

Newsletter

25th May 2018

A message from the Headmaster

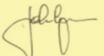
Dear Parents and Carers,

As the 2nd July nears, there is no question that the excitement and anticipation of the 70th Anniversary Celebration is building. You may have heard the



songs your children are singing. You may have seen some of their dance moves. Behind the scenes, many teachers are busy with planning, preparations and rehearsals. In fact it seems that wherever one turns these days, there are reminders of 70th anniversaries including 70 years of NHS care, 70 years since the founding of the World Health Organisation and 70 years since the summer Olympics were held in London. However, the real excitement for me is the opportunity for us to unite as a whole community, bringing together the children who represent the future of Windlesham with those who helped to shape our school into the wonderful place it is today. Such opportunities are rare for a small school and I very much look forward to meeting you all at the Theatre Royal.

Enjoy your half term. Warm regards,



Upper School art exhibition

On Friday 18th May, we held the first annual Art exhibition in the school Hall.

Initially envisaged as a way to celebrate the entries to the Royal College of Art Children's Art Competition 2018, we included a selection of fabulous artwork from years 4 to 6.

When seen in an exhibition setting, the quality, variety and standard of artwork was exceptional. Congratulations to all whose work was chosen and we look forward to an even bigger exhibition next year.

Reporter: Mr Hall













General information

Congratulations to Mr Lyle!

Congratulations to our Site Manager, Mr Lyle, and his wife. They have a new baby girl, Nancy, who was born yesterday. All the family are doing well and we send them our very best wishes.

Windlesham launches new uniform at Fashion Show

Windlesham School held its very own Fashion Show this week to launch the stylish new uniform which is being introduced from September 2018. An excited crowd filled the Hall as children walked along a temporary catwalk, showing off the new designs while the admiring audience clapped along to the music.

The new uniform features a stylish tartan, 'Holyrood', which is a mix of colours including Windlesham's traditional brown and gold, plus a fresh new colour - pilot blue. The dresses, skirts and ties all feature the new tartan, which is teamed with grey blazers and trousers, and jumpers in pilot blue.

Mr Ingrassia commented: "As part of our 70th Anniversary celebrations, we decided to create a new look which is smart and modern, but retains some elements of brown as a tribute to our unique heritage."

Reporter: Mrs Westwood-Dunkley









Theatre Royal raffle prize winner

We are pleased to announce the winner of the raffle for the Queen Elizabeth II Box for the 70th Anniversary Celebration at the Theatre Royal is Mrs Cheal. Tickets for this box will be available to collect from the School office from Monday 4th June. All other tickets are available to purchase from the Theatre Royal Box Office in person from today. Grandparents, friends and other relatives are welcome. The concert will begin at 4pm and will finish by 6:30pm. All clubs, including Windlefun, will be suspended for the evening. We very much look forward to seeing you all at the concert for this very special occasion for our School community.

Competition to design and name our Junior Snail





As mentioned previously, we are participating in Snailspace Brighton and Hove in order to raise money for The Martlets. Over half term, your child is invited to create a design for our snail which will soon be arriving at Windlesham School.

The theme is to celebrate Windlesham's 70th Anniversary. The snail will be on the trail for 10 weeks so the design needs to robust. Over 100,000 people will get to view the snail during the autumn. It may be photographed and included in thousands of selfies so please make sure your design is eye-catching.

The winning design will be created on our Junior Snail by the designer along with members of their year group. The snail will also need naming so please think of an appropriate name. We may mix and match the name and the design of the snail so that we have 2 winners of the competition.

Please bring your designs and names to school after half term. The closing date is **Wednesday 6th June.**

For more information on Snailspace, please visit www.snailspacebrighton.co.uk

Happy designing!

Reporter: Ms Groves

Charity Reps visit Oaklands nursing home

On Wednesday this week, we went to Oaklands nursing home on Dyke Road. We met a lady called Joyce who showed us around the home. Then, we all joined in an activity called Kiddleydivey where we guessed the song, played instruments and sang along to famous songs. After that, we started to talk to a lady called Eve. She was really nice - she told us about her time at Great Ormond Street hospital where she used to be a nurse. We enjoyed our trip and we thank Ms Groves for taking us.





Owlets celebrate the Royal Wedding

The Owlets delighted in parading around the school for their celebration of the Royal Wedding. They wore red, white and blue outfits with their amazing homemade hats, bunting, streamers and flags. The children helped to make cucumber sandwiches which they all enjoyed, followed by jam tarts, cake and biscuits. The morning was rounded off by singing songs and playing the game "There was a princess long ago".

