



A big thank you

On behalf of all the happy children in Nursery and Reception, we thank the dedicated WONDER parents and staff who attended the school on Saturday 28th September. They used their skills to saw, screw, cut, paint, dig and lift the new play equipment into place.

The photo below shows some but not all the helpers. The complete list includes: Philip Andrawos, James Hill, James Parker, Paola Fraser, Kathyne Duckenfield, Adam Duckenfield, Elle Philips, Dennis Stowe, Paul Clarke, Mrs Jeffery, Mr Jeffery, Marina Green, Alan Green, Rebecca Older and Kate Parker.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia



Owlets enjoying their new outdoor equipment



Preparing children for life



General information

Democracy is alive and well at Windlesham

This was a very significant half term for Windlesham School pupils to learn about Democracy. The process started with an assembly by Mrs Croucher in early September and was followed by presentations by all the candidates applying for the posts of Head Boy and Head Girl.

This was a daunting task for the children, who all made very impressive speeches to the School. All pupils and staff from Year 1 to Year 6 were then invited to submit their anonymous, confidential votes. The results were then shared at a closed meeting with the candidates and again, I was impressed with their maturity and grace in both victory and defeat.

The official announcement to the School was made at Monday's assembly. For 2019-2020, our new Head Boy is Henry and our new Head Girl is Maria. Congratulations to both. I have every confidence that Henry and Maria will be wonderful ambassadors for the School.

We will be conducting our House Captain elections next and these will quickly be followed by the appointment of our Positions of Responsibility. All senior positions will be shared in the next newsletter.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia



Update on the new build

The build continues to progress on schedule. The foundations are complete, external drainage runs have been installed and the site is being prepared to receive the steel structure in the coming weeks. In addition, during half term, the contractors have scheduled some noisier works so as not to disturb the pupils during their studies. These works are intended to establish the internal drains in the existing building.

We expect to see a dramatic change as soon as the steel works are erected.



Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying coffee and cake together. The children were also delighted to have some cakes at the end of the day. We raised the magnificent total of £225, so thank you once again. Reporter: Ms Groves



General information

A few reminders ...

We would like to remind parents that all presentations and information workshops are now filmed and available to view on the School website. A recent exception was the Year 1 and 2 Maths workshop which could not be filmed in the classroom. The videos are accessible under Parent Information.

Also, a gentle reminder that when children arrive in the morning, we encourage parents to Kiss and Drop at the

gate and allow children in Years 1 to 6 to proceed to class independently. If parents urgently need to speak to the class teacher, please contact the front office first.

We also kindly request your cooperation in making sure your children come to school with the correct uniform items. Please refer to our booklet which can be found on the School website under School Life/ Uniform.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

Miss Christofis is still running!

I have been pounding the pavements from Seven Dials to Devils Dyke, getting ready for the Chichester Half Marathon to raise money for Children on the Edge. I would be so grateful if you could help me raise money for this charity. One example of how the money is used: £5 can provide exercise and text books for five Rohingya refugee children for a year in Bangladesh, in one of the Children on the Edge camp classrooms. If you would like to donate, please visit my Just giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/despinachristofis>

Reporter: Ms Christofis



A balanced healthy lunch box

Please remember we are a nut-free school when preparing lunchboxes and snacks. **It is important to check labels as many products may contain traces of nuts, such as pesto and nutella.**

Also, please could we ask you to check the Portal to ensure you have informed the school about any allergies and dietary requirements your child might have.

Please do not include any sweets in your child's lunchbox; a balanced, healthy lunchbox is really important. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Windlesham School to launch 'Waste Free Wednesdays'!

After half-term, the children will be encouraged to bring in lunch boxes on a Wednesday that contain no packaging (and of course, any other day, whenever possible). There are loads of tips online about how to pack a waste free lunch which will help the environment and save you money.

We thank you for your co-operation with this new initiative.



School Activities



Year 5 trip to Petworth House

On September 24th we went on a school trip to Petworth House, where we met the Housekeeper called Mrs Rawlinson. She gave us jobs to do and we worked as her servants. We had to clean the fireplace and clean copper with lemon and salt. We had to use elbow grease. When we were cleaning we also had to scrub shoes clean.

Later that day, the Dairy Maid called Rebecca showed us how to make butter. It was very cold to keep the butter at the right temperature. Then we were shown how to make tea by Kate, the Still Room Maid.

Finally, Mrs Rawlinson showed us the tunnel, where the servants had to travel under as they were not allowed to be seen in the day when they took food to the massive house. It was a fun day!

