



## Message from Mr Ingrassia

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very smooth start to the term. I have been delighted with the ease with which our pupils have returned to their work routines and friendships after their long holidays. I have communicated this to Mrs Bennett-Odlum, who is also very pleased, when she has had time to be pleased, in between the many projects she seems to have now undertaken.

Last week, we were able to announce the appointment of our new Site Manager, Mr Lyle. Mr Lyle has extensive experience in property management and coaching sport in schools. He is also a keen rugby player and will undoubtedly be a great support to the sports department next term when rugby gets under way. We welcome Mr Lyle and look forward to working with him.



## What are children getting up to in the new kitchen?

Children have been using the kitchen for all sorts of activities since the beginning of term. Year 2 were very excited to combine baking with refreshing their memory of number bonds to 10 using Numicon. Mrs Glasgow-Simmonds took small groups to the kitchen where they made cookie dough, taking it in turns to measure out the ingredients. We then rolled out the mixture and used Numicon instead of a cookie cutter to make Numicon cookies. When they came out of the oven, we stuck chocolate buttons on with icing sugar to show where the holes would be. We loved combining learning with cooking and eating!

Reporter: Miss Kennedy



## Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 29th September

We do hope you can join us next Friday in the School Hall between 8.10 and 10.00 am. Donations of nut-free cakes will be greatly appreciated.

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## Preparing children for life



# General news

## Lost Property

In my welcome letter, I mentioned the new lost property chest which is accessible to parents and carers. It is housed under the verandah and is still full of un-named property. We will hang on to this for another two weeks before donating it to the 'Nearly New Uniform' Shop. Please feel free to rummage through the chest to track down any lost items. Also, please do remember to name all articles!

## Extra Curricular Provision

Extra curriculum activities are underway. The new portal booking system established by Mrs Fox and Mrs Waller seems to be working efficiently. It is useful for teachers to have information readily available if pupils do not remember which club they are in or where it is taking place. Parents have also commented on how easy they find the system to use.

One of the reasons parents choose independent education is for the opportunities it offers. It is the aim at Windlesham School to make the selection of clubs as broad as we can manage. We hope that pupils will take advantage of these opportunities and that these may contribute to them discovering a talent or area of interest previously untapped.

## Homework

Now that we are back in full routine, it seems a good time to remind parents and carers of our homework expectations. Each year group has a different amount of time they are required to spend on homework. However, regardless of the time or the nature of the task, we would appreciate it if parents and carers could please initial their child's diary every night and/or add a comment. The diary is still viewed as the primary form of communication by staff.

## German Club

Hallo and Guten Tag! Beginners German Club now meets at lunchtimes on Tuesday (Years 3 and 4) and Wednesday (Years 5 and 6). This is a fun, friendly and exciting opportunity to be introduced to the German language and culture, through a range of activities including games, songs, stories and mini projects. There are spaces still available. Bis bald! Tschüss!

## A date for the diary

Astrid in Year 5 will feature in the CBBC TV programme 'The Dengineers' on Saturday 16th December. There may also be a guest appearance by Mrs Bennett-Odlum!

## Swimming hats

Please remember that all children must now wear swimming hats in order to help to maintain the cleanliness of the pool. Thank you for your co-operation.

# General news

## A balanced healthy lunchbox

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.

**Also, please could we ask all parents and carers to check the Portal to ensure you have informed the school about any allergies your child might have.**



## Pupils fundraise for charity

Willow, in Year 2, was inspired over the summer holiday to raise money for the Little Princess Trust. Along with her brother Noah, they drew pictures and made cakes and sold them to friends and neighbours. They raised an amazing £100.

This week, it was Joel's birthday, in Year 2. He wanted to donate his birthday money to the Little Princess Trust and brought in £20.

A huge thank you to Joel and Willow.



### Facebook

For more photos and details of recent events, don't forget to check out our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WindleshamSchool](https://www.facebook.com/WindleshamSchool) which is regularly updated with news of the latest events and activities.



# Topics of Interest

## WOW Day, Year 3

Last week, Year 3 started their new topic with a bang!

We dressed up as Anglo-Saxons and during the day created warrior helmets. We tasted food from the era and enjoyed making honey and apple oatcakes as well as bread.

We discussed how Anglo-Saxons cooked and where the food came from. Each of us was given an Anglo-Saxon name and were told its meaning.

Many of us also shared facts about everyday life in Anglo-Saxon times which we had found out about for homework.

Reporter: Mrs Mack



## WOW Day, Year 2

To launch our Year 2 topic on Brighton and Hove, we enjoyed dressing up and wearing something that represented our local area. Some children wore blue to represent the sea and others wore rainbow colours to support Brighton Pride. We shared some facts that we had researched for homework and located Brighton and Hove on a map of the UK. We even built our own i360! We definitely have some architects in the making and are very excited about the topic ahead.

Reporter: Miss Kennedy



# Extra-curricular Activities

## Ocean View Diving

This term, we have joined up with Ocean View Diving to offer pupils over the age of 8 an introductory session to Scuba in our school pool. Ocean View is a well-established PADI Dive Centre based in Lancing. They have recently expanded and now have a centre in Brighton Marina.

