the learning opportunities available at home with you, and also to see you all get so competitive in the daily spelling test!

This week the children also attended the Wyndham Prison where they took part in various challenges, such as uniform inspection and porridge making. The children had a GREAT time and even managed to escape into the Wyndham Woods!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fabulous week and have written some GREAT diary entries all about Stone Age Boy's adventures. Next week, we are looking forward to getting creative and writing stories, learning about speech and building our very own Stone Age homes! All the Year 3 children really enjoyed their first session with Premier Sports. We are extremely impressed with the effort and skills they showed during dodgeball and we are looking forward to the rest of the year!

Year 4

Year 4 have made a GREAT start to the year, with all children showing a brilliant attitude towards their learning. We have had a very exciting time creating new evil farmers to help try to catch Fantastic Mr Fox. We have looked at carnivores, omnivores and herbivores and created models of the human jaw and teeth in Science as well as explored all things that live in school, writing a letter to Mrs Baines-Chambers to explain what might be found. We have also begun the process of learning to play the flute in music. In the next couple of weeks we are having a visit from a real life farmer as well as readying ourselves for our trip to Rosliston Forestry Centre.

Year 5

Year 5 has had a fantastic trip to Eyam on Friday. We managed to see the cottage where the plague first struck the picturesque village. Our feet were aching after the trek to the boundary stone, yet our heads filled with historical knowledge about the village and its selfless act of survival.

During maths, we've developed our understanding of place value by completing number patterns and cracking codes to open the safe!

Year 6

In year 6, we have had the "best experience of our lives" this week at Lea Green. From taking the 'leap of faith' on the high ropes, to overtaking Mrs Hemmings in the buggies. Walking up streams, climbing walls, night walks - you name it, we have packed it into our 3-day residential. We have worked together as a team to overcome challenges and are now ready to get 'stuck in' to this year.

We have PE every Monday and Thursday so a polite reminder that we must have our PE kits in school on those days.

School Clothing

Please can you make sure that children's clothing is labelled so that we can identify clothing that belongs to the relevant child. Also if your child has a coat similar to that of another, could you make it stand out by perhaps adding a keyring to the zip or badge onto it so that we can match up clothing to your child swiftly.

Holidays

You may have seen over social media recently that Derbyshire County Council are no longer fining for holidays taken in term time. Wyndham Primary Academy falls under Derby City Council who at present are still fining for holidays. This means that anyone taking term time holidays will be subject to fines which stand at £60 per parent, per child. This money goes straight back to Derby City Council. We do not receive any of this money for school. We appreciate that families do find holidays expensive to take during school holidays but we ask that you try wherever possible to use the school holidays. If you would like to talk to Mrs Hemmings about any of this please do.

Grow your own potato

We are pleased to announce that Wyndham has received the 'Grow Your Own Potato' award which is a national initiative to encourage schools to produce their own food. As a result the school will receive a friendship bench which will be proudly displayed in the Wyndham grounds when it arrives.

Well done to all the children, staff and parents involved in the project and for the top quality potatoes that were grown in the process.

Start of the school day

We would like to say a big thank you to you all for understanding the importance of our asking for children to come into school by themselves. Teachers are able to start their lessons on time and the children are able to start learning straight away with less distractions in the corridors. We appreciate there may be messages you want to pass on to their teacher so Mrs Baines-Chambers and Mrs Hemmings are around every morning to take these messages. You can also use Class Dojo to message your child's teacher directly. If you have yet to sign up for Class Dojo then please let school know if you need a log in. It is a fantastically useful way of keeping track of your child's learning and progress and enables teachers to communicate easily and directly with you.

Before and After School Club

A reminder to parents and carers not to drop children off before 8.00 am for breakfast club.

When children are dropped off parents and carers are not required to stay. A reminder that the club continues to be charged at a cost of £1.00 per session.

Can you also only text (not ring) the number provided when you arrive and not before as the message will not be received until this time.

In the case of the after school club, please can you book no later than 3.30 pm on the day of your child attending so we are aware of the numbers of children that we have for staffing ratios and safety purposes.

Merrill Academy

Merrill Academy will be having an open evening for prospective parents on Thursday 6th October from 6.00 until 7.30 pm. Please feel free to pop along!