



Windlesham School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you back to the final part of the academic year. We hope that you enjoyed your half-term break and we look forward to seeing you at some of the final events this term.

Important Dates for SUMMER TERM 2016

Monday, 13th June

Years 4 – 6 Swimming v Shoreham College
Play begins 3.30 p.m. (Away)

Wednesday, 15th June

Maths Morning - During the school day
Bottle Donation for FOW BBQ Tombola

Thursday, 16th June

Reception – Year 2 RWInc Celebration Day for
Parents/Carers
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Year 4 Cricket: U9 v Shoreham College
Play begins 2.15 p.m. (Away)

Wednesday, 22nd June

Reception Trip to Woods Mill Farm - During School day

Year 3 Transition Meeting for Year 3 Parents/Carers
9.00 a.m. (School Hall)

Year 5 Rounders: U10 v Brighton College
Play begins 2.30 p.m. (Away)

Thursday, 23rd June

FOW Bag to School - Separate letter to follow
Owlets Trip to Washbrooks Farm - During the School day

Friday, 24th June

Year 1 Trip to Wilderness Woods - During the School day



Update from the Artists Open House on Sunday, 15th May

Congratulations to all our talented young artists whose wonderful pictures filled the Hall and helped make our first ever Open House a fantastic success on 15th May! There was a steady stream of visitors all day and a lovely atmosphere in the Hall as everyone admired all the artworks, including some amazing paintings by our very own Mr Hall and Mrs Freeman, as well as very atmospheric photographs by Mrs Pedro's daughter, and some work by two very creative parents. We were lucky to have a fine day, and many visitors enjoyed tea and cakes on Cooper House lawn, courtesy of our friends at the Dyke Road Park Café.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who came along on the day and to the preview on Friday afternoon.

Reporter: Mrs Westwood-Dunkley





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Important Note about Lunches:

Please remember we are a nut-free school when preparing lunchboxes. It is important to check labels as many products may contain a trace of nuts. Thank you for your help in this matter. **Please do not include any sweets in your child's lunchbox.** A balanced, healthy lunchbox is really important.



The Prefects for this part of the term are:

- 3F** **Katie Connolly**
- 3M** **Max Swift**
DeAngelo Gillet
- 4B** **Aaron Davanayagam**
Bishoy Sidarous
- 4C** **Scarlett Ince**
Evie Flack
- 5CM** **To be announced**
- 5M** **Archie Double**
Danielle Chalmers



MATHS DAY

Windlesham School will dedicate **Wednesday, 15th June 2016 to Maths Day** The Maths Department is aiming to make an exciting link between Mathematics and the Real World. We would like to invite a parent to demonstrate Real Life Application of Angles in their professional life to the children. For example, this could be an engineer demonstrating the use of triangles in the construction of bridges and teachers could then link the presentation to the children by doing an activity on Pythagoras theorem in Year 6. Alternatively, it could be a carpenter, artist, pilot, animator or clothes designer etc., demonstrating to the children how we encounter angles in real life. If you are keen to participate would you please email info@windleshamschool.co.uk. It would be helpful if you could briefly outline your presentation and whether it is suitable for Lower School or Upper School pupils.

Many thanks in advance.

Reporter: Ms O'Dowd

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Chess Report May 2016



Windlesham's chess team qualified for the Sussex Junior Chess Cup final, held at Great Walstead School, on Tuesday, 17th May. We had played in the first two rounds during previous terms, and qualified for the final 16 teams out of 64. Our players came up against stiff opposition, finishing 4th in Division 3. Well done to our team members Alex Riley, Aywin Lau, Bilal Manzoor and especially Sonny Hudson, who won both his games in the final.

Reporter: Mr Hamm

Science Challenge at Lancing College

Some of our Year 6 pupils were invited to Lancing College to take part in their annual Science Challenge on 12th May. They worked in mixed teams to tackle a number of challenges in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. They all enjoyed working out scientific methods to answer questions as well as observing, measuring, comparing and presenting their findings in various ways. These activities were followed by a very interesting presentation about cycling, carbon dioxide and global warming. The science links between these topics were made clear to us and the message about the wide ranging benefits of cycling should encourage our young scientists to be cyclists as well!

Report: Mrs Hobbs



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Year 4 Rounders v Lancing Prep Hove

All the girls in Year 4 were involved in the match against Lancing Prep Hove. Jasmine Graham was the captain for the match, she won the toss and elected to field first. Lancing Prep Hove are a small school and only had seven girls in Year 4 but they all batted really well and managed to score lots of whole and half rounders. The girls fielded well but a lack of focus on what was happening in the game cost us. Everyone needs to pay attention and make quick decisions where to throw the ball. It was then our turn to bat and Jasmine Graham, Lily Gifford, Biba Sahi and Truly Wellock all managed to score whole rounders. It was a very close first half and the score at the end of the first innings was 8-8.