Reporters: Scarlett and Isaac



School Activities

Y2 trip to i360 and The Royal Pavilion

Last Friday, Year 2 was really excited to take their flight on the i360. We tried hard to spot Brighton's landmarks, Windlesham Shool and our homes. We then made our way along the seafront to Brighton Pavilion and as we walked we noticed the old fisherman's boats, found pictures of Victorian bathing machines and popped into the Fishing Museum.

We thoroughly enjoyed our lunch in the warmth thanks to Mr Addis who allowed us to use a room at Donatello's. At the Pavilion we used individual tour guides that we held to our ears like mobile phones. We learnt all about Prince George and his 'Pleasure Palace' and especially enjoyed the banquet and music room. The trip has helped to widen our knowledge about Brighton and its history.

Reporter: Mrs Slater



Y6 trip to Newhaven Fort

On arrival, we went to the activity centre and checked out some really cool artefacts after an informative film and lecture about WWI. Shortly afterwards, we went to a WWI air shelter and experienced what it would have been like for someone during that time. This experience made us realise how lucky we are not to have had to go through such sad times; just the sound of the klaeksan was enough to fill us with fear. This was an immersive experience that we learned a lot from.

Having enjoyed a full morning of activities, we headed towards the playground and had our lunch. We then enjoyed walking through the tunnels and scaling the hill top to inspect the guns. To top the day off, we watched a WWI film at the fort theatre before a visit to the gift shop!

Reporters: Dylan and Ethan



Hello! Bonjour! Guten Tag! ¡Hola! Ciao!

European Day of Languages is celebrated in many schools across Europe on 26th September every year. It promotes the rich linguistic and multicultural diversity of our society and also raises awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning.

Windlesham School children took part in a variety of activities to share and celebrate the 48 different nationalities represented within our school community. Staff and pupils enjoyed greeting one another in a different language. As part of their regular French lessons, children were delighted to take on the role of 'Teacher for the Day', sharing new words and phrases in

their chosen language with their classmates, in addition to learning new songs, listening to music from other countries, playing games, taking part in quizzes and creating multilingual posters. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful celebration.

Reporter: Madame Kearton





U11 Netball v Lancing Worthing

The U11 Netball team made a positive start to the season with an opening match against Lancing Prep, Worthing. Our team worked hard in all areas of the game and put Lancing under real pressure. The opposition team chose Scarlett and Rhea as Players of the Match, while their teacher chose Maria and Scarlett as the Coach's Players. Well done to all!

Reporter: Mrs Fox

U9 Football v Lancing Hove

The Under 9's also had a great start to their football season with a closely-fought out triangular fixture with Lancing Prep Hove and Shoreham College. We fielded two strong sides against both schools and managed to pick up two brilliant wins against Shoreham College.

Our teams were captained by Alex and Jesse, who led by example with hard work and great sportsmanship. All the players should be proud of how they conducted themselves, showing great teamwork, support and sportsmanship. Abdullah scored a fantastic goal to help produce a 1-0 win against Shoreham College, whilst in the other match, also against Shoreham College, Elliot scored a great double to help win 2-0.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

U11 Football v Lancing Worthing

The U11 football team started the season in terrific fashion in an opening tournament at Lancing Prep Worthing. Overall, we came 3rd in a very competitive group stage, which consisted of a hard-fought 2-1 win against Great Ballard and a fantastic 5-1 victory against Lancing Prep Worthing.

Diego, Ethan and Faris each grabbed two goals during the tournament, whilst Fiontan also scored a fine poacher's finish. There was some brilliant passing that led to many team goals and a screamer scored from nearly the half-way line by Ethan.

Dylan emerged as a strong and tenacious goalkeeper, whilst Buckley was a fierce and hard-working defender throughout. The team showed terrific sportsmanship during the whole tournament and really supported each other. This was epitomised by great leadership from Ollie D and the team's captain, Henry.

Thank you for the great effort in both defence and midfield from all players, including Isaac and Theo, who contributed to this great team performance.

We finished the tournament with a 0-0 draw against Shoreham College despite dominating possession and territory, which set us up nicely for the U11 fixture (see next page).

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



U11 Netball v Shoreham

Last week, we enjoyed a great, friendly match against Shoreham College last Wednesday. The Year 6 team have clearly taken on-board lots of the areas we have recently been working on to create more fluid play. The team worked well around the mid court, creating space and passing to our shooters, leading to a final score; 3-2 to Windlesham.

Player of the Game: Scarlett
Coach's Player: Lola

Reporter: Mrs Fox



U9 Football v Lancing Worthing

On Thursday 3rd October, the U9 football team continued their fantastic start to the season with two games against Lancing Worthing. With plenty of great teamwork and hard work, we won the games 7-1 and 5-0.

