

A message from Mr Ingrassia

Dear Parents and Carers,


Children's learning partly comes to life through the excitement and creativity of teachers.



It also comes to life through the support of parents and carers, and the last couple of weeks are a testament to the terrific support offered by Windlesham parents and carers.

It has been a great treat to see children engage in our recent theme days with such enthusiasm. Not only do these experiences enrich our children's learning, they will also become long lasting memories.

Thank you and best wishes,



Charity update

Last week was a particularly good week for promoting a charitable spirit at Windlesham. On Monday, we enjoyed an assembly presented by Caroline of Whoopsadaisy, and on Friday an assembly by Hannah of Martlets.

Whoopsadaisy is a charity which supports children with cerebral palsy and other motor conditions and one which we have supported for the last year. Children learnt a great deal about the variety of ways in which Whoopsadaisy supports children and their families. Our charity reps then presented Caroline with a cheque for £611.50.

Martlets is the charity we linked to our snail competition. They are well known to most people in Brighton and do wonderful work supporting patients with terminal illnesses and their families. We were very pleased to support Martlets by offering a cheque for £2175.50.

We thank you for your generosity towards both charities.



Preparing children for life



General notices

School uniform

A gentle reminder that when we return in the summer term children will be required to wear their summer uniform. Make sure you get your orders in early to avoid a last minute rush.

Parent information sessions

In our recent parent survey, several parents fed back that information sessions were very much appreciated but often scheduled at inconvenient times. Unfortunately there was no consensus about what convenient times are.

As a solution, we have started to video record these sessions and upload them to our website. With each video recording we have also shared any relevant presentation notes.

The last three presentations were titled 'eSafety', 'Years 3 - 6 Spelling', and 'Mindfulness'. These are available to watch now and can be found on the homepage of the School website by clicking **Information** followed by **Parent Information**.

<https://www.windlesham.school.co.uk/information/parent-information/>



Dear Parents

Do you have any pairs of wellies that your children have grown out of please? I would like to make welly boot planters with the children in our new outside digging and planting area!! Any size boot would be great!

**Many Thanks
Mrs Derby**

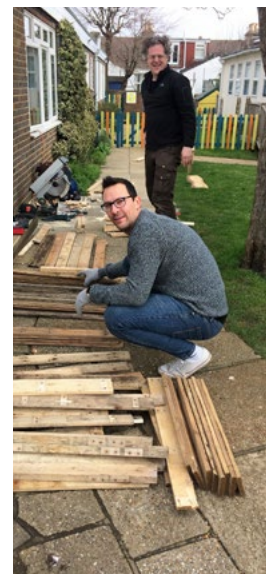


WONDER Project

An update from Miss Dier

Last Saturday, volunteers working on the WONDER Project had fun building an outdoor classroom out of wooden pallets. We also made outdoor chalk boards shaped as leaves, butterflies and flowers, after sanding down and painting the wood. We hope to complete this phase of our project on Saturday 23rd March. This area will include a wooden abacus, water wall, a sensory path and a bark play area with logs and wooden planks to climb on.

The WONDER Project is funded by Friends Of Windlesham. If you would like to get involved, please email chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk or contact the school office. We would love to hear from you.



General notices

Pupils walking for a good cause

Arthur's mum, in year 2, has let us know that Arthur, Joshi and Elias (year 2), Jakob and Akim (year 6) are raising money for Peace Hospice Care by taking part in a 10 mile hike across London on March 24th.

If you would like to find out more and to sponsor them, please go to <https://www.wonderful.org/fundraiser/londonbridged10milewalk-15f1ffc8>

They are really looking forward to their long walk and will provide us with an update and some photos for the next newsletter.

We wish them the best of luck!



And staff are running for charity too!

I have signed up for my first marathon, Brighton 2019, a 20 mile race in Worthing and also the London to Brighton bike ride.

I'm raising money for Children on the Edge (COTE), a charity originating in Brighton and started by Anita Roddick from The Body Shop. Please visit my Just Giving page for more information: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/despina-christofis>

If you're out on Sunday 14th April cheering the marathon runners along, you may also spot Mr Freeborn and Mr Ferries running by!



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.



School activities



Year 4 trip to the Theatre Royal

Year 4 pupils report on their 'Horrible Histories' Tudor experience

On a bright and snowy day in February, year 4 walked to the Theatre Royal to see the production of 'The Terrible Tudors!'. We showed our tickets to the ushers and were then led to our warm, red, velvet seats.