The second innings saw some more consistent batting from Lancing. The girls were much more focussed in the second half, catching improved and they supported each other. Lancing scored 15 rounders and we knew this would be tough to beat. It was then our turn to bat and Miss Thompsett called the girls 'The Tigers' due to their aggressive running to beat the ball back to fourth base! All the girls managed to score at some point during the game and Windlesham finished the second innings with a total of 15.5 rounders! This was a fantastic game and a real improvement from the match the week before. Lancing Hove nominated Biba Sahi as player of the match and Miss Thompsett nominated Lily Gifford and Truly Wellock for their excellent performance. Well done to all girls. A fantastic win for Windlesham! **Reporter: Mrs Sloan**



Year 6 Tennis Sussex Tennis Championships

Four boys were involved in the tennis tournament. Finlay Curran captained the team and partnered Toyo Oloko and Jayden Hobbs and Alex Riley played up a year from Year 5. It was a beautiful day for a tennis tournament and we set off in the team car, driven by Mrs Hobbs from Windlesham to Bede's school in Hailsham. The tournament was a doubles tournament and each school was put into a pool. The boys played for ten minutes in a tie break format and then the two scores were added together to give Windlesham's overall score. We were put into a pool with three tough matches. The first match was against St Andrew's B team. The boys had a bit of a nervous start but once they settled into their rhythm they played well. They supported each other and played some attacking tennis from the net and the back of the court and managed to secure a win with a score of 24-11.



The second match against Bede's A team was going to be tough. Luckily, Mrs Hobbs had some inside information and was able to give the boys some advice about the opposition. The boys played really consistently and produced some excellent rallies. Unfortunately the opposition highlighted our weak spots but the boys still managed to score 13-20 which was a fantastic result.

The third pool match was against Great Walstead who were also a good team. The boys had settled into a rhythm and were playing confidently. Finlay Curran covered the base line well and Jayden Hobbs served consistently. Every point counted in this match and the Windlesham boys won 24-18. We then had a break for lunch and unfortunately this didn't work in favour with our tennis. We came second in the pool and were through to the knock out stages. The first match was against Lancing Prep Hove. Their players were of similar standard but a lack in confidence and concentration cost us important points. We lost the game and were through to the consolation draw. The boys then played Lancing Prep Worthing and although they were disappointed after the loss they played some excellent tennis and we won this match convincingly. One more match against Bede's D team gave us another victory and an overall position of 5th out of 13 schools. The boys were a pleasure to take out of school and they played brilliantly all day.

The highlight for the boys was a mini-coaching session in Bede's sports hall with Julie Salmon (Bede's tennis coach) and the number one, two and three U18 boys in Sussex. Kai who is number one is also 8th in the Country for his age group. The Windlesham boys played some points from the back of the court and at the net and were really lucky to be given this opportunity.

A really big thank you to Mrs Hobbs for driving the team and providing invaluable coaching advice at the tournament.

Reporter: Mrs Sloan



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Year 3 Rounders v Lancing Prep Hove

On Thursday, 5th May Year 3 played against Lancing College Hove. The girls were confident following their close result at the last fixture. They started by batting with Astrid Berman scoring a half rounder. Very kindly, Betty Lamb and Amaya Brack helped out the Lancing team who had less players and Betty sent the ball flying with a great hit! After the first innings the match was tied 4.5 rounders each. The girls were determined to score more half rounders in the second innings and they were successful. Sophie Vera, Tilly Outhwaite, Katie Connolly and Hermione Chappell all managed to score a half rounder and Mia Hobbs managed a full rounder! With several no balls from the Lancing side we managed to end the second innings with a further 5 rounders to add to our earlier total. With Hermione and Daisy Boyle now helping out the Lancing team, the Windlesham girls were determined to field well to protect their lead. Quick thinking, great communication and some super bowling, they managed to let Lancing score just 3.5 rounders, to win the match! Final score: Windlesham 9.5 - Lancing Hove 8. Player of the match was Mia Hobbs.

Reporter: Mrs Mack

Year 4 Rounders v St Christopher's School

The Year 4's played in their final Rounders match of the term against St Christopher's school. It was a lovely afternoon and all the girls were really excited. Biba Sahi and Amber Hepburne Scott were the captains and unfortunately we lost the toss so we went into bat first. It was fantastic to see all the girls hitting the ball so well, we have spent a lot of time practising and the hard work has obviously paid off. St Christopher's were very good at fielding, their throwing and catching was really accurate which made it difficult for us to score. It was then our turn to field and St Christopher's made a strong start. The girls were much more alert in the field and it was great to see them using the long barrier to stop the ball. Lily Gifford and Biba Sahi played well in the deep field and Evie Flack played well on second post. The girls need to make a decision quickly where to throw the ball as St Christopher's took advantage of our indecisive play. In the second innings the girls ran more confidently between the posts and were looking to see where the ball was and if it was safe to run on. St Christopher's also continued to bat well and some miss fielding cost us rounders. The final score was 17 to St Christopher's 2 to Windlesham. The St Christopher's girls nominated Scarlet Ince as player of the match and I agree with their choice as her bowling was really consistent and she made her own decisions and stuck to them. Well done!

