



Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy

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Windmill News

Date: Spring 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have come back enthusiastically after the Christmas holidays, as always, ready to learn and looking very smart. What has been particularly impressive is the quality and commitment to their homework.

At last the sun is shining and the children are able to enjoy playing outside. You will see that we have had the surface repaired in the MUGA, where the children love to play basketball and football.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone that donated money for our Christmas Jumper Day. We raised a fantastic **£287.50** for Save the Children UK.

Renovating Outside Play Area for the Foundation Stage

The first stage of our renovations for the Foundation Stage outside play area has been completed, with new decking being installed. This looks fabulous and Mr Kuzniar and the Foundation Stage staff are planning how to develop it into a lovely outside learning environment.

Dining Hall Project

Over the Christmas holidays, the dining hall floor was sanded and given a new lease of life. As you are passing, peer into the dining hall window to see how amazing it looks! We are busy working with Miro, our school photographer, to use the photographs we took on International Day to create a beautiful display. I will keep you updated as our projects develop.

Well Done!

Congratulations to Miss Aggus on being selected to be a Specialist Leader in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This means that whilst working at Windmill, Miss Aggus will support other schools in the L.E.A.D. Academy Trust with their SEND provision. Congratulations also needs to go to Mr Heaton on achieving L.E.A.D. Practitioner status. This means that Mr Heaton has reached a very high standard of teaching that is nationally recognised. It is wonderful to have such expertise at Windmill.

In this half term...

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- Renovating Outside Play Area for the Foundation Stage
- Dining Hall Renovations
- Well Done!
- Congratulations to Miss Thomason
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Congratulations to Miss Thomason

I am delighted to share with you that Miss Thomason has had a beautiful baby boy. Both mum and baby are doing well and we look forward to seeing them soon.

L.E.A.D. Quality Assurance Review

Jan Connor, our School Director from L.E.A.D. came to conduct a Quality Assurance visit. She was very impressed with the developments in the curriculum, the high quality teaching and how well the children behaved and participated in their lessons. The children spoke very confidently about the school values and how they are essential qualities to help them through life.

Good-bye

I'm sad to say that Mr Pritchard in Year 2 and Mr Purdon in Year 4 will be leaving us at half term. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish them well for the future and thank them for their commitment during their time at Windmill. Separate letters are being sent out to their classes to explain staffing arrangements.

Twitter @windmilllead

We post many things on Twitter every week. Please follow us! Here is an example for some things that we post:

'Well done to our basketball team who came 3rd in the Nottingham City Championships finals.'

'Elizabeth in Year 1 made an incredible space buggy.'



'First News Fun Club—discussing the possibility that some news could be fake!'



'Happy birthday books for our Foundation 2 children.'



'Thank you to Learn by Design for facilitating a successful Careers and Aspirations workshop.'



Lost Property

We already seem to have acquired lots of lost property this term. Mr Kuzniar, our site manager, will put the lost property boxes out every week. Please check if your child has lost something. As we do not have space to keep all the lost property, we will send uncollected items to charity every half term.

Diary Dates

Home/School Learning Conferences

Tuesday 4th February

Spring Half Term

Break up on Friday 14th February

Return on Monday 24th February

Easter Holidays

Break up on Friday 3rd April

Return to school on Monday 20th April

Bank Holiday—Friday 8th May

Summer Half Term

Break up on Thursday 21st May

Inset Day—Friday 22nd May

Return on Monday 1st June

Inset days—Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th June

Summer Holidays

Break up on Friday 24th July

Maths Mornings and Home/School Learning Conferences

It has been lovely to see so many parents attending our maths mornings this week. I hope you have enjoyed gaining an insight into how we teach maths. We look forward to seeing you next week on Tuesday 4th February at our home/school learning conferences. At this meeting, you will be able to see your child's work and discuss their progress.

Parent Questionnaires

During the maths mornings and the home/school learning conferences you will be asked to complete a quick questionnaire. We do this every year, so that we can gain your views of the school and this will help us to reflect on the things that we are doing well and areas we need to improve.

Finally...

Thank you for your on going support and as always if there is anything you wish to discuss, please don't hesitate to come and ask to see me at the school office or catch me when I'm stood at the gate in the mornings.

Best Wishes

Teresa Shrestha

Headteacher