



A message from Mr Ingrassia

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations everyone. We have reached the half way mark for the year but at the risk of sounding trite, I have to ask, where on earth did the time go?



Given, as we know, that time passes quickly when one is busy, it explains why time seems to positively whizz by at Windlesham School.

We are a very busy little school, and I say that with great pride. Indeed, it is an indication of the wealth of opportunities on offer at the school.

I wish you all a relaxing family holiday and hope the time does not pass too quickly for you!

Informal concert

Parents of children who learn an instrument at Windlesham School were treated to a fabulous concert on Thursday 14th February. The concert aimed to offer children an opportunity to perform in front of an audience, which they did extremely well. Parents and teachers watching were clearly impressed with children's courage in performing to a large audience. Almost half the group started learning an instrument for the first time this year and roughly the same number had never performed for others before. **Reporter: Mrs Gallant**



Charity update

A heart-warming tale

Following our presentation and the workshop from The Connor Foundation, many children returned home and shared the work of the charity with their families. Huge thanks go to Fawn in year 3 who came to school the next day with £20 from her pocket money to donate to the foundation. Her thoughtfulness and generosity has warmed the hearts of many of us. It is truly inspiring when our pupils are moved by what they learn in school. I am delighted to be passing this on to the Foundation.

Charity Reps visit Oaklands Care Home

Akim, Stan and Zach in year 6 paid another visit to the residents at Oaklands last week. We were told that the residents had been sad as they thought the rain would keep us away! One resident had celebrated her 100th Birthday during the week with a party, a visit from the Mayor and a birthday card from The Queen. During our visit, the boys joined in a word game and teamed up with some of the residents to play indoor bowls. A fun time was had by all and everyone is looking forward to another visit soon.

Reporter: Ms Groves

Preparing children for life



General notices

Times tables practice

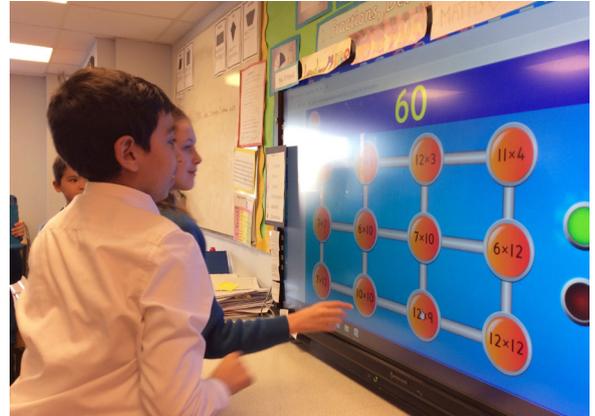
With the new government guidelines to recall all the times tables up to 12×12 fluently by the end of year 4, we are keen to promote the practice of the tables throughout Windlesham School from year 1 through to year 6. Popular websites to continue reinforcing and practising the tables are, to mention a few; MyMaths (school learning platform), Topmarks, Hit the Button and Squeebles.

YouTube also has a wide repertoire of times tables songs which are fun and easy to learn and help enormously with memorisation.

Up to year 2, counting coins of 2p, 5p and 10p, printing hand prints and foot prints repeatedly to count in 5's and 10's, will provide fun and enjoyment of the times tables.

Next term, we will be applying the tables to a range of problems across topics. Please use this half-term to inject fun into the times tables.

Reporter: Ms O'Dowd



Pied Piper summer camp

A reminder that Windlesham School is offering a summer holiday programme, run by Pied Piper. If you are planning ahead and looking for activities during the summer, please visit the website for more information and to make a booking:

https://www.piedpiperactivities.co.uk/locations_windlesham.html



Parking

Please continue to help us by parking responsibly along Dyke Road and the surrounding areas when you pick-up and drop-off children. Please pay particular attention to parking restrictions on zig zag lines, disabled bays and the Fairways Estate. This is much appreciated by the school and by our neighbours.



Topics of interest

Lots of fun Roman activities

Year 2 made a Roman Rocky Road using a concoction of ingredients. It was a great activity for teaching pupils how to follow instructions and also helped them to learn how the Romans made their famous roads!.

