



A message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would not hesitate to admit that last week's Siberian drama rather tested our school. The site facilities were under duress, and for the most part they stood up to the test.



However, what must be hailed as the greater achievement was the outstanding attendance of staff and children. Although outside the wind howled and icy snow swirled, both staff and children kept returning. In fact, staff began to arrive from 6:30 am to help make the site safe (and enjoy a little snow-play themselves) before the children took over.

And rather than complaining about the cold, children made the most of the unusual weather, enjoying their snowcreatures and snowball battles.

Call it commitment to work, dedication to teaching and learning, a desire to see friends or colleagues - whatever the motivation, it was good to see. Well done Windlesham!

Spring Concert

On Friday 23rd February, we had our first Spring concert in the Hall at 4:00 pm. Parents were entertained by more than twenty children from Years 3 to 6 who performed solo and duet pieces on the piano, guitar, flute, oboe and violin. We even had a performance by Datis on his Iranian Santoor. Mrs Gallant and Mrs Hancox are very proud of them all and we hope that this is the first of many informal concerts to come. [Reporter: Mrs Gallant](#)



Royal College of Art Competition 2018

Congratulations to Scarlett and Fiontan, in year 4, for having their work chosen from many for the Royal College of Art's children's art exhibition, "Feelings".

Well done to all the children who entered work - it must have been difficult to choose as the standard from Windlesham School alone was exceptional. We hope to exhibit copies of all the entries in the Summer term at Windlesham School. [Reporter: Mr Hall](#)



Preparing children for life



General news

Year 6 Library Prefects' intrepid book journey

Our Year 6 Library Senior Prefects thoroughly enjoyed their recent trip to Waterstones in Brighton. We set off in the comfort of our school mini bus, laden with special delivery boxes. We embarked on a 'behind the scenes tour' with Richard, our guide, who was astonished by the wealth of knowledge our Library Prefects have regarding the skills involved in writing.

The luxury of being in an empty store allowed pupils to quickly find their favourite authors and to discover new ones. We discussed how publishing a book is a collaborative experience involving the writer, illustrators, editors-in-chief and marketing staff and how it can take up to two years for a story to evolve from an idea to a book on the shelf.

Whilst enjoying a hot chocolate, we wrote reviews about some of our favourite books. These comments are now on the shelves at the store, for all to see. Each of our library prefects received a book of their choice as a gift from Waterstones - a wonderful surprise for them.



These students in Ghana read 'Wonder' at their library, resourced by the Reading Spots project.

The second part of our trip involved heading to Brighton College with a delivery we were extremely proud to hand over. Last year, we formed a link with Brighton College and the registered charity, 'Reading Spots'. Reading Spots, formed by youth and teacher volunteers in the UK and in Ghana, supports the creation of community libraries in Ghana. The organisers strive to improve the very limited access children and adults have to books, and to develop educational opportunities in literacy, especially for children. The libraries are managed by Ghanaians and are entirely self-sufficient after their creation. Our prefects discussed this project with Richard, and Waterstones very kindly provided some books to be shipped out with our donations.

Windlesham School is proud to be part of global 'book re-cycling', where books our pupils have already read are being shared by children in distant lands. Thank you to all our children who enthusiastically boxed up books and sent messages. A special thank you to the staff at Waterstones, Brighton College and to Mr Lyle, our school site manager, who worked hard to brush the snow off the mini bus and safely escort us on our intrepid book journey!



General news

Staff announcements

You will have seen that recently Mr Josh Bryant has been absent. Mr Bryant has secured full time employment nearer his home and we wish him well. We are very pleased that Mrs Denise Armstrong has been able to assist us with some of the classes previously taught by Mr Bryant. Mr Lyle, our site manager, is assisting with coaching and clubs.