The first half was about Richard III, Henry VII and Henry VIII. They had very funny jokes and entertained us really well. We were surprised to get 3D glasses for the second half which was full of action! The actors were in front of 3D scenery and it felt like we were actually there – especially when they were acting out scenes from the Spanish Armada. The cannon balls coming towards us looked so real we actually ducked down! It was amazing to feel part of it.

We learned about Kings, Queens and life during Tudor times and how punishment for crimes was really brutal.

Reporters: Cameron and Mabel

On Friday 1st February, year 4 went on a trip to watch the Terrible Tudors. There were three people acting out some disgusting and true Tudor stories. After the interval they gave us some 3D glasses, so when rocks and flames were firing out of the backdrop, we felt like we were actually there! It was quite scary! My favourite part was when it looked like a real spider was crawling towards me.

Reporter: Molly

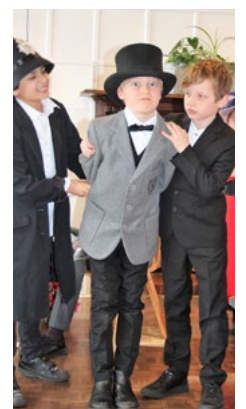
The rags and riches - Brighton divided!

Year 5 gave a great performance of their play, 'The rags and riches: Brighton divided!', to their parents and carers.

They were convincingly able to portray the great divide between the poor and the rich that existed in Brighton during Victorian times. A turn of events included a murder and the family connection between the Langhams (the rich family) and the Browns (the poor family,) which ultimately led to the most ardent supporters of the class system resolving to support the reform for the education of poor children and the end to them working at jobs for their families.

All the children who took part in the play were confident in the delivery of their lines. A big thank you goes to their parents and carers for helping them and supplying them with great costumes.

Reporter: Mrs Carvey



School activities

Year 6 girls attend The Towers Science Enrichment day

This report is by year 6 pupils

We all really enjoyed our experience at The Towers because it was both academic and fun. We went there to learn more about space and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing.

We did lots of enjoyable activities such as IT using Scratch, maths - estimating the distance and position of the planets in the solar system, science - recreating the fuel needed by rockets to go into orbit using magnesium, Bunsen burners and acid. In art, we used chalks to recreate the surfaces of different planets.

To sum up, we learnt lots of interesting facts about space and had a great day.

Reporters: Astrid and Hermione



School activities

Maths challenge

A hearty congratulations to Michael in year 6, who secured a Silver Certificate in the Bonus Round of the UK Primary Maths Challenge 2019.

He has done himself proud with a score of 20, the highest score in the silver band. Michael has a keen interest in mathematics as well as a strong work ethic which has brought him this well-earned success.

His peers have shared in the joy of his achievement and have warmly extended their congratulations.

Reporter: Miss O'Dowd



Year 6 buddies visit Reception

The Reception and year 6 buddies came together last week. As you can see from the photos, the children really enjoyed spending time together and playing snakes and ladders.

Reporter: Miss Jarman



World Book Day





Football masterclasses

On Thursday 14th March we had a special Premier League visitor at Windlesham. Martin Montoya from Brighton & Hove Albion hosted a football masterclass open to all children from years 2 to 6.

The sessions were a huge success and Mr Montoya showed some silky skills and gave lots of encouragement to our budding young footballers.

It was a fantastic afternoon and we thank Mr Montoya greatly for his time.

Both sessions ended with a short Q&A. Here are some of the answers to the questions put to Mr Montoya by the pupils:

Best player he has ever played with:
Lionel Messi at Barca

Toughest opponent: Cristiano Ronaldo whilst he was playing against him at Valencia

Favourite stadiums: El Camp Nou In Barcelona, The Bernabao in Madrid and Old Trafford, Manchester

Tips for youngsters: Work hard, listen to teachers and coaches, try your best and take every lesson seriously.

Reporter: Mr Freeborn



Sussex Primary School Gala

Windlesham School's year 6 swimming team became ESSA Sussex County Champions on Wednesday.

Windlesham won the freestyle relay in a time of 1.05.53 and the medley relay in a time of 1.12.25. Both times are exceptional for this age group and the team has qualified to represent Sussex at the regional finals in Guildford in May.

