



*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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and INSET days.

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

As a school we feel that it is important to obtain regular reviews of the teaching and learning at Wyndham. Last week, from Wednesday to Friday we had four visitors from various parts of the country (Dorset, Camden, Nottingham and Birmingham) as part of our Challenge Partners quality assurance review. They were extremely pleased with what they saw happening at Wyndham, to which the children were credits to the school. Our visitors particularly commented on the behaviours for learning and the independency of the pupils, so thank you for working so closely with us to ensure all pupils achieve their personal greatness. The review validated that Wyndham still provides an outstanding education for our pupils. We have also been awarded an area of excellence for our data and assessment systems which means that we can share our ideas with other schools and support them with developing their assessment systems.

Thank you to the families who joined us for the science event on Wednesday, I hope you had lots of fun!

Please look out over the next few weeks as you will see work start to demolish the old clinic building. Wyndham Street may be a little busier with vehicles used during this demolition stage, however we are trying to keep disruption to a minimum.

### **FS 1 and FS 2**

#### **FS1**

This week we have loved becoming Wyndham Wilderness Explorers and sharing our knowledge with other children and adults about spring. We have taken our planting and growing skills from the classroom to our nursery garden and have loved getting our planters ready for new flowers. We worked together as a team and can't wait to see how the nursery garden blooms! Next week we are going to be learning yet another traditional tale, this time it is about a big bad wolf and some little piggies with three houses to build...can you guess what it is?

#### **FS2**

We have had such a fabulous week in FS2 this week focusing our learning around 'The Dinosaur that pooped a planet'! We came back into the classroom on Wednesday after break to find the dinosaur had visited and left behind lots of poo, footprints, a half-eaten apple and some bones! He has left our classroom in a real mess! We have been working hard to photograph the evidence and write a newspaper report to warn Alvaston Infant school.

This QR code shows Raya's GREAT newspaper report ready to send to Alvaston Infant School.

We are all very excited about our trip to White Post Farm next Wednesday, please remember your coat!



## Year 1

We've had a jam-packed couple of weeks in Year One! We have been extremely busy trying to help the little boy reach his star. We have written an instruction manual including fantastic adverbs and imperative verbs and then showed off our science knowledge by planning, predicting, conducting and evaluating a science investigation, which you can see on our Twitter page! In maths we have been focusing on capacity and the language surrounding it which helped us to make the world's best rocket fuel to send us on our journey! After learning all about gravity through our science experiment, we went on a journey in our rockets that we built last week and then wrote incredible setting descriptions of where we ended up, including similes, adjectives and coordinating conjunctions.



## Year 2

This week the children went on their first ever #WellyWednesday at Elvaston Castle. The children walked over 8,000 steps today (wow!). They overcame fears and grew in confidence as the day went on and explored the GREAT outdoors with a truly hands on approach. The children travelled across very shallow water, climbed rocky hills to reach the highest point of Elvaston Castle, AND even helped remove a tree with a tree surgeon. There were no rules when it came to exploring the great outdoors today.. if we saw a puddle, we jumped feet first into it.. if we saw a tree, we had to touch it and see what it felt like.. if we saw a hill, we rolled down it! We had the BEST DAY EVER!

## Year 3

Amazed, thrilled, elated are just three words to describe how Miss Brooker and Miss Harries feel about the effort the children have shown during the past two weeks. The children have produced GREAT fact files about deadly animals which included adverbial phrases and subordinate clauses. Using Talk 4 Writing, Year 3 have written fantastic diary entries all about their jungle adventures. In Maths, they have even mastered column multiplication and have made a brilliant start to long division. We can't wait to see what the next few weeks holds for us!



## Year 4

It has been a very busy few weeks in year 4. We had a super time on our trip to the Black Country Living museum. We had a Victorian lesson from an extremely strict teacher, luckily none of us got the cane! We got to look in some Victorian shops including a hardware shop and a pharmacy. We also got to eat some yummy chips.

This week we visited the 4D room to experience a hospital during the Crimean War. We were shocked at the dreadful conditions and wrote some excellent letters to our loved ones back at home to tell them how awful it was!

As it has been science week, we carried out an experiment on Wednesday morning that showed us how the water cycle worked. It was fantastic and we wrote some super explanations of the water cycle afterwards.

## Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic last few weeks. We have been learning lots about the Roman invasion of Britain by Claudius in 43AD, Boudicca and the Celts. If you scan the QR code you will see a super example of our newspaper reports. Our challenge has been using colons in our work for a list and a De: de sentence! We have been working really hard on it and managed to use them in our work.

In maths we have finished our fractions, decimals and percentages topic this week. We can now convert between all three and work out percentages of numbers! This week we have also been coding and debugging algorithms to help make the lion eat the gladiator. Our coding programs were fantastic!



## Year 6

Year 6 have continued to work extremely hard throughout the past few weeks and have impressed Mrs Garton and Miss Winfield with their efforts. Some children have simply gone 'above and beyond', taking extra homework to complete in preparation for their SATs.

Over the past two weeks, we have: studied Shakespeare's Macbeth, used our knowledge of translation and reflection to discover who was framed for the murder of King Duncan and have even used the subjunctive mood to write from the perspective of a Shakespeare character. One particular highlight was editing our stories about the 'Dreamgiver'. The children demonstrated true resilience and an 'able to make mistakes and learn from them' mind-set. A GREAT example of editing can be viewed below.

Please remember that we offer the following clubs for all Year 6 children to help them in their preparation for SATs:

Mr Jones' Early Bird Club - every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8.15 - 8.45am

Miss Winfield's Let's Master Maths Club - every Wednesday from 3.30 - 4.30pm

Homework club - every Friday lunch time

('The Dreamgiver by Urooj Akhtar)



## Parking on Wyndham Street

Thank you for the respect that you all gave on Wednesday when you kept Wyndham Street clear for the funeral cars for the local resident.

Because of the sheer numbers of vehicles now trying to get in and out of Wyndham street for the school run we would like you to consider leaving the car at home more often. Not only is it healthier for your child to walk, scooter or cycle to school it also causes less issues on the road.

Only the other day one of the bollards outside of school was knocked down. The bollard is the same height as a small child. We are very conscious that with the increasing amount of traffic in the street we could have a serious or even fatal incident.

## Language of the Week

Next weeks language of the week will be celebrating the Kanna language that some of the children of Wyndham are conversant in. Listen out for it if you pop into school.

## Active Kids

We have had quite a few Active Kids vouchers coming into school. Please ask around your family and friends, encouraging them to collect them and bring them in to school. Over the years we have had some lovely equipment for the children that has helped us in our quest for them to have fun and active play and lunchtimes.

Please bring any vouchers into the main office.

## Bug Club

A reminder for any parents attending Bug Club sessions: The times are:

FS1 9.00-9.30

FS2 9.35-10.05

Y1 10.10-10.40

Y2&3 10.45-11.15

## School Event

On Friday April the 7th we will be having a none school uniform day. This is the last day before we break up for the Easter holiday's. A donation of 50p is required for any child who wishes to take part and not wear their uniform on this date.

## School dinners

A reminder about children swapping from dinners to sandwiches and vice versa. They can only swap at the beginning of a term and must stay the same for the whole term. Thanks.