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Mrs Hancox, our lower school music teacher. Mrs Hancox has decided to apply herself more fully to other commitments outside of school. She has been with Windlesham School for 7 years and has conducted and directed countless crib services, concerts, assemblies and lessons. We wish Mrs Hancox well in her future. Mrs Gallant, our Upper School music teacher, will also teach Lower School Music. In addition, we welcome Mr Dom Smith, an accomplished flautist, bass guitarist and music teacher in various other contexts, who joins us as a flute teacher. If any pupils are interested in beginning lessons (flute or bass guitar) with Mr Smith, or would like more information, please contact the office.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

School uniform

Last week, the main priority for staff and children was keeping warm. We therefore relaxed our rules slightly when it came to coats, hats, gloves and footwear. However, as we have now returned to more tolerable temperatures, can I please ask you to make sure that children comply with school uniform expectations. If you require any items of clothing, we are happy to arrange for the 'Nearly-New' Uniform shop to help out. I thank you for your cooperation.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

Healthy and nut-free lunchbox and snacks

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.** We have children in the school who are highly allergic to nuts.

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



Staff running for charity

Unfortunately, fixtures were cancelled last week due to the adverse weather conditions. Therefore, instead of our regular sports coverage we bring you news of some serious running planned by two members of staff during the Easter break.

Mr Freeborn - four marathons in four days

"After hearing Mrs Derby's emotional assembly earlier this term, I decided that I wanted to raise some money for a charity which really helps families affected by cancer; 'Children with Cancer Fund' based in Portslade.

I have decided to enter the following event: <https://www.climbsouthwest.com/events/devon-coast-coast/>. This is a 4 day event, from 30th March, covering the 117 miles from the south coast of Devon to the north which is effectively a marathon a day for 4 days.

Each night, I will be camping somewhere near the finish line and setting off early the next morning with my backpack, map, provisions and the 30 or so other runners.

After completing my 100th marathon a couple of years ago, I have been looking for another challenge. Although it will be difficult, I feel I still have it in my legs to make it. I hope that any money raised will have a positive effect on the lives of people who need support. If you would like to donate to the 'Children with Cancer Fund', this is my JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/freeborncoast2coast>



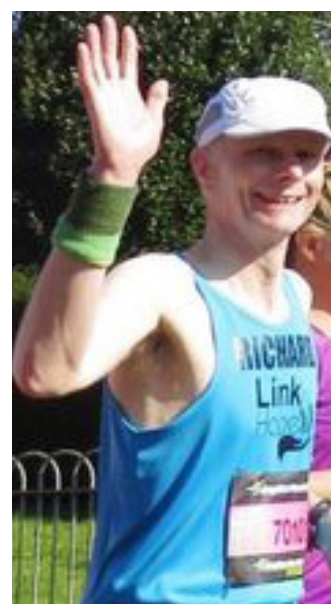
Mr Ferries - running the Brighton marathon, again!

"Hello everyone,

I'm doing the Brighton Marathon again, on 15th April, in support of Link to Hope, a Worthing based charity helping the poor and marginalised in eastern Europe through education and social care projects. I know I ask every year, thank you so much to everyone donating in this or previous years. If you would like to donate this year I have a fundraising page at the link below, it's very much appreciated by the charity and me:

<https://give.everydayhero.com/uk/richard-brighton-marathon-2018>

Many thanks again."



School Activities

Science Week 9th - 18th March 2018

Theme: Exploration and Discovery

For Science Week this year, Windlesham School will be focussing on our school habitat and environment, creating and making it ready for the children to explore and discover. Here are some of the Science Week activities:

Planning and making bird feeders using recyclable materials

Creating mini bug hotels

Designing and creating bird watching stations

Researching and making a section of a large bug hotel for the school environment

Can you help us? We need the following:

Old plant pots

Straw and hay

Garden canes

Clay drainage tubes

Old wire racks

Old roof tiles

Stones and bricks

Bamboo canes and fir cones

Please bring any donations to school and place them by the sign in the front garden. Thank you so much in advance.

Reporter: Mrs Colley



Year 4 enjoy the Iron Man in English and Drama

In our English lessons, Year 4 has been studying the Iron Man by Ted Hughes. The children have read the book together and then discussed it, written diary extracts based on Hogarth's part in the story and had great fun in drama lessons where they acted out different sections of the story. These photos show a family having a picnic when the Iron Man re-emerges from under the ground.

