



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:

We are a school that doesn't stay still and are an 'outward' looking school, keen to ensure we maintain the Outstanding status. We regularly listen to the voice of the pupil and try and reflect this in our daily practice. We also value the voice of parents and carers so I would like to point you in the direction of 'Parent View'. This can be accessed from our website or clicking the following link:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

If you require any support accessing Parent View, please speak to Mrs Hemmings.

Last week we had visitors from the University of Nottingham on an Educational Leadership and Management programme, they were very impressed with Wyndham and commented that they would have loved to have attended a school like this when they were young! They were very impressed with the pupils, in particular our Maths Mechanics and English Engineers who explained their student leadership roles.

Finally, congratulations to Miss Winfield, she is now an SLE (Specialist Leader in Education) for maths which means that Miss Winfield can share her expertise and support other schools.

FS 1 and FS 2

FS1

We have been busy in FS1 this week turning into explorers and learning all about the different animals that live in the jungle.

We will be sharing some of our learning at the FS social by performing our jungle dance together with FS2. We will also be looking at our new story 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' and thinking about what it means to be nocturnal, what a monkey's habitat is like and the differences between night and day.

FS2

We are loving our new Jungle themed learning in FS2. Over the past two weeks we have been exploring the books 'Rumble in the Jungle' and 'Giraffes can't dance'. We have been getting up to lots of exciting things, such as searching for evidence of escaped jungle animals in the Wyndham Woods and writing news reports about this, as well as writing instructions for a jazzy jungle dance! The children have wowed us with all their knowledge about jungles in the world and how these environments are different to where we live in England.

Over the next two weeks we will be basing our learning around the stories 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey' and 'The Lion Inside'. We are looking forward to exploring nocturnal animals and becoming as brave as lions when we face our own jungle challenges in the Wyndham Woods.

We are very excited to visit Twycross Zoo on the 9th May, where all of our learning will be brought to life as we get to meet lots and lots of animals from our stories. We still have two welly walks ahead of us this term on the 11th and 23rd May. We cannot wait to get back out exploring in our local area. Please come along and join us on these dates if you can!

Year 1

What a fantastic start to the Summer term we have had! The children have come back after Easter with mature, dedicated attitudes and are trying so hard in all areas of their learning. Well done Year One, keep it up!



We had a terrible break in last week and we followed clues to discover that the naughty Wild Things had escaped from the book and were causing chaos around the school. We wrote excellent news reports for Mr Tite to make sure everyone was aware about who it was, what had happened, when it happened, where it happened and why! Last week we discovered that all the Wild Things wanted was to find a safe, warm and waterproof place to live so we helped them create the perfect homes in the woods. We used 'Talk 4 Writing' to help us write instructions, including adverbs, adjectives and subordinating conjunctions, for them to follow if they ever want to make their own. GREAT job Year One, you are all STARS!

Year 2

The children have been working extremely hard as they prepare for their KSI SATS tests. Miss Syson and Mr Christie would just like to say how proud we are of all the children for their hard work. A big well done to the children who continue to attend revision club after-school. It has been GREAT to see so many children pushing themselves even further and aiming incredibly high!



Over the last two weeks the children have been exploring Africa. The children spent Thursday afternoon in the 4D room where they were transported to Africa and became Lila. The children went on a journey through the plains of Africa before they climbed up a towering mountain. Once at the peak, the children explored vocal arrangements and chanting for the rain to come down. Suddenly, the 4D room was filled with rain drops. In P.E., the children even took part in a traditional tribal dance class where they learnt how they can use their bodies and voices to enhance a dance. Following this, the children then created their own traditional African masks in art where they used the 'dabbing technique' to create a unique and colourful mask. The children will be using their dance and artistic skills in the next few weeks when they perform in the Wyndham Woods and make their own African tribe.

Year 3

What a super start to the summer term! The children have written some fantastic play scripts this week based on their own 'Twit-Tastic' prank. They included a setting description, dialogue and even wrote stage directions. Please scan the QR code to look at Leo's GREAT script! In



maths, children have shown us that they are shape experts and have described the properties of different 3D shapes. We got active in science and learnt all about how our skeletons help us to move and how exercise affects our bodies. Well done to our hand writers of the week, Joanna and Kaylib - keep it up! Year Three parents are invited in on Monday 22nd May for a crafts afternoon. We would love the children to share their learning journeys with you.

Year 4

Year Four have had an excellent start back after Easter! Our new book is James and the Giant Peach which the children have based their writing on. They have produced some excellent character descriptions of Aunt Spiker and Aunt Sponge. Mr Holden and Miss Wareing were very impressed with their descriptive language and use of relative clauses!



Our science topic is the digestive system and the children have loved learning about what happens to our food when we eat it. They even carried out a disgusting experiment which resulted in the class making poo! It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and excited by science.

The children have been tackling our new maths topic of decimals with very positive mind sets. It has been good to see the children communicating so well and really proving their understanding of this tricky topic. Don't forget Year Four have P.E on Wednesdays so please remember P.E kits.

Year 5

Year Five have settled back in superbly after Easter. They have really enjoyed our new book "The Iron Man" and have already used it to inspire some poetry. We have also written newspaper reports warning the world that the Iron Man has arrived!!

In maths we have been learning about angles and geometry. We are now much more confident using a protractor and can work out the angles of triangles and quadrilaterals.

This week, we also had our Robot Day, which involved us building our own robots and fighting with them just like on Robot Wars! We even met Matilda (the house robot from Robot Wars!). This visit has really inspired us to want to be engineers when we are older. To see some photos go to our twitter page!

Year 6

Year Six have been working tremendously hard during their SATs preparation since coming back after Easter. Their motivation to do well, both at home and school, has been outstanding and we are truly privileged to have such an amazing group of children. We want to wish them all the best of luck for this week - it is their time to shine! We recommend that children do have lots of rest during this week also so that they are fully prepared for the days ahead.

On Friday we will be having a treat day as a recognition of all their hard work. In the morning, we will be going on a local walk to Alvaston Park between 9am and 1pm. We will also be providing children with their lunch - pizza and cake! Therefore, you do not need to send sandwiches or money for dinners on this day. Children will also be able to bring in games to play with in the afternoon. However, please make sure that these are not electronic. If you have any worries or concerns about the SATs, Mrs Garton or Miss Winfield will be happy to answer them.

Outstanding fees

Did you know that if you have money outstanding to school that it can be paid back in instalments? As a school we understand that you can't always pay this in one go. Therefore, if you come and speak to the office we can put an agreement in place that each week you can pay a small amount off. This can be as little as £3.00 if it helps! We would rather receive a small amount each week than have the amount owing rise to an unmanageable figure.

We are here to help wherever possible!

Active Kids Vouchers

Active Kids vouchers have now finished. Please can you bring in any vouchers you may have at home and ask any friends or relatives if they have any as we are going to place our order soon for new equipment?

Thank you to all of you that have brought them in as they make a big difference.

Bug Club

There will be a Bug Club lunch time club for KS1 pupils on Mondays. Please encourage your children to sign up as soon as possible!

Quiz Night

Quiz night will be happening at Wyndham on Thursday 18th May from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. There are GREAT prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. These include chocolate hampers and a free family day out!

It costs £1.00 per answer sheet and refreshments will be available. Bring all the family!