



*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:

Over the last two weeks our pupils have returned from half term and have continued to demonstrate their positive attitudes towards their learning. Year 6 and Year 2 are continuing to prepare for their SATs which take place in May, they have shown such positive, purposeful learning attitudes. Year 1 are also continuing to aim high as they will sit a 'phonics screening check' in June. These national tests are a chance for the pupils of Wyndham to showcase just how GREAT they are!

There have been some wonderful trips, offering some amazing learning experiences and more are planned for the coming weeks. Keep looking out on our Twitter and face book pages.

Attendance - every moment counts! As you will be aware, attendance is critical to pupils doing well and achieving their potential. Please ensure that your child attends daily, unless ill and arrives on time.

Thank you for your continued support.

FS 1 and FS 2

FS1

After a busy couple of weeks exploring our traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk' we are now moving onto our seasonal topic of Spring. We are going to be learning about all of the changes that occur at this time of the year; from the plants and the trees, through to the animals and the weather. We are going to be spending lots of time outside and we will definitely be visiting the farm! We ask that children bring a pair of wellies/appropriate shoes that can be left at school for our 'Welly Walk Wednesday' and for various trips into Wyndham Woods.

FS2

We have had a space-tastic start to Spring 2! The children have WOWED us with all of their knowledge about the planets and have loved learning about the story 'Whatever Next'. Check out the excellent writing Tejas Hiremath has produced this week by scanning the QR code below. He has used a story map to write the story 'Whatever Next' and has used finger spaces and full stops - WOW!



Thank you to all of our families who came to the FS Social Evening - it was great to see our children and their families getting stuck in to a fun activity! This Wednesday the 8th, we will be going on our first FS Welly Walk - we can't wait to explore our local area.

Year 1

What an exciting few weeks back in Year One we've had! We have got stuck into our new adventure story of a young boy and his desperate dream to catch a shiny, golden star. We thought about what our wishes and dreams were and wrote a fantastic recount of the young boy's perseverance to catch a star.



We also researched the famous NASA in order to see what amazing tools we could borrow to help us catch the stars in the sky; this helped us to learn more about the brilliant astronauts that have visited space such as Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. We used all of this knowledge to write NASA a letter asking for their help. In maths we have been learning how to tell the time to o'clock and half past the hour. We found this a challenge but showed GREAT perseverance with our learning. Check out our twitter where we upload our GREAT writing weekly.

Year 2

Wow! What a GREAT first two weeks we have had. Something terrifying happened when Hurricane Doris hit England... a crocodile got blown into the Wyndham garden. The children were extremely brave and searched high and low to find this terrifying, green reptile. The children found the sly reptile resting in the Foundation Stage pond waiting for his prey to come. The children then used their bravery to help write a non-chronological report about crocodiles. Miss Syson and Mr Christie were so proud of how fantastic their writing was.



We had a fabulous World Book Day. Miss Syson and Mr Christie were a slightly confused when we saw all these new individuals entering our classroom, but we quickly realised it was our lovely children wearing their BRILLIANT costumes... we had Harry Potter walk in with his golden snitch, Mary Poppins and her flying umbrella, Red Riding Hood and her beautiful basket, and even Prince Charming himself (Mrs Duerden was very excited)! We had a GREAT day which included eating the skin of the witches found in Roald Dahl's classic story, "The Witches", as well as painting a glorious portrait of Dr Seuss' "Cat in the Hat".

Year 3

What a lovely first two weeks we have had in Year 3, we are really enjoying our new book 'Deadliest Animals' and we are so proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm the children have shown. The children have blown us away by writing fantastic riddles to describe different deadly creatures - they even used similes. We really enjoyed listening to everyone's riddles in the 4-D room and guessing what they were describing. Last week, we wrote fact files about jungle animals and we were GREAT at using adverbial phrases. Over the next few weeks, we are going to be writing another fact file, focussing on using subordinating conjunctions. In maths, we have started to look at further multiplication using column method to help us. We will be continuing this, alongside division! In Science, we will be learning all about different animals and their habitats. We will be finding out all about different rainforests in Geography! Thank you for all of the fantastic pieces of homework we have received, we are so impressed. Just a reminder for children in Roald Dahl, girls will need to bring a swimming hat with their swimming kit every Monday.

Year 4

Year 4 have had an exciting couple of weeks back after the break! We've started our Vile Victorians topic and we are absolutely loving it. We've learnt about some of the important events in the Victorian period and then spent a morning as a Victorian child! The children were made to clean and were told off by some very scary Victorian teachers!! The children were very shocked at the difference between their education and a Victorian child's education.

We have been mastering fractions in maths which has been very tricky and Mr Holden and Miss Wareing were very proud of the children's determination. In science we have been learning about the states of matter which the children found very interesting.

We are off on our trip to the Back Country Museum on Friday. We can't wait to learn more about the Victorians and enter a Victorian town.



Year 5

Year 5 have been working extremely hard planning and writing their own Roman adventure stories. We have been looking at making dialogue exciting by adding in actions, using adverbs and creating powerful images by using similes and metaphors. We loved creating Roman mosaics in Art and realised how hard it must have been for the Romans to create these masterpieces. In maths we have really grasped converting fractions into decimals and have knuckled down and can now add and subtract them too! Bring on percentages!



Year 6

Year 6 are enjoying their new class book which is based around the plays of William Shakespeare. So far, we have loved reading the comedy 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and writing our own version of the play! Later in the term we will be using our play scripts to perform the play using a shadow puppet theatre through our developing knowledge of light and shadows.

You may probably know that the parts for the end of year performance for Aladdin have now also been cast! The children are extremely excited and looking forward to beginning the play very soon. Well done for the confident attitude shown by all of our children - you should be very proud of yourselves. We will also be gaining some inspiration through our visit to the Prince Edward Theatre in London to see the show on Thursday 9th! Please can any outstanding slips be returned to the office ASAP.

Finally, as you will be aware, the SATs tests are coming up very soon after the Easter term, commencing on Monday 8th May. Due to this, we will be holding several revision sessions in order for children to prepare for the test as well as weekly homework which has been given out since September. Revision sessions include Easter School and Mr Jones' Early Bird Club on Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15am. We would encourage all children to attend these sessions so that they can really achieve their full potential during their tests in May. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact a member of the year 6 team.

Attendance

We have had a horrible sickness and diarrhoea bug going round both this school and others over the last week or two. Please ensure that if your child is ill you contact school and we will advise you when your child can next be in. Please encourage your child to wash their hands and/or use sanitiser to try and minimise the bugs from continuing to spread.

Active Kids

We are collecting Active Kids vouchers from Sainsbury's again this year. Please bring them along to the office. Last year we were able to get some fantastic sports equipment that we use in clubs and throughout lunchtimes. Please ask around your family and friends to, encourage them to collect them when shopping and drop them into us.

Language of the Week

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

Bug Club to support reading

To help support reading the school will be holding a 'Bug Club' workshop on Tues 21st March. Parents from FSI-Year3 and individual children from Y4-6. It will start at 9.00 am and last for around 40 minutes.