Reporter: Mrs Martin



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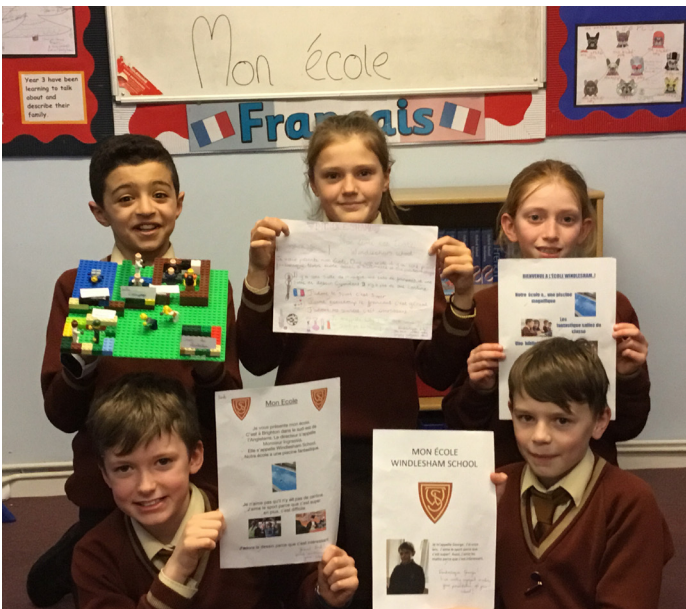
Voici mon école

Recently in French, Year 6 produced some fantastic and creative project work all about our school (mon école).

The children were very proud to present an impressive variety of posters, leaflets, Powerpoints and models incorporating key vocabulary, phrases and grammatical structures that they had been learning.

Bravo tout le monde!

Reporter: Madame Kearton



Fun with numbers

Year 1 has been having lots of fun in Maths learning all about place value. Did you know that you can represent the number 57 in four different ways using numicon, coins, place values and unifix. Can you think of any others?

We are looking forward to learning about 3 digit numbers and having lots more interactive maths lessons.

Reporter: Miss Higgs



School Activities

Reception celebrate Chinese New Year

During February, reception children were very lucky to receive a visit from Mrs Benny, Nate's Mum. She came in to tell us all about Chinese New Year. She told us a story about the celebrations and showed us some artefacts. Mrs Benny also brought in some fortune cookies for us to share. At the end of the day, each pupil took home a Chinese lantern from Nate and his mum. All the children would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Benny for her visit.

Reporter: Miss Jarman



Year 1 handle antiques

Year 1 has been looking at 'Houses and Homes' in their topic lessons. The children enjoyed the opportunity to handle household items from over a hundred years ago which included a flat iron and a stone hot water bottle. They had to guess what the objects were and some of their guesses were really interesting. The children all agreed that household life is much easier with electricity!

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery

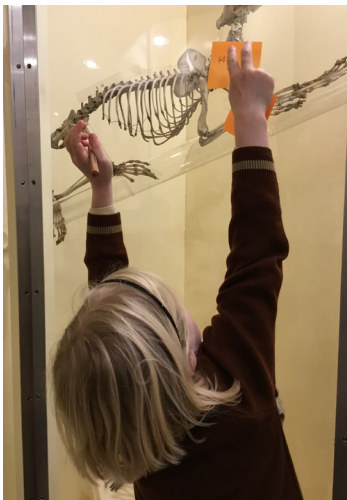


School Activities

Year 3 explore bones at the Booth Museum

On Wednesday 7th February, as part of their learning about Animals and Humans, year 3 visited the Booth Museum to take part in a 'Bones' workshop. We identified different bones in the body using scientific vocabulary and learnt how the shape of a skeleton gives us clues as to whether the animal was a carnivore or a herbivore. During our activities we tried to place bones correctly in a body, weighed different bones and browsed the skeleton gallery to find predator or prey animals.

Reporter: Mrs Mack



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.

