



Headmaster's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This particular message, although somewhat belated, is directed to the 31 new families who joined us at the beginning of September.

Never before have we had such an intense and sudden growth period, so the fact that it has gone so smoothly is a clear testament to your wonderful children.

I hope that you have felt welcome by our community and that you enjoy the many events we are returning to the normal calendar.

Attending these will help you to forge valued and long lasting friendships. I encourage you to get involved in everything that you can as often as you can, as you will be amazed at how quickly this precious period will pass.

I look forward to chatting with you in the coming months.

Best wishes,
Mr Ingrassia

Head Pupils

As any elected leader would agree, the election period is a very tense one. And so it has been for our fabulous group of 14 year 6's who put themselves forward for the position of Head Pupil by making presentations to the school and subsequently waiting for the votes to come in. All 14 children presented their speeches with confidence, conviction and good humour and I would have been proud for any of them to be elected.

So, after a fair and transparent election process in which all pupils and staff held equal votes, I am delighted to announce that the Head Pupils for the 2021-22 academic year are Summer and Albert.

I am very much looking forward to working with them and have every confidence they will do an outstanding job.



Macmillan coffee morning

Thank you to the many parents and carers who were able to join our Macmillan coffee morning and afternoon, and to those who kindly donated cakes. I am extremely pleased to announce that the total raised is **£705!**

Thank you to Albert, Elise, George, Isabella, Joel, Khadeeja and Summer from year 6 who joined us and spent an enjoyable afternoon talking to parents. We are also grateful to IFG and our kitchen staff and Friends Of Windlesham for their help with the event.

Reporter: Ms Groves



GENERAL NEWS

School Councillors

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



The school councillors represent the Windlesham student voice and meet fortnightly to share ideas regarding school improvements.

Our new head pupils, Albert and Summer, will join the School Council next half term.

Reporter: Mrs Slater

Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at 8th October 2021):

Lower School

Lilly, Eleanor, William, Jack S L, Ethan, Mark, Sophia H, Mia S, MJ, Zachary, Joe, Anastasia and Delilah.

Upper School

Jack J, Elodie, Amelia, Connor, Hermione, Isaac, Jude, Ava-Rose, Yulia, Hugo B-F, Lois, Jayden, Annan, Maisie B, Indy H, Marley, Isabella, Maisa, Ata, Reuben, Luay, Ariana, Becky, Arabella, Sophie, William and Milo.

Kidz Klub - Church of the Good Shepherd

Here is a promotion for the KidzKlub run at the Church of the Good Shepherd, one of the local churches we support.

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GENERAL NEWS

The Prefects for this part of the term are:

2S	Delilah Sulaiman
2J	Eleanor Joe
3DJ	Bea Max
3S	Kit George
4C	Connor Phoebe
4CM	Becky Aram
5CS	Joshi Sophie
5FC	Zak Kai Jing



The Bird Wildlife project

As part of our steady move towards a more environmentally aware curriculum, we are thrilled to announce our latest initiative, instigated by Mrs Derby, and designed primarily to educate children about birds in the local area, their life cycles and the environment required to encourage their survival.

The Bird Wildlife area will be established directly opposite the pirate ship adjacent to the Reception classroom and will include a selection of bird feeders, resting points and observation points.

To raise sufficient funds to start the project, we are inviting children to come to school in their **own clothes on Friday 15th October with a £2 donation**. If they wish, they can dress with a Halloween theme, which is always a lot of fun. Funds raised will be used to purchase bird feeders of different varieties and other relevant materials needed to kick start the project. We thank you in advance for your support.

Request for books

We are really excited to have our school library back in action after such a long time of it being closed.

The children are enjoying regular visits with the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of genres, authors and poets. We aim to keep our titles varied and extensive, and so are looking to add some new books.

One way you can help is by donating any suitable books that you have at home, that perhaps your child has grown out of or moved on from. Your donations to the school office would be hugely appreciated.

Windlesham family businesses

We would like to remind you about our Windlesham Family Businesses page on the school website, in the 'About Us' section. This is a free service which enables members of our community to support each other.

<https://www.windleshamschool.co.uk/private-primary-school/parents-businesses/>

Here you can find links to a range of services offered by our parents and carers.

If you are running a business and would like to be included, please email your details to info@windleshamschool.co.uk



For more news and photos, don't forget to take a look at our Facebook and Instagram pages



www.facebook.com/windleshamschool
www.instagram.com/windleshamschool



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Knock knock, here I am

What a great start in Reception!

