

Newsletter

8th May 2018

A message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

I recently
welcomed another
new family to
the school,
recommended
by one of our
present families.
Registrations
such as these



are a great source of pride. Most importantly, such referrals are usually only made to families with children who fit well with the ethos of Windlesham School. They are friendly, kind children who are keen to take advantage of the opportunities we offer, whether they be academic, pastoral or extra-curricular.

Such referrals are also the most sincere compliment to Windlesham School, and the fact that there have been several in recent weeks is a strong statement of the widespread support for the School.

Therefore, on behalf of the staff of Windlesham School, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those parents and carers who have complimented our School to friends, colleagues and acquaintances.

Long may it continue.

Two pupils exhibit work at the Royal College of Art

Our two very proud artists whose work was chosen for the Royal College of Art 'FEELINGS' Exhibition, Fiontan and Scarlett, both in 4F, attended the Private View at the R.C.A. on 25th April. We are terribly proud of both children who can now boast of having exhibited at the R.C.A. Mr Hall is very envious!

Reporter: Mr Hall





Classroom carousel afternoon

The children in nursery, reception and year 1 had an enjoyable afternoon last Thursday when they participated in a carousel of activities around their classrooms and the playground. The children were divided into four groups from each class and joined in a variety of activities including yoga, sing-along, playing instruments, relaxing with mindfulness, colouring-in and games such as Duck, Duck, Goose and Hokey Cokey in the playground.

During a break, the children were served fruit and juice supplied and prepared by the amazing Friends of Windlesham who also purchased resources for the afternoon. Many thanks to the FOW for their help and generosity and to the staff for organising the activities and for supervising the children.

Reporter: Mrs Older



Preparing children for life





General information

Holidays during term-time

Dear Parents and Carers.

In recent weeks, there has been a spate of requests for pupils to be authorised out of school during term-time. Some of these requests have been to support family members in times of need, such as bereavements or illness. Needless to say, these will always be authorised. However, the majority of recent requests have been to withdraw children to attend family holidays or family occasions.

Whilst we always seek to support families in any way that we can, we also have a duty to safeguard children's education, which is severely disrupted any time they are not with their teachers in lessons. Being absent from lessons means that children miss the vital explanations of concepts which allow them to access the units subsequently being taught. It is not just a matter of catching up on work. Teachers find it very difficult in their busy day to make time for pupils who were missing in lessons, to help them catch up on their understanding.

I take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers to please resist the temptation to withdraw children during term-time. I thank you for your support in this matter.

Regards, Mr Ingrassia

We need your old crocs and flip flops!

Just a reminder that if you have crocs or flip flops that your children have outgrown, can we please have them in school for emergency use in the event of a pool evacuation. If you could drop these **into the school office** it would be much appreciated. Thank you.



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.



FOW nearly new uniform sale - 14th May

FOW will be organising a nearly new uniform sale on Monday 14th May from 15.00 - 16.00.

School Clubs

Forest School Club

The children at Forest School Club made wonderful pictures using natural objects they found in the park. They created patterns using different shapes, textures and colours.

Reporter: Miss May





Eco Club

The children at Eco Club have been challenging themselves to reduce, reuse and recycle. Their suggestions have included turning off lights when they leave a room, using both sides of paper and making sure they put items in the correct bins. This week they made self-watering plant pots from used milk containers and pencil pots from old milk cartons.





Reporter: Mrs Older

Sailing Club

Last week, years 3 and 4 took to the water for the first session of their dinghy sailing RYA Stage 1&2. After the initial excitement of getting into their wetsuits and buoyancy aids, they were given a safety briefing. They were then taken to a fully rigged Pico to learn the parts of a boat, and received a demonstration on how to control the boat using the tiller to tack and jibe and the ropes to control the main sail. The children took to the water in pairs and enjoyed taking it in turns to sail their boat around Hove Lagoon.

