



NEWSLETTER | 01/12/21

Children in Need

Many thanks to the families who supported our collection for Pelican Parcels on Children in Need Day. This year we tried something different and instead of collecting money we opted for helping a local charity, Pelican Parcels, who gives parcels to poverty stricken families in Brighton and Hove. The response was less than previous monetary collections, but those who gave did so generously, donating bags of new and second hand items.

Pelican Parcels have 3000 families on their books and were delighted with our help. Pippa, a volunteer from the charity, was a guest speaker at our assemblies and with the help of a dolls house, she highlighted cramped living conditions where so many families live. They have a Christmas appeal which is to give all the children known to them a new Christmas present, so some of the donated toys will go into that appeal.

Well done to the charity reps; Esther, Kaine and Phoebe, who graciously gave their time and efforts and are looking forward to visiting the charity in their new premises to see and learn how they operate.

Reporter: Ms Groves



Headmaster's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased to be sharing this publication, which is full of the rich learning experiences Windlesham School provides; further evidence if we needed it, of what a dynamic school this is.

As we head into the last week of term and then the Christmas break, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

It seems that again, we may be approaching a challenging COVID period so I also urge you to be cautious.

Thank you to all the parents, carers, staff, governors and pupils for everything that you have given this term and I look forward to seeing you all safely back on Wednesday 5th January.

Best wishes,
Mr Ingrassia



We all know that nothing influences people more than a recommendation from a friend. We would be really grateful if you could 'like' and 'share' our posts on Facebook & Instagram.

Google reviews also raise our profile tremendously and help us to continue to be the best school we can be. So please do get involved in liking, sharing and reviewing!

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Windlesham School & Nursery

Preparing children for life

GENERAL NEWS

The Prefects for this part of the term

2S	Carla Lucas
2J	Theo Jaiden
3DJ	Ebu Maisie
3S	Yulia Elodie
4C	Olly Ariana
4CM	Lex Max
5CS	Maisa Freddie
5FC	Emily Daniel

School Councillors

2J	Mia
2S	Akira
3DJ	Reuben
3S	Timothy
4C	Phoebe
4CM	Lois
5CS	Charlotte
5FC	Sophia

House Captains

Lewes: Ores and Khadeeja

Arundel: George and Elliott

Bodium: Jesse and Rosa

Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Wednesday 1 December 2021):

Lower School

Nicole, Theo, Carla, Anais, Lottie, Mark, Darcey, Zachary, Delilah, Thomas, Joe and William J.

Upper School

Ebrahim, Kit, Max P, Florence, Belle, William B, Abraham, Marley, Rafael, Elias, Charlotte, Leticia, Jess, Kai Jing, Bea, Nathaniel, Katie, Jackson, Nikola, Jing Shuen, Matilda, Matthew, Zak, Ellie, Eya and Timothy.

Staff news

We are both sad and happy to share that Mrs Spicer, who has worked primarily in the Nursery at Windlesham School since 2003, has left!

Mrs Spicer has made a huge contribution to the school in the last 18 years and many children have either been taught by Mrs Spicer or enjoyed her company at Windlefun. Many of you will be aware that Mrs Spicer has been trying to join her family in Australia for some time and had planned to leave in January.

With the imminent closure of Australian borders, she seized a last minute opportunity on Saturday to fly and is there now 'enjoying' a 14 day period of quarantine. I am sure everyone will wish her all the best for her exciting new start.

We are also very pleased to welcome Vanja Pollard in January to take over from Mrs Spicer working in both Year 1 and the Nursery. Like her predecessor, Mrs Pollard is full of energy and brings a wealth of experience and qualifications in Early Years and Lower School settings.

Lastly, Mrs Farnell has included a note to everyone after her first term as Windlesham's School Secretary:

"I must admit I was nervous on my first day, but everyone has been so kind, I needn't have worried at all.

The job of School Secretary is so varied, I had no idea that I'd go from searching for a flying escaped trainer one day, to handing out Tooth Fairy envelopes the next. It's been an eye-opener!"





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Outdoor classroom

These photos show Year 3 pupils taking advantage of the afternoon sun to enjoy the new outdoor classroom outside the library. We are very grateful to everyone who worked on the Wonder Project to create this fabulous environment for the children.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper

Celebrating Diversity at Windlesham School

In recognition of Black History Month in October, pupils from across the school were invited to honour the accomplishments of Black Britons and Black international figures, past and present, who have achieved noteworthy things. Over the half term break, many pupils were given the challenge of undertaking research into the life of an international black figure.