The children are happy, settled and flourishing. New friendships are blooming, and the children are enjoying all aspects of the different learning environments.

They are immersing themselves into our topic, 'Knock knock, here I am'. We have been learning about each other, our families and celebrating similarities and differences.

Reporter: Mrs Mills

The Owlets are busy experimenting

The Owlets have been experimenting with paint and rolling cars in paint to make tracks on large sheets of paper on our slide. The children observed the sizes of the tracks and how the paint mixed up to make new colours.

The children have also been making smoothies by chopping up and mixing fruits and vegetables including strawberries and spinach. They were all surprised that you couldn't taste the spinach and declared they loved the smoothies!

Reporter: Mrs Older





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Year 1 WOW Day

Year 1 had a fantastic 'WOW Day' to launch their exciting topic "Digging for Dinosaurs". Children dressed up as dinosaurs, palaeontologists and explorers.

Our fun day involved discovering and releasing frozen dinosaur eggs, creating salt dough fossils and trying our hand at drawing dinosaurs.

The children even learnt about 'les dinosaures' in French. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their day and we are excited to start our dinosaur cross-curricular learning journey.

Reporter: Mrs Mack



Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month at Windlesham, children and staff will be discussing the celebrations and achievements of black people in history, both during their form times and at a whole school assembly. The Humanities curriculum has recently been updated so that every year group from 1 to 6, has the opportunity to learn about a significant figure or group of people from non-white heritage.

For example, pupils in year 6 will be telling us about Walter Tull, the first black Army Officer, linked to their World War One topic. There are lots of events in the local community found via the following link:

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/listings/region/south-east/brighton-and-hove/>

Reporter: Miss Simmons

Hello! Bonjour! Ni Hao! Ciao! Guten Tag! Hola!

Every year on the 26th of September we celebrate the 6000+ languages spoken around the world. This year was no exception.

Last week, we also celebrated all of the languages spoken at Windlesham School. Between us, we speak nearly 30 different languages! This is certainly something to applaud. Well done Windlesham!

Reporter: Ms Flynn



SCHOOL TRIPS



Year 3 Go Ape!

On Tuesday 28th September, Year 3 visited Go Ape to enjoy lots of team adventures

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Go Ape where they took part in gorilla games and treetop adventures. The gorilla games focused on developing teamwork and trust within the group and the treetop activities allowed children to develop resilience and face their fears in a safe environment. All the skills explored today are integral to the school's PSHE programme.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



Year 4 visit Michelham Priory

This week, Year 4's trip complemented their study of The Tudors

The children took part in a dramatisation of Henry VIII and the fate of his six wives. This was a brilliant opportunity for them to bring to life one of the most famous stories in our history. They also had a tour of a Tudor kitchen and were invited to take part in a realistic Tudor banquet.

We learned about the differences in rich and poor Tudor diets and found out where phrases like "worth your salt" and "upper crust" originated from. The children enjoyed a quill writing workshop and practised the intricate cursive style of the time. The children seemed quite grateful that we are learning a much more simple cursive style at school!

Reporter: Mrs Coego



SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 1 trip to Drusillas Park

On Monday this week Year 3 visited dinosaurs at Drusillas!

Year 1 spent a wonderful day at Drusillas to enhance their learning about Dinosaurs, which is the cross curricular topic they are studying this term.

After their educational session about dinosaurs they were lucky enough to stroke a python, a lizard and a chinchilla, which they found very exciting indeed!

Despite the occasional rain showers, we all managed to enjoy a few of the rides too.

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery



Year 2 tour the i360 and the Royal Pavilion

Last Friday, Year 2 visited two Brighton landmarks

On Friday 1st October, year 2 had a lovely time travelling up the i360 and seeing Brighton from a 'bird's eye view'. Although it was cloudy, we were still able to see as far as the Chattri and had a great view of Brighton Station and our two piers.

Thanks to one of our generous parents, Mr Addis, we were able to enjoy our lunch in Donatello's. After lunch, we walked to the Royal Pavilion and were met by our tour guide, Barney. He gave us a guided tour and told us lots of interesting facts about this fantastic palace.

Reporter: Mrs Slater





SPORTS NEWS

U11 Netball vs Brighton Girls

The U11 netball squad visited Brighton Girls to play a friendly round robin system of games. It's been such a long time since we were able to attend an away fixture, it was all rather exciting! We played on astro, short quarters and some fast moving netball. This allowed all the girls to take an active part against some tough competition. Thank you to BG for hosting us and for the super match teas!