Reporter: Mrs Older





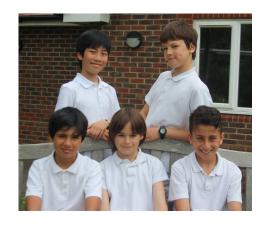


Delancey UK Schools' Chess Challenge

On Saturday 12th May, five brave young men presented themselves at the Downlands Community School, Hassocks, to take part in the Delancey Megafinal Chess Challenge against dozens of other schools in Sussex. Our fearless players were Aywin, Nathanael, Zakariya and Sonny from year 6 and Zachary from year 5.

Our year 6 boys were successful in most of their matches and were able to secure enough points to go through to the Gigafinal. Zachary did not manage to secure quite enough points but enjoyed the experience of a serious chess tournament nonetheless. We hope to see him back next year.

All the boys deserve a huge congratulations for their efforts and the parents for their support. We wish our year 6 players the best of luck in the Gigafinal!



Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

Year 4's reptilian brains

During their drama lesson, 4CM learnt about their reptilian brains. Our reptilian brain includes the main structures found in a reptile's brain. These control elementary behaviour which concerns our survival. The children were divided into groups for role play sessions and acted out two scenarios. In the first one, there was a dispute between a group of children (where reptilian brains had kicked in) and in the second scenario the children employed devices to control their reptilian brains. Reporter: Mrs Martin





Lancing College Science Challenge

On Tuesday 15th May, 12 of our Year 6 children took part in the annual Lancing College Science Challenge. The pupils were split into three teams for physics, biology and chemistry and then split into school teams. The children had to complete challenges based on a specific brief. All the children enjoyed themselves immensely - meeting new children, working with them and learning new things. Their behaviour was exemplary and they were fantastic ambassadors for Windlesham School.

Please see the report from Datis, below.

Reporter: Mrs Colley

During the challenge, children were split in three teams and sent to different challenges. The physics team consisted of me (Datis), Ra, Truly and Aywin. The biology team was made up of Jamie, Beck, Samuel and Ollie, and the chemistry team included Max T, George W, Zac A and Clemmie. In the physics team, we had to make the longest marble run with the least friction, which my team (three pupils from other schools and me) won. In the next challenge, we had to make a wooden cube lose drag and become more aerodynamic. The chemistry team had to mix two chemicals together and find the result. Finally, the biology team had to make a bird's nest out of natural objects.

Reporter: Datis, 6MO







Science Week homework

Thank you to everyone who completed the Science Week homework. You are taking really good care of the wildlife in your local habitats. Please keep an eye out for the posters on display around the school.

Reporter: Mrs Colley

Science Week poster competition

Thank you to all the children who designed, created and made a poster for the Science Week poster competition.

They were all of a very high standard. We submitted 6 posters to the national competition. We did not win any prizes, nevertheless, all the children produced a wonderful array of different topics and interests.

Well done to our poster makers: Michael M, George D, Akshay, Sophie, Zac H, Tilly, Cameron, Sami and Fawn.

Well done to our entrants: Jakob, Buckley, Joel, Genie Carlina, Elsa and William B.

Reporter: Mrs Colley



Year 1 trip to Brighton Toy Museum

Year 1 went on a marvellous trip to Brighton Toy Museum on Thursday 24th May to support their learning about 'Toys from the Past' which they have been studying in their Humanities lessons.

One of their favourite activities was a treasure hunt to find different old toys around the museum. One of the teddy bears which they discovered was over two hundred years old. Everyone had the chance to handle old toys and compare their current toys to toys from the past. A fun day was had by all!

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery



Year 5 love lego robotics

The children have been designing model cars with Lego WeDo in their Computing lessons.

They worked in pairs to design and make a car which they then programmed to move backwards and forwards powered by a motor. They also used sensors to program the car to avoid obstacles.

The children have also been making "dancing birds", learning about gears and pulleys as well as coding.

Reporter: Mrs Moss







Sport

Rounders match - U9 v BHP

Thursday 10th May at Windlesham School

Our U9 rounders team invited Brighton and Hove Prep to a training match. Windleham School stepped in to bat first. It was a tentative start but we soon warmed into our game. Batters looked ahead and made good decisions on whether or not to run. When it was our turn to field, the coaches gave sound advice and the team made some good calls which resulted in getting some players out. We swapped over and gained another 3 rounders.

When it was BHP's final batting innings, they had a couple of big hits which we reacted well to and again managed to get opposition players out.

All the girls enjoyed what was a great game. The players' 'Girl of the Game' was Amelia and the coach's 'Girl of the Game' was Rhea. Well done to all.

Reporter: Mrs Fox



Swimming gala

ESSA Regional Finals - 12th May

On Saturday 12th May, the year 5 swimming team competed against the top 3 'small' school teams in each of the Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire, Kent, Bucks & Oxon counties. Windlesham School came so, so close to qualifying for the National Finals missing out by only 0.61 sec in the Medley relay and only 0.14 secs in the Freestyle relay.

Congratulations to George, Zac, Harry and Eli who represented Windlesham so well against children from the whole of the south east region.

Reporter: Mr Lambert

Sport

Rounders match - U11 v Moira House

Wednesday 9th May at Moira House, Eastbourne

The U11's travelled to Eastbourne to play the team from Moira House. It was a swift start with Windlesham fielding first. Some very co-ordinated team-work led to catching and stumping out 5 batters in a row. Windlesham School stepped in to bat, cautiously at first, but found their feet bringing the first innings to a close with a score of 8 - 6 to the hosts. Second innings saw Moira House find some chinks in our fielding but also saw some great catches, bringing their total up to 18. Windlesham once again stepped in to bat, taking a couple of early rounders. It was close as we gained more half rounders and edged towards Moira House's score. Our last two batters, Lily and Amber, both finished on fantastic rounders bringing our score up to 13. Well done to the team who worked really well together throughout the game. The players girl of the game was Biba and the coaches girl of the game was Ruby.

Reporter: Mrs Fox



Swimming gala

At Windlesham School - 17th May

Windlesham hosted a gala against The Towers last week. It was an exciting, well contested gala with determined performances from both teams. Windlesham won 9 of the 16 individual races and 6 of the 8 relay races coming out victorious with a 53 - 43 scoreline. It was a great team effort and a special mention to Astrid, Ollie, Gussee, Penny and Willow who made their debuts for the team.

Reporter: Mr Lambert

Diary

Summer Term

MONDAY 28TH MAY – FRIDAY 1ST JUNE INCLUSIVE

Half term holiday

WEDNESDAY 6TH - 8TH JUNE

Year 5 residential trip to Rippledown, Kent

THURSDAY 7TH JUNE

Classroom Carousel Afternoon for Owlets and Reception, 13.30

Rounders: U8 & 9 v BHP, 16.00 (Away)

WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE

Year 3 Assembly to Parents and Carers, 9.00 (Gym)

Rounders: U11 v Lancing Worthing, 14.30 (Away)

THURSDAY 14TH JUNE

Upper School Trip Day

WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE

Year 6 Surf Life Skills (part 1), all day

THURSDAY 21ST JUNE

Owlets trip to Washbrook Farm

Year 6 Surf Life Skills (part 2), all day

Rounders: U8 & 9 v Lancing Worthing,

15.00 (Away)

SATURDAY 23RD JUNE

FOW Summer Fayre, 11.00 - 15.00

MONDAY 25TH JUNE

Nursery into Reception presentation for

Parents and Carers, 14.00

WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE

Lower School Sports Day - Details TBC

Upper School Sports Day - Details TBC

THURSDAY 28TH JUNE

Reception trip to Woodsmill

FRIDAY 29TH JUNE

Open classroom event for all years.

15.00 - 16.00

MONDAY 2ND JULY

70th Anniversary Concert, Theatre Royal, 16.00 - 18.30

THURSDAY 5TH JULY

Year 6 End of Year Performance Matinée and Evening performances

FRIDAY 6TH JULY

Charity afternoon - Details TBC

TUESDAY 10TH JULY

Moving up morning, Reception to year 5

House swimming gala, years 3 to 6, 14.00

WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY

End of year presentation to parents and carers for years 3 and 4, 18.00 (Hall)

THURSDAY 12TH JULY

End of year presentation to parents and carers

(Hall)

Year 5, 17.00

Year 6, 18.30

FRIDAY 13TH JULY

Last day of term, lunch time finish

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



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 25th May 2018):

Lower School

Elias, Elise and Rosa, Silah, Zack and Elliot.

Upper School

Isaac D, Hugo, Elsa, Fiontan, Billy, Sophie, Ruby, Samuel, Lola M, Orla, Rhea and Zac H.

Owls Awards

Marlena, Monty, Florence H, Christopher, Josh, Bobby, Hugo, Khadeeja, Fawn, Tamara, Kaisan, Yuvraj, Rowan, Raphael, Michael O, Kai, Jem, Diego, Orla, Jaan, Isaac G, Henry, Elsa, Faris, Buckley, Zoe, Scarlett R-T, Rhea, Theo, Nathanael, Max SI, Sonny, Shayan, Florence C-S and Marina.

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

2K	Khadeeja Summer
28	Primrose Yuvraj
3JM	Gussee Mabel
3M	Ava James
4CM	Jaan Maria
4F	Rhea Amelia
5CC	Max George D
5CF	Akim

New prefects for next half term will be announced on Friday 8th June.

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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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