Back in the classroom, the children presented their research in a range of creative ways. Just a few examples of the many wonderful projects include:

Isla Rose in Year 3 learning about Miriam Makeba and sharing a video she had made;
 Heidi in Year 3 creating a PowerPoint about Martin Luther King;
 Max P in Year 4 learning about the life of Chuck Berry and performing one of his songs on the guitar;
 Jonty in Year 4 presenting his research into the life of Ruby Bridges;

Maisie in Year 4 delivering a presentation about Mary Seacole;
 Charlotte in Year 5 sharing what she had learned about Henry 'Box' Brown;
 Sophia and Daniel in Year 5 separately presenting what they had discovered about Barack Obama;
 Freddie speaking to his class about Marcus Rashford.

Reporter: Mrs Croucher

This is where Mary got her urge to help people and treat them.



Henry "Box" Brown
 Black History Month
 Charlotte

Who Is Marcus Rashford?

- Born in Manchester on 31st of October 1997.
- Professional footballer for Manchester United and England.
- Campaigner against racism, homelessness and child hunger.



Legacy

Ruby continues to live in New Orleans and established the Ruby Bridges Foundation to "promote tolerance and create change through education"

The photo of her walking to school inspired the painting below by Norman Rockwell.

The painting was hung in The White House from July-Oct 2011 by President Barack Obama



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Reception update

The Reception children had a very busy time exploring friendship during Anti Bullying Week. They made friendship bracelets for each other, decorated a biscuit for a friend, wrote 'One Kind Word' messages to one another and celebrated WOW DAY as superheroes spreading the power of kindness.

The Reception children also visited the Booth Museum and took part in a 'Bodies and Bones' workshop. The children measured, weighed and ordered bones. This linked to the story 'Funnybones' which was the starting point of children's learning after half term.

Reporter: Mrs Mills



The Year 6 Enterprise Fiver Challenge

Year 6 have now completed their Enterprise Fiver Challenge and we'd like to say a huge well done to all the children. Each group has independently set up their own business, designed their product or service and then run their stall. There was great enthusiasm, collaboration and teamwork involved as well as learning all about profit and loss in their Maths lessons prior to the event.

We'd also like to thank all the parents and children in the rest of the school for supporting the groups. We will be counting up the money raised this week and will keep you informed of the grand total as soon as we can.

Reporter: Mrs Martin



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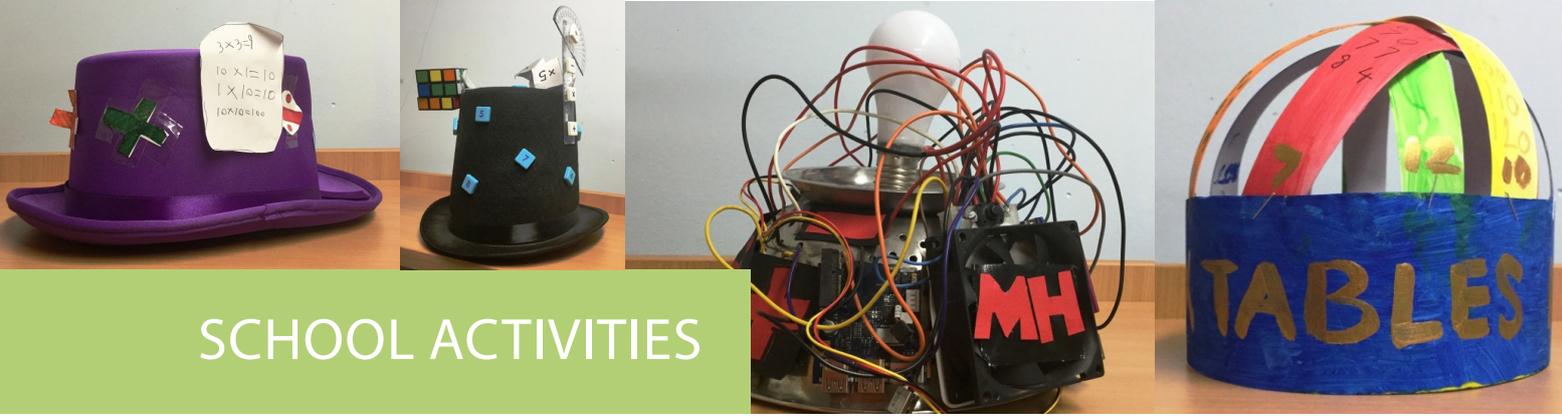


Year 5's Victorian Day

On Thursday 18th November, Year 5 stepped back in time to the Victorian era, paying homage to their Queen, Queen Victoria, who ruled over the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for a whopping 63 years! We were all so thrilled that the children took part in the spirit of the day by dressing up, acting part of the lessons, learning by rote and practising the three R's: Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. In addition, the children took part in a drill, swimming and French lesson! Thank you to the pupils and the staff for their dedication and hard work to stay in character for the day.