Court 1

Player of the match (as voted for by the players): Sophie, Coaches player (as voted for by opposition staff): Emily

Court 2

Player of the match (as voted for by the players): Fawn, Coaches player (as voted for by opposition staff): Charlotte

Reporter: Mrs Fox

Swimming gala at Hurst

Last month, Windlesham demonstrated a fantastic performance in the gala at Hurst. There were multiple individual and relay events involving all 4 swimming strokes. Sophie proved too strong for her competitors in the backstroke 25m taking 1st place, whilst George gained 1st place in the breaststroke 25m with a dominant swim. Freddie

also put in a strong finish to gain 1st place in the front crawl 25m. Windlesham also won the Y5 individual medley relay race involving Sophie, Freddie, Annan and Maisa, who managed a spectacular finish in the front crawl.

The team showed great determination and effort throughout the competition, well done.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

NSEA show-jumping competition

Arabella, Year 5, and Primrose, Year 6, competed in the Farlington School NSEA grassroots show-jumping competition at Sands Farm.

Arabella and Star were placed 5th in the 50cm class and have qualified for the grassroots final in December. Primrose was paired with a pupil from Steyning Grammar in the 60cm pairs competition and they won their class with a super speedy double clear. Primrose also jumped a double clear in the 60cm class however was just outside the placings. Both girls had a great day and are looking forward to the next NSEA competition on the 17th October at Coombelands.



SPORTS NEWS

U9 Netball (A) vs Cottesmore

Last Thursday, a small and enthusiastic U9 netball team had the opportunity to visit Cottesmore School near Crawley. We took an early lead in the first quarter with some super mid court play from Matilda. Florence neatly fed the ball to Katie and Phoebe and we finished the first quarter, with a 3-2 lead to Windlesham.

After a quick change of positions on both sides, we saw some great defence from Isabella and Hermione, which led to the ball once again being fed to the shooters who scored again for Windlesham.

We entered the final quarter determined to remain calm and looking for one more goal. Some lovely play led to Katie to score the final goal of the match assisted by Phoebe and the mid court players.

Well done everyone, it was a great training game and we learnt some new skills along the way.

Captain: Isabella, Players of the Match: Florence and Phoebe
Coaches players: Hermione and Matilda

Reporter: Mrs Fox



U11 Football vs Shoreham College

The U11s started this year with a very determined performance against Shoreham College. After initially going 3-0 down at half-time, Windlesham grew in confidence during the second half. Jesse showed great dribbling skills to ghost past two players before assisting an excellent strike from Elliot.

Sadly, a heroic goalkeeping performance by Shoreham kept the score at 3-1 despite multiple shots on target from our team.

Nevertheless, it was an absolute pleasure to see the Windlesham team play with such positivity, commitment and enthusiasm.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



U11 Football vs Lancing Worthing

We enjoyed a fantastic football tournament at Lancing Worthing where we played 4 matches in total against: Lancing Prep Worthing, Great Ballard School, Shoreham College and Lancing Prep Hove.

We had a tremendous first game against Great Ballard School, winning an incredible 8-0 with Jesse and Mason scoring hat-tricks, Nicolas and Elliot also scored. We then faced the hosts, Lancing Prep Worthing, who forced brilliant saves from Freddie who kept the score at 0-0. Thanks to great work and energy from all the team including Ata, Milo and Ores, we secured a 5-0 victory with Jesse scoring two and Elliot scoring a hat-trick.

Our third game against Shoreham College was our closest yet. We were trailing 2-0 down but never gave up and managed to get the score to 2-2 with great goals from Elliot. He saved the best for last, scoring a half volley on the turn from far out to beat the keeper and make it 3-2. This was the goal of our tournament and my favourite game as it was great to see everyone stay so positive and win.

We went into the final game against Lancing Prep Hove. Both teams had won all their games so the winner of this was going to be the winner of the tournament. Unfortunately, we did not quite have the finishing touch and despite a fantastic effort by all, most notably an incredible goal-saving block from Albert, Lancing Prep Hove won 3-0 and thus won the tournament.

Overall, we finished a valiant second and displayed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout. It was a fantastic effort by all. Well done Windlesham!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

SPORTS NEWS

U11 A-C Football (A) vs Cottesmore

We had a fantastic fixture at Cottesmore Prep School on Wednesday this week, playing four fixtures with three teams. Each game was a close contest and we had three battling losses and one well-deserved win.

