

# Newsletter

22 June 2018

### A message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we edge surprisingly quickly towards the end of the year, with so many events organised, it is important to remind you to please keep checking our communication.



One of the many important events to draw your attention to is our Outdoor Development Project (known as the WONDER), planned to begin in the summer holidays. This project aims to develop the outdoor areas available for children in the Early Years and Lower School so that their learning and play outdoors are greatly enhanced.

I warmly invite all parents and carers to attend a presentation about this exciting project next Tuesday 26th June at 9am in the School Hall.

Kind regards,



# Charity Reps visit Oaklands Care Home

On Tuesday last week, we made our second visit to Oaklands. We really enjoyed chatting to the residents again and also played a game where Joyce, the Events Organiser, held up memory cards of old scenes from yesteryear. Eve showed us a picture of her first car, which she remembered had cost £2,500, brand new. One of the residents, Hugh, was celebrating his birthday so we all sang Happy Birthday to him. The residents really enjoyed our visit, as did we, and we thanked them for letting us come.

Reporters: Year 6 Charity Reps - Molly, Aywin, Jamie, Samuel R, George W and Daniel

P.S.'I was proud to be told that the reps are a credit to Windlesham School', Ms Groves.



# School trips

Last week, years 2 to 6 each went on a school trip. You can find out more about their adventures on pages 5 to 7. Yesterday, Owlets went to Washbrook Farm and next week, Reception go to Woods Mill. More stories and photos of these trips will feature in the next newsletter.

Preparing children for life





## General news

### Uniform

In a change of tradition for the next academic year, when children return to school in September, the new uniform for girls should be the skirt/pinafore with shirt and tie. Due to a delay in manufacture, the summer dress will not be available until after the October half term. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Boys should return in September in the new summer uniform featuring blazer, shorts and short sleeved white shirt with tie.

### Summer fayre

Thank you to all those who will be assisting to run the Summer Fayre this year. As last year's event was a farewell party for Mrs Bennett-Odlum, this will be my first and I am very much looking forward to it. I very much hope that you will all be able to make it, even if only for a short while. Occasions like this are an excellent opportunity to strengthen the school community.

### **Building works**

We are anticipating works on the new building to commence very soon. The first stage will involve the demolition of the existing gym, French and Music rooms. We are working closely with surveyors at the moment to ensure the least disruption to pupils and to plan any relocation of classes affected. I will continue to keep you updated as the development unfolds.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

### Turn the Tide a charity founded by Mrs Jones

Next month, I will travel to Malawi to work with a charity which I started 9 years ago. Turn the Tide supports AIDs orphans and widows in a remote part of Malawi where there is no electricity or running water. In Malawi, it is a huge privilege to attend school as the majority cannot afford to pay the fee. Education is the key to their future and we as a team are committed to supporting our children's career dreams.

With 39 children to look after, we need to purchase new school uniforms and back to school packs, ready for the

autumn term. We don't have lots of luggage space but we would love to take 'back to school' packs for all our children - rucksack, geometry set, pencil case, rubber, calculator, general stationary, colouring pencils (not pens) and a small note



**book.** If you can provide any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send in to Mrs Jones with your child. We will also be looking to purchase new school uniforms which cost approximately £10 each (made to order in Malawi). If you would like to support in this way, the link is <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/turnthetidewithabusride">https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/turnthetidewithabusride</a> We value every contribution and greatly appreciate your support.

### Thank you to year 2 from Ms Groves

I was lost for words last week when the year 2 classes returned from their trip. Instigated by Summer and Rowan, some of the children gave me the remainder of their outing money saying, "This is for the snail trail". I am overwhelmed by their kindheartedness and now have £8.03 for the charity pot.

Thank you very, very much!

# **School Activities**

# Update on our Junior Snail ... 'Cooper'

Well done to everyone who entered the snail competition. We had so many amazing entries, especially the ones themed to Windlesham's 70th anniversary. Runners up were Tilly and Billy from year 5. The winning name is COOPER, in memory of our founder Miss Cooper, chosen by Daisy and Max S, also in year 5. The overall winner, whose design will go on the snail, is Alex C in year 3. Congratulations to you all.