Reporter: Ms Dier







School Activities

Owlets celebrate Spring

On May 1st, in lovely, sunny weather, the Owlets celebrated the arrival of spring by dancing around the Maypole. They first watched some videos on youtube of other groups and children performing their May dances. We then went outside and the children skipped around to the music and watched the ribbons wrap around the pole.

The children in Owlets have also been busy planting their own sunflower seeds and have learnt about how the seeds will need light, warmth and water to grow throughout the Spring and Summer months.

Reporter: Mrs Older







Year 3's Egyption WOW day

Year 3 were recently visited by Egyptian Pharaohs, Anubis and mummies for our WOW day. We began the day by thinking about what we already knew and then generated questions to explore during the topic. We studied Death Masks and created our own using collage with different bits of gold and blue paper. Finally, we celebrated in the afternoon with a delicious Egyptian feast.

Reporter: Mrs Mack







School Activities

The Windlesham 2018 Fiver Challenge

All children in years 4, 5 and 6 are taking part in this 7 week challenge. They start with £5 and see how much more money they can make by the end of the 7 weeks. In our introductory assembly, the children had fun designing and making a product out of junk recycling. Each group then tried to persuade the rest of the groups why they should buy their product. Take a look at some of their interesting ideas.

Reporter: Mrs Martin



Road Safety Training for Year 1

Year 1 are enjoying their weekly Road Safety Training with Brighton and Hove City Council. They have been learning important skills to help them cross roads safely and to keep safe near cars.

'I have learnt what the different colour lights on the back of a car are for', Arthur.

'We have learnt how to use the pelican crossing safely and I know not to cross when the green man is flashing', Silah.

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery



Diary

Summer Term

TUESDAY 8TH MAY

Years 3 - 6 Assessments commence

Years 5 Secondary School transfer workshop for parents and carers, 16.00 (Hall)

WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY

Year 6 Rounders: U11 v Moira House, 14.30 (Away)

THURSDAY 10TH MAY

Year 3 & 4 Rounders training match: U8 and 9 v BHP, 16.00 (Home)

MONDAY 14TH MAY

FOW Nearly new uniform sale, 15.00 - 16.00

TUESDAY 15TH MAY

Class photos for all children

WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY

Years 3 & 4 Reading workshop for parents and carers, 9.00 (Hall)

THURSDAY 17TH MAY

Year 3 & 4 Rounders training match:

U8 and 9 v Lancing Worthing, 15.00 (Away)

FRIDAY 18TH MAY

Upper School Art Exhibition, 15.30 - 16.30 (Hall)

Year 5 Rounders: U10 v BHP, 16.00 (Home)

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY

Year 6 Rounders: U11 v Towers, 14.15 (Home)

THURSDAY 24TH MAY

Year 1 trip to Brighton Toy Museum

New uniform presentation for all, 16.15 (Hall)

FRIDAY 25TH MAY

Musical performance by invitation, 16.00 (Hall)

MONDAY 28TH MAY –

FRIDAY 1ST JUNE INCLUSIVE

Half Term Holiday

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 4th May 2018):

Lower School

Oscar C, Fawn, Raphael, Annan, Charlie and Isabella.

Upper School

Penny, Shayan, Zoe, Yasin, Hermione, Eli, Molly, George L, Ruby (Y3), Alex A, Lola S, Alaska, Ted, Emma, Tatiana and Datis.

Owls Awards

Isabella, Katie, Mabel, Alex C, Gussee, Matilda, Marina, Lola M, Ava, George L, Ollie J, Samuel T, Biba, Tom, Datis, Aywin, Zac P, Harry S, Beck, Marlena, Monty, Ted, Amaya, George D, Zac H, Akim, Stanley, Summer, Fawn, Nicolas, Rowan

The Prefects for this part of the term are as follows: 2K Khadeeja Summer 2S Primrose Yuvraj

Mabel

3M Ava
James

Gussee

4CM Jaan Maria

3JM

4F Rhea Amelia

5CC Max George D

5CF Akim Tilly



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