Reporter: Miss Simmons





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Maths Week

Maths Week was yet again a tremendous success! From Number Treasure Hunts, House Quizzes, Fortune Teller Multiplication Fun, to solving 'Yohaku Puzzles and real-life investigations, the pupils at Windlesham School took part in lots of exciting events.

Pupils from Year 1 to 6 enjoyed constructing and practising the multiplication tables with their Fortune Tellers. Classes also enjoyed singing along and dancing to the beat of a range of modified multiplication pop songs. The 'Times Tables Marathon' record sheets dutifully signed by parents ensured that the tables were well practised by the children.

Equally, the 'Real Life Maths Photo Competition' entries were inspiring. The children cleverly demonstrated how Maths is part of our everyday life. Jude in Reception captured first prize with his Maths in real life entry. Jude used his addition skills to total his negative Covid test results. Jack in Year 1 created a great problem on the number of eggs needed to feed the household. Nathaniel in Year 3 created a wonderful multi-step shopping problem. Connor in Year 4 cleverly outlined his morning routine with Scrabble blocks and added up the totals. In Year 5, sporting enthusiasts Freddie and Will, created rugby and football maths problems, whilst Arthur created a Countdown Christmas Problem.

Our closing Maths Week Assembly was a colourful event with the children proudly wearing their unique Maths Hat creations. Pupils called upon in assembly happily described their hat making process and the mathematical concepts on their hats.

The list of winners for the Maths Hats are as follows:

Year 6: Raphael - Cube, Ores - Sum-brero, Albert - Pyramid, Summer - Problems Top-Hat

Year 5: Annan - Factors and Fortune Tellers, Kai Jing - Protractors, Joshi - Factor Flowers

Year 4: Ben - Calculator and Number Problem Hat, Marley - Protractor and Operations, Ariana - Word Problems Witch Hat, Lexi - Cat in the Hat with Maths Symbols, Aram - Crown decorated with numbers, Matthew - Top Hat decorated with equations

Year 3: Ebrahim - Rubiks cube and maths equipment, Jing Shuen - Calculator and set square, Elodie - Electronic colander with a working light bulb and the four operations, Yulia - Equations and operations, Maisie - Blue hearts with box methods and place value, and Max - Timestable King!

Year 2: Mark - Maths Cadet, Akira - Princess Tree. Sulaiman - Clock and Shapes, Lottie - Number Hat, Zachary - Top Hat Number Calculation, Eleanor - Top Hat Numbers

Year 1: Eli - Dice, Jack - Dinosaur Hat, Sophie - Letter Hat

Maths Week is all about building children's confidence, nurturing a love of maths and sparking an interest in a subject that impacts all of our lives, every day!

This is made possible due to to the high level of input from parents and carers in supporting the competitions. A very big thank you from the staff at Windlesham School.

Reporter: Ms O'Dowd



SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 4, 5 and 6 Beach Trips

This term, Years 4, 5 and 6 have all visited Ovingdean Beach as part of a Wild Beach Experience.

We were very fortunate to have great weather on each trip, although we did still practise how to all take shelter under the red Boffy Bag should the weather conditions deteriorate. Our day started with rock-pooling and we found many living flora and fauna which we identified using our Rock-Pooling guides.

The children then collected "treasures" on the beach and designed their own museum to display these items. Later, we took part in the "Great Egg Hunt" run by the Shark Trust where we collected and counted mermaid purses (egg sacks) in order to help with their national survey.

At the end of each trip, the children were beautifully behaved on the No 27 bus as we travelled back to school, excited and tired at the end of a fabulous day.

Reporter: Mrs Martin



Owlets visit to the Booth Museum

Last week, the Owlets had a fabulous time visiting the Booth Museum. They observed and drew bones of all shapes and sizes and looked carefully at the details on each artefact. The children wore special gloves to handle the bones and matched them up to a human skeleton.