Special mention to our captains of the day: Ata, Albert and Raphael who all led their teams superbly and represented the school well, as did every player.

In the games we lost, there were some stand out performances. Stratos was terrific and described as a 'mini Messi' by the Cottesmore teacher as he dribbled past multiple players throughout his game. Otis and Ores were also fierce in defence during their matches, making it very difficult for the opposition to break through. There was also great passing football between Freddie, Milo, Jesse and Elliott who did everything but score in a really close game. The game we won was an incredible performance, winning 4-0 with goals from Kai-jing (2), William and George.

It was a really enjoyable day and I was very proud of everyone who played.



Year 3 and Year 4 House Tournament

This week, we had a brilliant House football tournament and saw some great performances and teamwork throughout. We held two round robin tournaments, one for year 3 and one for year 4.

In year 4, Lewes showed great levels of football, working together to win all their games including the final, with Brunel coming second and Arundel in third. Remarkably, the results were flipped in year 3 with Arundel winning all their games coming first, Brunel again coming second and Lewes third.

In the year 4 tournament, Marley and Isaac were particularly strong, scoring many goals between them as they passed and moved well together, whilst Jamie powered through, showing great dribbling skills. Meanwhile, Theo and Jack couldn't stop scoring in the year 3 tournament, running strong and shooting with accuracy.

This means that the House points were pretty much evenly shared on a great day of sport. Everyone showed fantastic levels of sportsmanship with players both winning and losing graciously.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2021

Staff Inset days

Tuesday 31st August &
Wednesday 1st September

Term starts

Thursday 2nd September

Half term holiday

Monday 18th October –
Friday 29th October inclusive

Term ends

Friday 10th December

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

Christmas Fayre 2021

At Christmas time, we ask local businesses and companies connected to Windlesham to support the school and donate a prize for our Christmas raffle. This year, we also have sponsorship opportunities for businesses in our Christmas programme, an opportunity to directly advertise to the parents of 170 pupils. The programme will look similar to this:

Programme

This year we are raising money for Audio Visual equipment for the new sports hall.

All companies that make a raffle donation or choose to take a sponsorship slot will be thanked and promoted in our Christmas Fayre programme and on posters, in our school newsletter, and across our social media channels.

If you or your business would like to participate, please email chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk

Thank you for your support.

Y5 and Y6 Parent Teacher meetings

Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th October, 4.00 - 6.00pm
In the New Hall

Last day of this half term

Friday 15th October
Normal finish times

FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

Hello, some of you already know me. For those who don't yet, I'm Jenny - parent and Chair of the Friends of Windlesham (FOW) Committee which helps build a parent community and organises the school's fundraising events.

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, our first mini event is a Halloween dress up day on Friday 15th October for £2 which will allow us to fund our new natural learning environment and in particular our wild bird feeding site.



Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is in the diary for Friday 26th Nov at 3:30pm. Now is the time to clear out any unwanted teddies, think about a prize you could donate to the raffle and consider how you could get involved with your class stall. The Fayre will raise money for AV equipment in our new Sports Hall.

To ensure that every parent and child gets the chance to look around and enjoy the Fayre we ask that as many parents as possible volunteer just 15 minutes or more on the day. Please let your class rep know when you can help.

WINDLESHAM SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021
3.30PM - 5.30PM

THE FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM SCHOOL ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT FOR THIS YEARS FAYRE

RAFFLE
The FOW would like to ask parents if they can help with PRIZE donations for the raffle. Maybe your workplace can help us by donating vouchers or another exciting prize!

TEDDY TOMBOLA
Donations of teddies or soft toys in good clean condition

CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA
Donations of unopened chocolates

HOME BAKING
Christmas themed home baking

TIME
Can you help? Maybe run a stall? Are you crafty? Have a contact for lighting? Help with Christmas decorating?

PRIZE WINNER

PRIZE

Noticeboard

FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER

Halloween Dress Up Day

FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Christmas Fayre,
3.30PM - 5.30PM

FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Upper School Christmas Party,
6.00PM - 7:30PM

MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Lower School Christmas Party,
2:15PM - 3:30PM



Uniform

If you are looking for good quality uniform at second hand prices then please join our Windlesham Uniform Exchange Facebook group. This Facebook group is an easy way to sell your uniform and/or get the next size up.

Meeting up

FOW meet once a month at 8pm at Hove Rugby Club to discuss fundraising priorities, ideas and events. If you'd like to join the committee we'd love to hear from you, please contact Jenny: chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk