

A message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

A brief message this week.

I wish all our families a very happy and restful Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and I look forward to seeing you back safe on the 24th April.



Windlesham Heroes

Saturday 23rd March was a special day! Starting at 8am, the school opened its gates to a troupe of very dedicated parents, keen to offer their time and energy to help the school build a magnificent outdoor learning space for the Early Years.

All day, parents worked tirelessly, enjoying some quality banter and a BBQ along the way. The event was organised by Ms Dier, who seems to have boundless energy and enthusiasm. By 7pm, when the light gave out, these heroic parents were forced to pack their blisters and tools and head home, sore, tired but very satisfied with their achievements.

On behalf of our very appreciative Early Years children, I would like to express my enormous gratitude to this special troupe of parents. If you would like to join in future working parties, please contact the school office.



Headmaster's blog

Please be informed that the next blog from the Headmaster, 'Successful Partnerships', is now available on our website or click [here](#) to read.

Preparing children for life

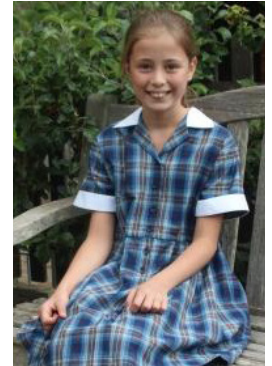


General information

Summer uniform

Please remember that from the start of next term, children are required to wear their summer uniform, as seen on our [website](#).

Sussex Uniforms has also indicated that in order to avoid congestion, they are offering individual appointments with an allocated assistant. To book an appointment at a convenient time, please contact Lorraine on sales@sussexuniforms.co.uk or call 01444 227066



Staff running the Brighton Marathon

We wish all our staff the best of luck on Sunday 14th April - Mr Freeborn, Miss Christofis and Mr Ferries. Should you wish to donate to the charities that Mr Ferries and Miss Christofis are supporting, links to their respective fundraising pages are included below.

Mr Ferries is running for '[Link to Hope](#)'

Miss Christofis is running for '[Children on the Edge](#)'

We also plan to share a water stand along the route near Hove Lagoon with AMEX to hand out water to the runners. So if you are running on the day, we hope to see you too!

Towner art gallery, Eastbourne

There is an exhibition at the gallery featuring the totem pole created by the Art Club. It runs from 5th April to 2nd June 2019 during opening hours. On Thursday 4th April, 3-6pm, there will be an opening party which everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, please visit the gallery's website:

<https://www.townereastbourne.org.uk/event/draw-me-in-opening-party/>



Healthy and nut-free lunchbox

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.



School Activities

Science Week

Windlesham School thoroughly embraced Science Week this year, with a variety of activities including a poster competition and fancy dress day connected to the theme of 'Journeys'.

Activities ranged from metal pond skaters, lunar buggy design and construction, nature walks and morse code makers.

All the children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite scientist and these included Albert Einstein, Joan Beauchamp Proctor, Marie Curie, Doctor Emmett Brown, Mary Anning, Ada Lovelace and Dian Fossey.

This week, Mrs Colley sent in the five selected entries to the British Science Week poster competition. We shall keep you posted on the results.

Reporter: Mrs Colley



And in year 3 ...

Year 3 also had a fantastic time during science week. The children were challenged to design and create something that would protect their eggs from smashing when dropped from various heights.

Reporters: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



School Activities

Survival Week

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to Dyke Road Park to round off their Survival Week.

During the week, we designed and created smoothies and cereal bars, made dens in the park, as well as swings, and created rainforest artwork using lino printing and stenciling.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



School Activities

Year 1 Sunflower play

Children in year 1 performed their assembly to their parents and carers called There's a Sunflower in my Supper. It was a great start to the last week. All the children looked fabulous in their costumes. They had learnt 7 songs as well as lots of lines. The whole class gave a really wonderful performance. We were all very proud of the children.

Reporter: Miss Higgs and Mrs Jeffery



Year 2 Roman play

Year 2 put on a real show this week for their assembly. Based on building a Roman road ready for the emperor to visit, it included fabulous acting skills and wonderful singing. We even ate so much we had to use the vomit room! We definitely have some super stars in the making.

Reporter: Mrs Lilley



Art Exhibition and Sale 2019

Thank you to all the parents, friends and children who helped make the annual ART EXHIBITION AND SALE such a great success. It was an excellent opportunity to promote the Arts at Windlesham.

Reporter: Mr Hall



Trips



Year 6 trip to the Isle of Wight

Well done to all the year 6 children who took part in the Isle of Wight residential trip. We had four fantastic days at the Little Canada PGL camp, very close to the seafront in Fishbourne.

The children were superb and took on all the challenges that faced them. Highlights included the zip wire and the abseiling.

As always, the PGL staff took brilliant care of us and we can't wait to book again.

Reporter: Mr Freeborn

Year 5 trip to Windmill Hill

Report by Scarlett Roxburgh-Toff

Our year 5 trip to Windmill Hill was amazing! We all had a brilliant time. When we first got there we met our instructor called Kate. We called her the PGL fairy because each day she wore glitter on her face. Kate took us up to the loft and we played lots of games, then we found out who was in which dorm.

Highlights of the trip included abseiling, the 'ero ball', the 'all aboard' and the disco.



Year 1 trip to Plumpton

Last Thursday, year 1 had a wonderful day at Plumpton College Farm where the children enhanced their learning about farms as part of their geography topic. They got to see, touch and feed lambs that were only minutes old and enjoyed visiting the calves and cows too. They had a creative session where they made a sheep with real sheep's wool. The children had a great day and we all learnt a lot from the visit.

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery



Swimming competition

Brighton & Hove Schools Relay Competition - 20th March

With year 5 and 6 away on their residential trips last week, it was left to year 4 to step up and represent Windlesham in the Brighton & Hove Schools Relay Competition.

The opposition is always strong but this year it was especially so, as we were swimming in some races against children who were one or two years older than the Windlesham competitors. However, it was an outstanding effort from our children who won silver medals in the girls' year 4 race and the boys finished 4th in theirs.

Well done to Isaac N, Alex, William, Isaac D, Jem, Penny, Marina, Lila, Molly and Ava.

Reporter: Mr Lambert

Brighton Mini Mile Races

We'd like to remind everyone about the Mini Mile Races taking place on Saturday 14th April at Preston Park. Best of luck to Windlesham School pupils who will be running.

Reporter: Mrs Fox



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.

Summer Term

MONDAY, 22ND APRIL
Bank Holiday (School closed)

TUESDAY, 23RD APRIL
Staff Inset day

WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL
Term starts

MONDAY, 6TH MAY
Bank Holiday (School closed)

MONDAY, 27TH MAY –
FRIDAY, 31ST MAY INCLUSIVE
Half term holiday

FRIDAY, 12TH JULY
Term ends



School Term Dates 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Staff Inset days

Monday 2nd and
Tuesday 3rd September

Term starts

Wednesday 4th September

Half term holiday

Monday 21st October –
Friday 1st November inclusive

Term ends

Friday 13th December

Spring Term 2020

Staff Inset Day

Monday 6th January

Term starts:

Tuesday 7th January

Staff Inset

Friday 14th February

Half term holiday

Monday 17th February –
Friday 21st February inclusive

Term ends: Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2020

Staff Inset day

Monday 20th April

Term starts

Tuesday 21st April

Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May (School closed)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 25th May –
Friday 29th May inclusive

Term ends: Friday 10th July

Friends of Windlesham

Key dates

We have the following exciting events planned for the summer term and hope you will join us:

FRIDAY 17 MAY, 4 PM

Windlesham School in partnership with Birdlife Productions, all the way from New Zealand, present:

KŌTUKU AND THE MOON CHILD:
Family Puppet Theatre for ages 5-95
In the School Hall

Maoris believe that seeing just one Kōtuku/White Heron in your life will bring you good fortune – but what if you come down to Earth from the Moon and get yourself captured by a cantankerous old one who keeps you as her prisoner and makes you clean up her nest? How can this possibly be seen as ‘good fortune’ – unless of course your adventure turns out better than expected and some really cool stuff happens on the way!

Tickets available after Easter: Adults £5, Children £3
Refreshments on sale

TUESDAY 21 MAY, 7 PM

Quiz Night with quizmaster, David Freeborn

Come and join a team or bring your own!

£10 per person including supper
Bar available
Tickets available after Easter

SATURDAY 29 JUNE, TBC

Summer Fayre

Pimms Bar
Live Band
BBQ
Stalls galore including oUr famous bottle tombola

Entry: FREE

We hope to see you all there!

Achievements

Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Friday 29th March 2019):

Lower School

Max P, Milo, Stratos, Chris, Arabella and Joshi.

Upper School

Kai, Max B, Ollie H, Scarlet, Genie Carlina, Penny, Matilda, Zack, Cameron, Ava and Scarlett.

Owls Awards

Abigail, Red, Kai, Claudia, Alex C, William, Ollie H, Sebastian, Scarlett and Rhea.

Springboard Performing Arts Festival

Well done to the Speech and Drama students who took part in the Springboard Performing Arts Festival. We met at Brighton and Hove High School early on Saturday 23rd March and took part in the Group Improvisation class. There were over twelve schools competing to make up a short scene in ten minutes and perform to a large audience. We were so thrilled to gain 2nd place with distinction.

Reporter: Miss Patching



Sophie, Katie, Emma, Eli, Tilly and Akim at the Performing Arts Festival.