Ocean view will be sending 2-3 instructors to run a series of introductory sessions on Monday nights. These Bubblemaker sessions offer an entry level accredited avenue into the wonders of the underwater world. Under close supervision by a PADI Instructor, pupils learn to use scuba gear before being allowed to swim around and have fun.

We hope to be able to offer a longer 5 session course for pupils to complete the PADI Seal Team course with more detailed units to become a PADI Seal Team member. For pupils in Year 6, this could lead to a move to PADI Junior Open Water. For our younger pupils, they can progress onto the Master Seal Team Programme.

As these sessions start at 16:30, pupils can go to Windlefun first and have their snack in order to be on time to start their session. If parents would like to come and watch, please do so in the second hour when the children will be in the pool after having run through the theory. Sessions finish at 18:30.

Reporter: Mrs Fox



*Budding athletes from Years 5 and 6*



## Biathlon Club

Biathlon club has got off to a great start with some very enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 athletes. We are braving all weathers on Tuesday mornings, with a 15 minute run at 7.55 am in Dyke Road Park followed by a 15 minute interval training swim in the school pool. The athletes have been fantastic at transitions and have the potential to get even quicker. We are looking forward to seeing how the children progress. Watch out the Brownlee brothers!

Reporters: Miss Kennedy and Mr Freeborn



## AGM & Quiz Night

On Tuesday this week, parents, carers and staff came together for the FOW AGM and Quiz Night. FOW reported on activities for the previous year.

Thank you to all Windlesham families who helped to raise a grand total of £5,935 through fundraising events and activities. With these funds we were able to provide the following:

- Architecture Enrichment day for pupils
- E Safety training for parents and carers
- I pads for Year 3
- Garden supplies for the front garden
- Swimming pool equipment
- Match teas for sporting events
- Subsidies for the Year 6 leavers event and Isle of Wight Trip
- Parent and carers coffee mornings

FOW committee members elected for this coming year are:

Claire Coloquhoun, Year 2; Rowan Farnell, Year 1; Deborah Holt, Year 5; Jill Mitchell, Staff; Vivenie Mugunga, Year 5; Nicola Underwood, Year 5 and Althea Wolfe, Year 5. Thank you to George Tidey, Francesca Twinn-Banks, Caroline Vera and Christine Enouf for all their efforts on the Committee last year.

The first Windlesham Quiz Night with Fish and Chips and wine took place under the leadership of Mr Freeborn (Head of PE and Year 4 Tutor).

Despite running a very close race, and pitching some very strong teams, the staff were not able to secure the victory, coming unstuck on a question about Martha and the Muffins and their well known single, Echo Beach. Congratulations to Natalie Cherubini, Rob Dean, Elle Phillips, Kerry Sahi and Chris Salter. It was a wonderful, relaxed evening and an excellent opportunity for staff and friends to enjoy each others' company. We look forward to a rematch before too long!



*Mr Freeborn in action on the mic*

## Christmas Gifts

Keep an eye out for order sheets for Christmas cards, tea towels and mugs, all designed by your children. Great Christmas presents for friends and family!

# Friends of Windlesham

## How to get involved

Friends of Windlesham (FOW) are the entire parent body of Windlesham School.

### **Join the FOW Committee**

The Committee meets a minimum of 6 times per year (once per half term). Being on the Committee requires an average of 2 hours per week of your time.

### **Be a year group rep**

Year group representatives help FOW communicate with parents and carers of a specific year. They are involved in helping to design and plan activities for parents and carers of that year group.

Being a year group rep will require an average of 2 hours per month of your time.

### **Commit to plan a one-off event**

All events and activities will be published at the beginning of the school year. Parents can then sign up to help plan and deliver specific activities as their time permits.

### **Volunteer at events**

Every event and activity needs people to set up, run stalls and clear up afterwards. All help is welcome.

Volunteering at events requires an hour of your time for any specific event. Please contact [chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk](mailto:chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk) for more information and to get involved in any way that you can.

## Key dates

**FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER**  
**Windlesham Christmas Fayre**

**FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER**  
**Upper School Christmas Disco**

**MONDAY 11th DECEMBER**  
**Lower School Christmas Party**

**Times to be confirmed**

**Please come and join the fun, meet other parents and help the Windlesham community**



**Want to get involved or simply join in the fun?**  
**Please email [chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk](mailto:chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk)**

# Achievements

## Merit Badges

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

### Lower School

Abdullah, Fawn, Genie Carlina, Silah, George C, Jayden, Elise and Yuvraj.

### Upper School

Florence, Fiontan, Ted, Tilly, Beck, Max T, Penny, Matilda, Jaan, Astrid, Theo, George W, Rocco, Michael M, Jem, Henry B, Molly, William B, Zoe, Freddie, Akshay, Zak and Truly.

## Owls Awards

Hermione, Amaya, Daisy, Michael M, Elias, Bobby, Hugo, Max T, Nathanael, Ollie J, Harry, Ra, Elodie, Zara, Sienna, Elliot, Willow, George C, Zack L, Elise, Sebastian, Buckley and Elsa.

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

2K	Khadeeja Charley-Rae
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2S	Joel Jesse
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3SJ	Claudia Isaac D
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3M	Alex Lola
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4CM	Isaac G Orla
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4F	Ollie Alaska
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5CC	Ted Daisy
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5CF	Eli Sophie
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