Reporter: Mrs Sloan

The Windlesham OWLETS update

Summer term has been a busy time for the Owlets. The children have been enjoying the outside space by playing games, practicing for Sports Day and attempting an assault course. We have also enjoyed visits from a number of parents who have been sharing information about their jobs and interests. We have celebrated the Thai New Year by playing with water and really enjoyed dancing around the Maypole. We have continued to work on our phonic sounds using the Read Write Inc programme and are getting to be experts at blending and reading simple words. We have been finding the missing number, counting movements e.g. 5 jumps in Maths and in Literacy. It has been great fun to make up and write our own stories. We welcome applications to join the nursery from the term after your child turns 3 years old and are now taking registrations for the Autumn term. Please contact Mrs Jackson for an application form and to arrange a visit to see the Owlets in action.

Reporter: Mrs Older (Early Year Co-ordinator)





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YEAR 4 DESIGN WORKSHOPS

The children in Year 4 recently enjoyed an inspirational talk from a current Windlesham parent, Nicole Urbanski captivated them with an account of the work she has done for film, opera and as a successful fashion designer. The children were enthralled with the photographs and designs that Mrs Urbanski showed. They particularly enjoyed those related to the magnificent work done for the BBC's production of The Chronicles of Narnia as these complemented the work they have completed in English on the classic book The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. The children showed great interest in learning about the qualities of different fabrics and the collaboration between artists and designers; no doubt the seeds have been sown in one or two young minds to pursue an interest in fashion.

Reporter: Mrs Waite





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Year 4 Trip to Redhill Aerodrome on Thursday, 18th May 2016

Year 4 were invited to Redhill Aerodrome last Thursday to attend a day of talks and workshops by aviation professionals which aimed to inspire aviators of the future. We met amateur and professional pilots, including an Air Cadet who completed his first flight at 14, and a retired Navy engineer who had worked on aircraft carriers. The children were lucky enough to sit in a small aircraft and practised moving the wings, rudders and tails using the controls. They also visited the Control Tower. We also took part in a brilliant workshop about Space Travel. We were joined by Tim Peake, live from the Space Station! Through a series of interactive tasks children learnt about the daily life of an astronaut. Ask your child to tell you about how water is recycled in Space...

The highlight of my day was when "Amy Johnson" came to give us a talk about her solo flight to Australia in 1930. The actress brought to life this truly death-defying journey with such enthusiasm and skill. I had to be reminded at the end that she was not the real Amy Johnson!

Year 4 children will all receive a special "wings" badge next week from the Aerodrome, which will entitle them to go to future events at Redhill. A fantastic and inspiring trip for all.

Reporter: Miss Sutcliffe





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Renowned Children's Poet, Mr Brian Moses, visits Windlesham School

On Tuesday, 10th May, the famous poet, Brian Moses, visited Windlesham School and provided the children with a thought provoking and insanely humorous performance. He held his audience in awe, as he demonstrated how poetry can be used to evoke every single emotion - from joy to anger to sorrow. The children were enraptured by the unique style of his poetry; his tongue in cheek approach grabbed their attention from the very start. Brian covered a range of different themes within his poetry from Iguanas, to teachers' habits within the staff room, to more serious themes, such as bullying. He ended his performance with his renowned poem 'Snake Hotel'. The use of percussion instruments throughout each poem added a rhythmical quality to his performance - it was truly uplifting and inspiring.

Later on during the day, Brian carried out several poetry workshops. Year 5 attended his first workshop and were joined by several children from Mile Oak school. They had the opportunity to employ a range of poetic techniques to create their own poem as a group with Brian, before moving onto writing their individual poems. Year 1 and Year 2 carried out workshops in the afternoon - they also learnt how to create and construct their own poems. It was certainly a memorable experience for all - many of the parents reported that they were treated to their very own re-enactment of the day at home!

Reporter: Miss Baig





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Year 5 Residential Trip to Rippledown

Year 5 enjoyed a two night stay at Rippledown Environmental Centre in Kent where they were given the opportunity to take part in activities like shelter building and a treasure hunt around the extensive grounds. The children set humane traps to survey the local wildlife and, much to their delight, the next morning four of the traps contained small animals, including a tiny dormouse tucked up in its bed of hay. The night walk provided the chance to use a bat box which led us to several sightings and quick ducking by children and teachers as bats flew overhead.

