



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 Paula Baines-Chambers:

Just a reminder that we have our 'Parents Evenings' on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February, we would love to see as many of you as possible. If you haven't made an appointment, please speak to either the office or your child's class teacher. We place high value on these meetings as we discuss your child's progress against the year group objectives and look at how home and school can collaboratively work together to ensure the best outcomes for your child. Also, during these two evenings there will be the opportunity to tell us how you think we are doing; what we are doing well and what would make us even better. This feedback is extremely important to us as we are a school who constantly reflect and ensure we continue to provide an outstanding education.

We strive to provide our pupils with the best opportunities and experiences and have recently had a 4d room installed at school. The room has been helping the pupils to immerse themselves and transport themselves back in time to name but a few examples of its use...the opportunities are endless! This room is having a positive impact upon the writing; I've been blown away by the quality that I am seeing in books across school.

Last week we held a National event at Wyndham, this was sharing our approach to mastery in maths. Our approach involves wearing some funky glasses and deepening understanding through collaborative learning and the use of 'prove it', 'convince me', 'explain it' and 'use it'. The attitudes of pupils and the development in confidence is remarkable to see! The feedback we received from our visitors was extremely complimentary and we gave them lots of ideas to take back to their own schools.

FS

In Foundation Stage we have been focusing our learning around Little Red Riding Hood. In FS2 Little Red Riding Hood's Grandma came to visit us. We asked her lots of GREAT questions about how she felt and how she was saved by the Big Bad Wolf. To make Grandma feel better we have been writing her a get well soon letter, Mrs Brentnall and Miss McCabe have been amazed by our super writing!

In FS1 the children have also been learning all about Little Red Riding Hood. We took a trip to the 4D room to enhance our learning around the story – we loved exploring the enchanted wood and singing our Little Red Riding song in there! We have also been exploring the characters within our story by drawing, painting and writing character descriptions!

We look forward to seeing you at Parents Evening!

FS1



FS2



Year 1

We had a fantastic week learning all about Peter Rabbit and the author Beatrix Potter. We visited the 4D room to go to the world of Beatrix Potter and we used our geography skills to describe what her home was like. We really enjoyed this and it helped us to write some excellent Rainbow Grammar sentences. We used Beatrix Potter's character Peter Rabbit and created our own brilliant stories. The children used adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions to produce their best work yet! We have also been practicing our division skills because we know that the dinosaurs like to share their food. We are really starting to get the hang of it now. We finished last week with an exciting times table challenge with the whole school, this was really fun, and Year One did an excellent job!



Year 2

It's been a GREAT few weeks in Year Two. The children have continued to be learning about the Great Fire of London. They built their own houses from card boxes and lollipop sticks, which were made to represent the houses found in London in 1666. The children then headed outside where Mrs Marvill lit them all on fire and the children watched as the Great Fire spread across their city.

The children have also been aiming extremely high recently. Mr Christie and Miss Syson were so impressed with the children's fantastic stories about a child being invited to work in a monster zoo. Every strong was full of GREAT imagination, incredibly descriptive language, and phenomenal speech. Not only that, but some children have been working closely with Mr Christie on fractions and money - they even worked out $\frac{2}{5}$ of £55 - WOW! Watch out Year 6... we have some Math Magicians in Year 2!



Year 3

We've had a fantastic half term so far and we can't believe it is nearly over! It's been all things Superheroes in Year 3, we've been up to all sorts. In English, the children wrote some GREAT stories using Talk 4 Writing all about the adventures of Traction Man. We also wrote some super character descriptions based on our very own superhero character - Miss Harries and Miss Brooker are impressed with the children's progress. We've had great fun in maths, learning all about measurement. We created potions including gruesome ingredients and measured them out to find out their total capacity. Just a reminder, Children in Roald Dahl class will be going swimming every Monday morning after the half term break. Children will need to bring a swimming costume, hat and towel.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic few weeks. We became newspaper reporters and wrote some excellent reports on the day Lara the spy dog saved a drowning boy! We used some excellent language and description and Mr Holden and Miss Wareing were blown away. We had fun making some newspaper art which went straight up on display in the corridor for everyone to see! We have carried on with our electricity topic in science and are now able to make and draw our own circuits as well as answer complex questions about them. Next Thursday we are off on our spy mission trip! We are so excited and can't wait to use all our brain power on some secret missions!



Year 5

Year 5 loved their recent trip to Cannock Chase re-enacting what it would be like to be an evacuee. We dressed up, looked at rations and even practiced marching in the army. In English we have been researching Winston Churchill and writing an inspiring speech to motivate the nation! Last week we wrote some spectacular poems about being in an air raid (scan the QR code to see an example).

In maths we have been learning all about fractions. We have been subtracting and adding fractions to work out how many rations we have.

Next week it is Evacuee Day on Thursday so the children can dress up as evacuees. Parents are also welcome to join us from 9-10!



Year 6

We have had an exciting couple of weeks in Year 6. Last week, we finished reading our class book - The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. Mrs Garton and Miss Winfield challenged us to re-write the ending of the book and our writes simply blew them away. (Scan the QR code below to read Kian's superb ending.) In computing, we used LEGO Education to reel Shmuel to safety - visit our Twitter page to see us in action!

To introduce our topic about the Blitz, we went to Eden Camp where we were able to experience what it would have been like first-hand. We used our understanding to help us become journalists in 1941 and report on the worst case of bombings since the war began. In maths, the air raid sirens sounded so we had to take shelter under the tables. We kept ourselves entertained by completing puzzles out of our newspapers.

Make sure you follow Wyndham Year 6 on Twitter for regular updates!



Safeguarding

It's Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7th of Feb. A reminder that children under the age of 13 should not have Facebook, Instagram or Snapchat!

Be mindful of your children on the internet and always check what they are playing and how appropriate the applications and games are for them.

Language of the Week

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

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers here at Wyndham. If you do obtain any during your shopping trip to Sainsbury's then we would be delighted if you could pass them to the school office.