Last week, year 2 had a visit from Minerva, the Roman goddess of war, wisdom and art. The day was fun-packed. The children learnt about Roman soldiers and the Roman way of life. They all had the opportunity to design and make a ceramic mosaic tile. Minerva showed us what the Roman soldiers wore and the weapons that they had to carry with them. She showed us how they use make-up to create battle wounds in films. Having battled with Boudicca, the children were able to choose a fake black eye, wound or scab!

Reporter: Mrs Lilley and Mrs Slater



News from the Owlets

In January, Owlets had great fun listening to some Chinese music and performing a dragon dance for each other. They also listened to and retold the Chinese New Year story and enjoyed trying some fortune cookies.

Owlets also had "snow" much fun digging, rolling and exploring in the snow. They worked together as a team to build snow people and decorate them.

Reporter: Mrs Older



Topics of interest

Year 3 trip to the Booth Museum

Year 3 had a wonderful time visiting the Booth Museum to begin their new topic in science, 'Bones'. We completed three activities. The first was re-assembling a full adult human skeleton using the correct names. The second required us to measure and weigh different skeletons and shells of animals. The last involved investigating different skeletons to determine if, based on their teeth, they were prey or predators, and based on their bones, what physical attributes they might have, eg. long femur equals good at jumping.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



Sporting highlights this half-term

<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Two silver medals in the Spring gala at Lancing College. Narrowly missing out on golds in both.</p> <p>Eli set a record time this year for a length in the school pool in 9.91 seconds.</p> <p>A 4-1 victory over Shoreham College and a goal of the season contender from Ben.</p> <p>A clean sweep of victories at Our Lady of Sion in the U11's. Aggregate score of 12-1.</p> <p>3 top 10 finishes at the Biathlon Tournament at The Towers by Katie (year 6), Lola and Polly (year 5)</p> <p>Competitive netball fixtures resulting in wins, draws and losses at: Our Lady of Sion, Shoreham College, Lancing Prep Hove, Roedean, Moira House, BHP and Windlesham House. Player of the match awarded to Katie, Astrid and Emma. Coach's players have been awarded to Amaya and Hermione.</p> <p>Outstanding bleep test fitness scores from many in the year group – best completed by Theo, Zach, Ben, Sophie and Ted.</p>
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>Football: A crushing 7-2 victory over a St Christopher's year 6 team, all year 5 boys playing a big part.</p> <p>Fastest in year 5 for length of pool was achieved by Scarlett with 11.13 sec.</p> <p>Fantastic year 5 performance in the pool against the Towers helping Windlesham to an 8 point victory.</p> <p>Diego and Buckley both registered superb bleep test scores: 21 and 19 out of 22 respectively.</p>
<p>Years 4 and 3</p>	<p>Football: 3-2 victory over Deepdene School, stand out performances by Jesse and Elliot.</p> <p>Very closely fought football matches against Shoreham, Lancing Hove and Lancing Worthing. All year 3 and 4 boys played at least three competitive matches each so far this year.</p> <p>Very successful tag rugby afternoon at Lancing Prep Hove enjoyed by all year 3 and 4 boys.</p> <p>Excellent netball training fixtures at BHP, Lancing Prep Worthing, Shoreham College, and Lancing Prep Hove. Players of the match awarded to Matilda and Penny from the opposition.</p>

Sneak preview of next term's sport

Sporting Mentor Programme

We are excited to share that next half-term, Windlesham School is partnering with Brighton and Hove High School and BHASVIC to implement a Sporting Mentor Programme. This will give our year 5 and 6 pupils opportunities to learn from and be inspired by accomplished senior players in both netball and football.

Masterclass football workshop

A selection of pupils will be offered a masterclass workshop with a Premier league football player. Children will learn about the drills performed by professional players, the training routines, fitness regime, diet and commitment required. Details to follow next term.

Windlesham Runners

A new running club is offered to parents and children (aged year 3 and above) every Thursday morning beginning 28th February from 07:45 until 08:15. All abilities and fitness levels welcome. Children and parents/carers should meet at the cafe. Please let Mr Freeborn know via the info@ email if you would like to get involved. Please note this club is not charged, it is a healthy lifestyle initiative.

Amex Stadium Tour

As part of the Leavers' Program for the Summer term, we are offering year 6 pupils the opportunity to enjoy a tour of the Amex Stadium. Look out for further details next half term.

Brighton Mini Mile Races

We would like to remind everyone about the Mini Mile Races taking place on Saturday 13th April at Preston Park.