A highlight of the trip was rock-pooling at St. Margaret's beach, reached by a long but beautiful walk through lovely countryside. The trip was rounded off with a sing-song by a camp fire.

Reporters: Mrs Moss, Mrs Martin and Ms Card.





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Year 6 Trip to the BOAT

The children in Year 6 had the pleasure of attending a superb open air performance of William Shakespeare's 'The Two Gentlemen of Verona'. On an extremely hot Thursday afternoon, The Globe on Tour actors gave a very entertaining performance at the BOAT open air theatre. The setting for this production of the play was the 1960s, allowing us all to be transported to the era of The Beatles and Flowerpower. Catchy tunes from the live band complemented Shakespeare's text, which the actors delivered with great aplomb. There was much audience participation and the children embraced the invitation to dance with the actors! With the birds singing in the surrounding trees, it was very much an outdoor experience. A wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a top quality performance in a local setting.

Reporter: Mrs Waite





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FOW NEWS

The FOW Fish n Chips and Bingo event was once again a great success. Thank you to Dave Lamb for once again entertaining us all so fabulously as Bingo Caller.



The event raised £312, bringing the total raised at both Bingo events to a staggering £613! Thank you to all who came and helped make these two events such a great success!

Having a spring clear out? FOW are pleased to announce another textile recycling collection for Bag2school which will take place on the morning of Thursday, 23rd June. Please drop off all bags before 9.00 a.m.

The FOW Summer BBQ will take place this year directly after Sports Day on Wednesday, 29th June from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Do keep this afternoon free in your diary as it promises to be a great event and a chance to unwind after a busy sports day with a burger and a glass of Pimms!

Your FOW

Dates for your diary:-

Bag2school – **Thursday, 23rd June**

Summer BBQ – **Wednesday, 29th June**

Nearly New Uniform Sale – **Monday, 4th July**

TERM DATES



Windlesham School
Term Dates 2016/2017

AUTUMN TERM 2016

Staff Inset Days: Thursday, 1st and Friday, 2nd September

Term Starts: Monday, 5th September

Open Morning: Saturday, TBC

Half Term Holiday: Monday, 17th October – Friday, 28th October inclusive

Term Ends: Friday, 9th December

SPRING TERM 2017

Bank Holiday: Monday, 2nd January (school closed)

Staff Inset Day: Tuesday, 3rd January

Term starts: Wednesday, 4th January

School in Action/
Open Morning: TBC

Staff Inset: Friday, 10th February

Half Term Holiday: Monday, 13th February – Friday, 17th February inclusive

Term Ends: Friday, 31st March

SUMMER TERM 2017

Staff Inset Day: Monday, 24th April

Term Starts: Tuesday, 25th April

Bank Holiday: Monday, 1st May (school closed)

School in Action/
Open Morning: TBC (for prospective parents)

Half Term Holiday: Monday, 29th May – Friday, 2nd June inclusive

Term Ends: Friday, 7th July

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Staff Inset Day: Thursday, 31st August and Friday, 1st September

Term Starts: Monday, 4th September

Please remember to view our website regularly for additions and changes to the school calendar: www.windleshamschool.co.uk



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Merit Badges: The following children are to be congratulated for tremendous effort or positive attitude this month (as at 27th May 2016): **Upper School:** Katie Connolly, Daisy Boyle, Betty Lamb, Sam Thomasson, Luella Waplinton, Thomas Bowcock, Bilal Manzoor and Scarlett O'Callaghan. **Lower School:** Jasmine Demetriou, Yuvraj Sharma, Mia Lawrence, Max Brownlow, Rhea Ayling, Raphael Gobrial, Bobby Murphy, Lola Magee, Freddy Salter, Sebastian Nicholson, Elliott Ayling, Elijah Child, Jasmine Demetriou, Summer Dymott-Gamblin, Elise Fradley, Jesse Ince, Khadeeja Khan, Subhan Khan, Sienna King, Kaine Lloyd-Mead, Rowan Scourfield, Charley-Rae Tidey, Charles Vera, Sebastian Batten, Joel Burman, Hugo Chappell, Max Clark-Sarri, Raphael Colquhoun, Willow Faulkner-Weale, Amelia Fox, Fawn Glover, Nicolas Gonzalez Garcia , Zack Levy, Primrose Middleton, Yuvraj Sharma, Noah T'Sjoen-Enouf, Genie Carlina Twinn-Banks and Rosa White.

Owls Awards: The following children have been congratulated for good work this month (as at 27th May 2016): Sienna King, Charley-Rae Tidey, Hugo Chappell, Amelia Fox, Harvey Beedham, Hamza Manzoor, Olivya-Rose Middleton, Mathilda Catchpole, Tia Elyas, Kitty Hudson, Alfie White, Poppy Hawkes, Madeleine Horney and Olivia Simmonds.

**Best Wishes
Aoife Bennett-Odlum
Headteacher**



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