Please look at our new charity board, located outside the front door, where we shall post regular updates on the progress of Cooper's design.

Reporter: Ms Groves



### Craft Club

Children in years 2 and 3 have been using tiles and grout in Craft Club. They are having a smashing time!

Reporter: Mrs Ball





### **Forest Club**

In Forest School, we have been busy building dens and toasting marshmallows. The children have also been using natural objects to create art, including some weird and wonderful mud faces this week.

Reporter: Miss May







# **School Activities**

# Year 3's pop-up museums

On Friday 8th June, the year 3 classrooms were turned into pop-up museums, full of Ancient Egyptian exhibits, which the children had created over the last few weeks for their homework. Exhibits included a video of a mummification re-enactment, 3D pyramids, interactive displays, games galore and an abundance of interesting information. We were blown away by the effort each and every child had clearly made. We would like to congratulate them for their hard work and also thank their families for their support.

Reporter: Miss Mack









# A Celebration of Reading

The children from Owlets to Year 3 took part in a "Celebration of Reading" on Wednesday 20th June. After listening to a short talk, parents and carers were invited to visit the classrooms where they could see children participating in reading activities. Across the year groups the children and staff displayed examples of paired and guided reading, phonics activities and shared some written work. We were joined by Waterstones and the authors and illustrators, Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet, for the morning. They signed books and also gave a fantastic presentation to the children.

Sue and Paul shared a funny and interactive retelling of their books "Cake" and "Supertato, Evil Pea rules", which had the children and staff laughing with delight.

Many thanks to Ms Thompsett for arranging the authors' visit, to all the staff and children for sharing their fabulous reading activities and to all the parents and carers who came to the event.

Reporter: Mrs Older





# **School Trips**









### Year 5 trip to Rippledown

On Wednesday 6th June, Year 5 set off for their residential trip to Kent with Mr Crellin, Miss Kennedy and Mr Freeborn. Rippledown House is an environmental centre set in beautiful grounds and it offers children the opportunity to extend their learning beyond the classroom. The children took part in many team building activities and have shared just a few of their many highlights below.

'The food was incredible! We had spaghetti bolognese, a roast dinner, croissants with butter, apple crumble and hot custard, and ice-cream and jelly WITH short-bread biscuits!!' Astrid

'Pond dipping was really fun as you got to catch freshwater animals. Our group caught newts, sticklebacks, tadpoles and even dragon fly larvae. We had a mouse trap and we had to pack it with food and hay. Only one group caught a mouse, but we still got to look at the mouse they caught.' DeAngelo

'I enjoyed the campfire because we toasted marshmallows! We also told scary stories and we were haunted by a ghost (which was Mr Freeborn).' Emma

'I was really excited when my group found a mouse in our trap!'
Hermione

'My highlight was definitely pond dipping, because it was fun. I learned about myself that I am more organised than I thought. I had so much fun and am glad that I went.' Michael

'We laughed so much when Mr Crellin tricked us that there was an old man that used to live at Rippledown, and people still see him walking around. Then Mr Freeborn scared us all, pretending to be the old man. I was amazed by how much I enjoyed the 5 mile walk. It was so fun and I would definitely do it again. I absolutely loved this trip and I can't wait until the Isle of Wight trip. So thank you to Mr Crellin, Miss Kennedy and Mr Freeborn for taking us.' Katie

Reporter: Mr Crellin



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### Year 5 trip to Herstmonceaux

Last week, year 5 were treated to a visit to Herstmonceaux Science Observatory. The children were excited by all the interesting handson exhibits; pulling levers, turning handles and pressing buttons which demonstrated Science at it's finest. The children's knowledge was definitely reinforced through these wonderful contraptions.

We also enjoyed a telescope workshop. The telescopes were huge and housed in large copper-roof domes which are rotated and opened on clear nights. After this, the children took part in a bridge-building workshop where they demonstrated fantastic team-work to build two different types of bridges.

A fun-packed learning experience, paired with immaculately behaved children (many members of the public and staff praised their conduct and behaviour) were the perfect ingredients for a great school trip.