Reporter: Mr Lambert



The winning team: Eli, Zac, Emma, Harry and George

U9 Netball v Moira House

Great match for the U9 netball squad away at Moira House Roedean. The squad played indoors for the first time which made the game quite a noisy one!

We took an early lead in the first quarter and held that lead into the second quarter when Moira House pulled it back to make it 2-1.

Great defence and mid court play saw the ball come back into our attacking third and another goal scored to make it 3-1. Neither side scoring in the last quarter led to a 3-1 Windlesham win.

Player of the game: Matilda

Coach's player: Penny

Reporter: Mrs Fox



Football v Lancing Worthing

U8 & 9 - Thursday 28th February

Both the A and B games were very evenly matched and played in good spirits, despite the heavy rain. The B team were unlucky to concede a last minute goal, finishing 0-1. The A team came back from 0-2 at half-time to produce a three goal second half display worthy of Manchester City and deserved their 3-2 victory.

Reporter: Mr Freeborn



Netball v Lancing Worthing

U8 & 9 - Thursday 28th February

After a goal-less first quarter, both U9 teams came out eager to score the first goal. With the play fairly even, Lancing broke the scoreline with the first goal. We quickly took a goal on the next centre. The third quarter, we dodged a couple of showers and no one scored. However, in the last minute of the final quarter, Windlesham worked well to get the ball from our defensive end down to the goal and scored!

Player of the match: Penny

Coach's player of the match: Claudia



It was also a very evenly matched game for the U8's, with both defence and attack strong. Captained by Fawn and with 3 goals scored by Willow, we managed a final score of 4-3 to Lancing. It was a great experience which girls thoroughly enjoyed.

Player of the match: Fawn

Coach's player of the match: Khadeeja

Reporters: Mrs Fox and Mrs Lilley

Sport

Windlesham runners

Well done to all runners who have been braving the early mornings to join our running group. Both parents and children are really feeling the benefits of an early morning work out. Everyone is welcome to join - we meet at Dyke Road Park on Thursdays at 7.45 am start.




Reporter: Mr Freeborn



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 on the flyer.

Reporter: Mrs Fox



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.

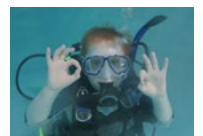
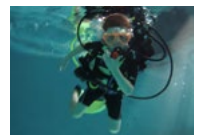
These 10 specialty Aquamissions will further develop their underwater skills with emphasis on safety and environmental techniques.

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

Important dates

TUESDAY 19TH MARCH

Year 6 residential trip to IOW:

9.00 departure

Bring a family member to Nursery:

School Hall, 9.00

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

Year 5 residential trip to Windmill Hill:

9.00 departure

Bring a family member to Nursery:

School Hall, 9.00

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

Year 1 trip to Plumpton

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

Years 5 and 6 returning from residential trips at 16.00

MONDAY 25TH MARCH

Year 1 assembly: School Hall, 9.30

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH

Year 2 Roman assembly:

9.00 - 12.00

Upper school Easter Service rehearsal:

St Luke's Prestonville, 9.00

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

Upper school Easter Service rehearsal:

St Luke's Prestonville, 9.00

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

Upper school Easter Service:

St Luke's Prestonville, 14.00 - 15.00

Art exhibition and sale: School Hall, 16.00

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

Lunch time finish:

Owlets & Rec - 12.00

Years 1 & 2 - 12.15

Years 3 & 4 - 12.25

Years 5 & 6 - 12.30

School Term Dates

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

Please note ...

The FOW Staff and Parent Quiz has been postponed. We shall update you on FOW events next term.

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 Friday 15th March 2019):

Lower School

Kareem, Bobby, Teddy, Matthew, Ellie, Nate and Joshi.

Upper School

Khadeeja, Subhan, Oscar K, James, Theo, Ollie H, Elliott, Rosa, Michael O, William, Ollie D, Seb and Elise.

Owls Awards

The following children have recently been congratulated for good work:

Luca, Zach T, Mark, Naomi, Louis, Arabella, Elliott, Raphael, Elise, Genie, George C, Alex T, Michael O, Astri, Hugo B, Shayan, Lola, Lila, Zoe, Seb, Scarlett, Elsa, Faris, Polly, Michael M, DeAngelo, Eli and Katie.

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

2L Arabella
Elias

2S Joshy
Jackson

3M Summer
Jesse

3K Genie
George

4C Alex
Mabel

4M James
Marina

5C Rhea
Isaac

5G Scarlett
Jaan



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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