On our walk around the museum the children had to spot the largest and the smallest skeletons and saw some of the examples of the birds and animals from the collections of Edward Booth. They enjoyed the interactive exhibition where they could handle and explore different fossils.

Reporter: Mrs Older

SPORTS NEWS



U11 Football vs Lancing Worthing

On Wednesday 10th November, we had three teams play against Lancing Worthing, and each game turned out to be highly competitive.

We had one superb win and two battling lose. George, Subhan and Elliott were our captains for the day and led their teams in a fantastic manner on and off the pitch, with everyone showing great sportsmanship throughout.

In the first game, we were beaten by the tightest of margins, with Lancing scoring at the brink of half-time to win 1-0.

Everyone continued to battle well and showed great spirit. Joel and Oscar were brilliant in goal, whilst the rest of the team worked hard outfield. Meanwhile, our middle game was a tough loss (5-1) but despite this, everyone showed some fantastic football skills. The score line did not reflect the efforts of the team with Arthur, Zak and Daniel attacking well in midfield and upfront. A special mention to Otis who was heroic in defence and was our player of the day.

In the third game, we played with confidence and terrific energy, securing a 6-3 win. Elliot and Mason both scored hat-tricks. My highlight was when Jesse and Mason linked up to cross the ball in for Elliott who headed it in to complete a stunning team goal. Nicolas and Freddie dominated their wings and ran past players with great skill, whilst Ata again showed great composure in his passing. Milo also pulled off an incredible save that was heading for the top corner.

It was a fantastic day of football and everyone did Windlesham proud. Well done to each team.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset day

Tuesday 4th January

Term starts

Wednesday 5th January

Staff Inset day

Friday 11th February

Half term holiday

Monday 14th February –
Friday 18th February inclusive

Term ends: Friday 1st April

Summer Term 2022

Staff Inset day

Monday 25th April

Term starts

Tuesday 26th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 2nd May

Half term holiday

Monday 30th May –
Friday 3rd June inclusive

Term ends: Friday 8th July

Autumn Term 2022

Staff Inset days

Tuesday 30th August &
Wednesday 31st August

Term starts

Thursday 1st September

Half term holiday

Monday 17th October –
Friday 28th October inclusive*

Term ends

Friday 9th December

Spring Term 2023

Staff Inset day

Tuesday 3rd January

Term starts

Wednesday 4th January

Staff Inset day

Friday 10th February

Half term holiday

Monday 13th February – w
Friday 17th February inclusive**

Term ends: Friday 24th March

Summer Term 2023

Staff Inset day

Monday 17th April

Term starts

Tuesday 18th April

Half term holiday

Monday 29th May –
Friday 2nd June inclusive

Term ends: Friday 7th July

* October half term for East and West Sussex 24th - 28th October 2022

** Spring half term break is the same for both East and West Sussex

*** The May Bank Holiday Monday has been moved to Thursday 2nd June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Finishing times for last day of term

Friday 10th December

Owlets & Reception:	12.00
Years 1 & 2:	12.15
Years 3 & 4:	12.25
Years 5 & 6:	12.30

FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success so thank you to everyone who supported the event. Thank you to my wonderful committee who have been working for weeks behind the scenes, thank you to the local businesses who offered sponsorship, to the parents and teachers who ran stalls and everyone who donated teddies, chocolates and prizes for the raffle.

We've had some lovely feedback from children, parents, carers and teachers. It felt so good to have our community together again and to see everyone in the Christmas spirit. Financially we did well too as our takings are 50% up on our last Christmas Fayre. So we're delighted to announce we hit our target and can fund new AV equipment for the sports hall which will be installed early next year.

Reporter: Jenny Tasker-Hill



Raffle announcement: Esther in 60 won the bear at the Christmas fayre! The entries were put into a hat and randomly drawn. Lucky Esther has been informed and is delighted to call the bear jingle.

Noticeboard

Did you know that Friends of Windlesham are registered with Easy Fundraising?

This means that 6000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis and Marks & Spencer will donate to our school every time we use Easy Fundraising to shop with them.

So please consider signing up before you do your Christmas shopping. It's completely free and doesn't take long to set up. Please [click here](#) to create your account.



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

Friends of Windlesham meet once a month at 8pm in a local pub to discuss fundraising priorities, ideas and our events. If you'd like to join the committee we'd love to have you.