<http://www.brightonmarathonweekend.co.uk/events/mini-mile/>



PADI Master Seals

Exciting news! Oceanview Diving Centre, which has provided us with tuition in our own pool to date, is now offering the next course up, PADI Master Seal. This would be open to all pupils who have already completed the PADI Seal course and would like to further their skills and take their diving to the next level. The Master Seal course is a 10 module programme that could be delivered over a series of evenings, weekends or during the holidays at the dive centre. Their pool is deeper, allowing more room to master skills, and they are looking at offering the course exclusively to small groups of Windlesham pupils (4 children per course). Initially, please email the centre to register your interest. For more details, please refer to the information included on the next page.





OCEAN VIEW DIVING

WINDLESHAM SCHOOL AND OCEAN VIEW DIVING'S PADI CONTINUING EDUCATION SCUBA DIVING COURSES 2019

PADI MASTER SEAL TEAM



MASTER SEAL TEAM

Once the children have completed their Seal Team course, they will then progress onto the Master Seal Team course.

These 10 specialty Aquamissions will further develop their underwater skills with emphasis on safety and environmental techniques.

Now is the chance to do some really cool stuff in the pool with their buddies, whilst honing their scuba diving skills, building confidence, enhancing competency whilst continuing the budding Aquanauts' underwater adventures.

The Aquamissions are:

- **Aquamission 1** Skin Diving Skills
- **Aquamission 2** Inner Space - perfecting buoyancy
- **Aquamission 3** Underwater navigation
- **Aquamission 4** Environmental
- **Aquamission 5** Wreck Diver
- **Aquamission 6** Night Diver
- **Aquamission 7** Safety Diver - caring for your fellow divers
- **Aquamission 8** Search and Recovery
- **Aquamission 9** Creature ID
- **Aquamission 10** Snapshot - taking photographs underwater

On completion of the 10 Master Seal Aquamissions, you will then join the **Elite Master Seal Team!!**



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Diary 2018-2019

School Term Dates 2018/2019

Spring Term 2018

Staff Inset day

Monday 7th January

Term starts

Tuesday 8th January

Staff Inset day

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
(school closed)

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



Autumn Term 2019

Staff Inset days

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd
September

Term starts

Wednesday 4th September

How to get involved

Currently, most FOW committee members are year 6 parents who will be leaving Windlesham at the end of this school year. In order to ensure that FOW can continue to fundraise and provide great events for parents and staff we need new committee members to come forward as soon as possible. Please contact chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk to find out more.

Along with this newsletter, you will receive a leaflet detailing the many ways you can get involved.

Also, please contact your year group reps listed below if you have any ideas regarding future events.

We look forward to your continued support.

Year group reps:

Owlets - Hannah Mitchell and Jennie Tasker

Reception - Catherine Dawson

Year 1 - Mary Andrawis

Year 2 - Rowan Farnell and Julia Luikenga

Year 3 - Mel Dymott and Caroline Vera

Year 4 - Abi Dier and Chrissie Adams

Year 5 - Elle Phillips

Save the date!

THURSDAY 21 MARCH

FOW Staff and Parent Quiz rematch is scheduled for March 21st. Join us for food, bar, quiz and lots of fun. More details to be announced in the next newsletter.

Join in the fun, meet other parents and help the Windlesham community!



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 15th February 2019):

Lower School

Kaisan, Elias, Arthur, Jonty, Freddie, Kai, Isabella, Annan and Idrees.

Upper School

Raphael, Willow, Alex A, Faris, Henry, Gus, Scarlet, Primrose, Marina, Maria, Scarlett, Jesse, Alex C, Lila, Diego and Jaan.

Owls Awards

The following children have recently been congratulated for good work:

Milo, Freddie, Oscar C, Arthur, Jayden, Gus, Mabel, Michael O, Cameron, Astri, William B, Max B, Matilda, Hugo B, Florence C-S, Shayan, James, Maria, Faris, Oliver D, Theo E, Isaac G, Orla, Buckley, Lola, Jaan, Henry, Scarlett, Elsa, Zach H, Ben, Katie, George D, DeAngelo, Theo W, Emma, Astrid, Daisy, Billy, Reuben, Oscar D, Max F, Dylan, Theo T, Genie, Rosa, Willow, Charlie, Hugo C, Joel, Khadeeja, Scarlet, Nicolas, Ores, Jesse and Rowan.



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.



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