Diary

Important Spring 2018 Dates - To Easter

WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH

Years 5 Performance to Parents and Carers
9.00 (School Hall)

THURSDAY 8TH MARCH

Years 3 & 4 Netball: U8 & 9 V Lancing Worthing (Away)
15.30 - 16.30

Year 5 & 6 Parent and Carer/ Teacher Meetings
16.30 - 19.00

FRIDAY 9TH MARCH

Open Classroom Event
15.30 - 16.30

MONDAY 12TH MARCH

World Book Day

TUESDAY 13TH MARCH

Year 1 Assembly to Parents and Carers
9.00 (School Hall)

Year 6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight
Departure at 9.30

WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH

Year 5 Netball: U10 V Lancing Worthing (Away)
14.15

FRIDAY 16TH MARCH

Year 6 return from Isle of Wight
16.00

MONDAY 19TH MARCH

Upper School Easter Service rehearsal at St Luke's
9.00 - 11.30

TUESDAY 20TH MARCH

Years 2 Roman Assembly
9.00 (School Hall)

Bingo Night for Staff, Parents and Carers
16.00 - 18.00 (School Hall)

WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH

Upper School Easter Service rehearsal at St Luke's
9.00 - 11.45

Year 1 Trip to Plumpton
Departure at 9.00

Important Spring 2018 Dates - continued

THURSDAY 22ND MARCH

Upper School Easter Service at St Luke's
14.00 - 15.00

FRIDAY 23RD MARCH

Last day of Spring term, 12.00 - 12.30 pm finish
(letter with timings to be sent home)

Windlesham School Term Dates 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Inset days

Monday 3rd and
Tuesday 4th September

Term starts

Wednesday 5th September

Half term holiday

Monday 22nd October –
Friday 2nd November inclusive

Term ends

Friday 14th December

Spring Term 2019

Staff Inset Day

Monday 7th January

Term starts: Tuesday

8th January

Staff Inset

Friday 15th February

Half term holiday

Monday 18th February –
Friday 22nd February inclusive

Term ends: Friday 29th March



Summer Term 2019

Easter Monday

Monday 22nd April

Staff Inset day

Tuesday 23rd April

Term starts

Wednesday 24th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May (school closed)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 27th May –
Friday 31st May inclusive

Term ends: Friday 12th July

Friends of Windlesham

Key dates

TUESDAY 20th MARCH

Family Bingo evening, 16.00 - 18.00

Tickets will be on sale at the end of this week; Adults £6, Children £4

FRIDAY 23rd MARCH

Easter Egg Hunt for the whole school, details TBC

SATURDAY 23rd JUNE

Windlesham School Summer Fayre

How to get involved

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 and carers can 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 for more information and to get involved in any way that you can.

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**

Achievements

Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Friday 2nd March 2018):

Lower School

Ellie, George, Joel, Idrees, Primrose, Arthur, Nicholas, Jesse, Joshi and Elise.

Upper School

Gus, Florence, Zoe, Theo E, Billy, Theo W, Bishoy, Ollie J, Cameron, Ava, Jaan, Fiontan, Hermione, Jakob, Lily, Jem, Matilda, Maria, Max (5CC), Akim, Aywin, Daniel, Claudia, Max B, Lola, Scarlett, Amaya, Stanley, Beck and Biba.

Owls Awards

Reid, Burdoch, Tamara, Alexei, Louis, Emily, Hugo, Subhan, Isaac, Ruby, Michael O, William, Florence, Matilda, Astrid, Ted, George D, Ben, Tilly, Harry U, Emma, Katie, Akshay, Hugo, Lola, James, Lila, Max M and Archie.

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

2K	Hugo Elise
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2S	Joel Rosa
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3JM	Claudia Isaac
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3M	Marina Shayan
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4CM	Zoe Jaan
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4F	Sami Yasin
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5CC	Daisy Ben
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5CF	Eli Sophie
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The School Councillors are as follows:

Year 6	Amber, Daniel, Rocco and Sam
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Year 5	Ted, Astrid, Katie and Emma
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Year 4	Elsa, Faris, Ollie and Amelia
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Year 3	Penny, Michael, Max and Marina
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