Reporter: Liz Coego

### Year 3 trip to Brighton Museum

Year 3 visited Brighton museum to browse the Egyptian exhibits and take part in a mummification workshop. They enjoyed learning from the interactive activities and sketching artefacts. We also managed to pop upstairs and see an exhibit on African fashion which had been curated by Michael's mum. Reporter: Mrs Mack









# Year 2 trip to Brooklands Museum

When we went to Brooklands Transport museum we were so excited to go on board the British Airways Concorde aeroplane. It was amazing! Did you know it has 12 wheels to help it get off the ground? We loved going on the Sultan of Oman's private jet. It was so gold, silky and even the toilet seat was luxurious! We also saw how an aeroplane's propeller works. We loved seeing all the different bicycles, from the penny farthing to a racing road bike. We also got to sit in a formula one car. It was so cool! We were fascinated that on old buses you had to get on and off at the back! Our visit has really helped us with our transport topic. Reporter: Summer, year 2







# **School Trips**

# Year 4 trip to Arundel Wetlands Centre

Year 4 had a fascinating trip to the Wetlands Centre. This was a science and nature trip which involved pond dipping for creatures, bug hunting in the grass and a very peaceful boat tour in the marsh. We encountered an abundance of wildlife, some of the highlights being a Peregrine Falcon, a huge pike and some very lively mallards. Overall a fantastic and informative trip.

Reporter: Mr Freeborn









# Year 6 trip to Marwell Zoo

Year 6 visited Marwell Zoo on their trip day for a day filled of animals, conservation, walking and wonderful sunshine. The children found it interesting to see the animals up close and how the zoo conserves and protects them at the zoo and in their natural habitat.

Reporter: Mrs Colley





# **Sport**

# Cricket match - U10 V Lancing Hove

#### Thursday 15th June at Lancing Prep Hove

Last week, Windlesham year 5 boys took on Lancing Hove in a local derby ten-a-side T20 style cricket match. Both teams put on an outstanding performance and showed great sportsmanship towards each other.

Windlesham lost the toss so it was Lancing to open the batting. Windlesham bowled well and in return managed to take three wickets in the first two overs. As the match progressed so did the boys maturity in performance showing some great athleticism in the outfield with committed diving catches straight out of the Jonty Rhodes playbook!

After a good innings of 116 for 10 by Lancing it was Windlesham to bat. After a confident start to the batting order it turned into a nail-biting end where Windlesham lost 3 wickets in a row giving Lancing a glimpse of victory.

However, the boys stayed strong and came out on top as worthy winners scoring 123 for 10.

Congratulations to the year 5 boys on a well deserved victory.

Reporter: Mr Lyle



# Diary

### Summer Term

#### **SATURDAY 23RD JUNE**

FOW Summer Fayre, 11.00 - 15.00

#### **MONDAY 25TH JUNE**

Nursery into Reception presentation for Parents and Carers, 14.00

#### **TUESDAY 26TH JUNE**

WONDER (outdoor development project) presentation - School Hall. 9.00

New Homework Policy presentation - School Hall, 16.00

#### **WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE**

Lower School Sports Day - 9.30 am Upper School Sports Day - 13.00

#### **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 - 14.00, Evening performance, 18.00

#### **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

### FOW uniform sale

Wednesday 4th July 2018, 15.00 - 16.00

Current uniform, both second-hand and new stock

# Friends of Windlesham



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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 Thursday 21st June 2018):

### Lower School

Silah, Zack, Elliott, Joshy, Hugo, Stratos, George, Rowan and Willow.

### **Upper School**

Claudia, Lola, Orla, Rhea, Zac H, Harry S, Molly, Max B, Gussee, Marina, Diego and Amelia.

### **Owls Awards**

Seb, Maria, Lola S, Oliver D, Eva, Alaska, Scarlett I, Biba, Amber and Rocco.

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

2K	George Subhan
2S	Genie Carlina Isabella
3JM	Cameron Ruby
3M	Lola M William
4CM	Elsa
	Faris
4F	<del></del>
	Faris Sami



#### **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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