In the 7-1 win, Jesse and Elliot both scored hat-tricks whilst Ores also grabbed a goal. In the 5-0 win, George, Abdullah and Freddie all scored.

It is worth mentioning that Stratos showcased a defensive masterclass, holding the line of defence throughout one of the games while the rest of the team aimed to score the goals. He produced three goal-saving challenges and prevented many one on one opportunities for the opposition.

Overall, it was a fantastic performance from both sides and great sportsmanship was shown throughout by all individuals.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

U11 Football v Shoreham

The Under 11's continued their terrific start to the season with an incredible performance that led to a 9-0 victory.

The emphatic win was due to great teamwork and free-flowing passing with the goals being shared between many individuals. Henry started the goals with a brilliant curled effort from outside the box. Diego finished with a great header from a superb cross from Ethan. Faris, Ethan and Dylan also chipped in with goals to secure a straight-forward win.

It was a fantastic team performance, particularly in the first half, epitomised by Buckley who was the sportsman of the day as a result of his brilliant workrate and teamwork.

It has been such a positive start to the year. Well done everyone!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



Term dates

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Staff Inset Days:	Monday 2 nd September & Tuesday 3 rd September
Term Starts:	Wednesday 4th September
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November inclusive
Term Ends:	Friday 13th December

SPRING TERM 2020

Staff Inset Day:	Monday 6 th January
Term Starts:	Tuesday 7th January
Staff Inset Day:	Friday 14 th February
Half Term Holiday:	Monday, 17th February – Friday, 21st February inclusive
Term Ends:	Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM 2020

Staff Inset Day:	Monday 20 th April
Term Starts:	Tuesday 21st April
Bank Holiday:	Friday 8 th May (<i>changed from Monday 4th May</i>) (school closed)
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May inclusive
Term Ends:	Friday 10th July



Facebook

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/WindleshamSchool
which is regularly updated with news of the latest events
and activities.

Friends of Windlesham

Halloween Disco Poster Winner!

Halloween is fast approaching and we are delighted to announce that Max from Year 2 is our Halloween Disco poster winner.

Children's book publisher Child's Play (International) judged all the posters and were super impressed. Francesca Twinn-Banks said, "All the entries were scarily good, it was a real treat to see such a variety of spooky and kooky art styles – well done everyone!".

Child's Play gave Max a book as a prize. He chose 'Max and the Doglins' by Amanda Montgomery-Higham. Look out for more competitions from Friends of Windlesham with chances to win Child's Play books soon (www.childs-play.com).

The Lower School Halloween Disco is on Thursday 17th October straight after school at 3.30 pm, and no need to pick up until 5.00 pm. Tickets are £9.50 and include a snack, a drink, face paint and a glow toy. Tickets are available now on the school portal.



If you would like to get involved in helping the FOW, please contact: Jenny Tasker, Chair, Friends of Windlesham chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk

Noticeboard

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Lower School Halloween Disco
15.30 - 17.00

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Pub Quiz for parents, carers and staff
19.45 at The Good Companions

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Christmas Fayre
15.30 - 17.30

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Upper School Christmas Disco
18.00 - 19.30

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Lower School Christmas parties

Thank you ...

to everyone who donated or bought a book at our Second Hand Book Sale. We have passed all the money raised to the Wonder Project. If you haven't seen the Lower School playgrounds recently, you should have a look when you can. The Wonder team has worked incredibly hard and transformed these spaces.

Finally ...

FOW is hosting a pub quiz night at The Good Companions on Friday 22nd November. It's a great opportunity to get to know more parents at the school and support future projects to enrich school life. We hope to see you there!

Achievements

Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude

(as at 8th October 2019):

All of 6O, Maisie, Katie, Ellie, Arthur, Mason, Albert, Gus, Max B, Isabella, Oscar C, Louis, Ores, Fadri, Alex C, Molly, Ollie D, Sophia C, Milo, Elise, Elliot, Florence and Isaac D.

Owls Awards

Sophia H, Diego T, Eleanor, Akira, MJ, Maisie, William, Theo T, Joshi, Oscar C, Emily, Freddie, Daniel, Elias, Raphael, Albert, Fadri, Alex C, Matilda, Jem, Molly, Florence, Lila, Lola, Summer, Primrose, Jem, Ava and Solon.

The Prefects for this part of the term are as follows:

2S Hugo
Tamara

3M Arabella
Jackson

3K Louis
Milo

4C Genie
Ores

4M Albert
Khadeeja

5C Alex
Mabel

5G James
Matilda



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