

Newsletter

20th May 2019

A message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please pass a message of thanks to all the grandparents who attended our Grandparents' Mornings.



Some travelled from as far as Devon and Norfolk to join us! We really enjoyed meeting them, listening to their reflections on school lives and involving them in their grandchildren's learning.

We very much look forward to meeting them again at the same time next year.

Best wishes,

Jally

Swimming National Finals

On Saturday 15th June, our Year 6 relay teams travelled to Guildford Spectrum Swimming Centre to take part in the regional rounds of the English Schools Swimming Association as East Sussex County Champions. The squad competed against up to 3 teams from 5 counties in the South East Region all looking for a coveted spot at the National Finals in June. The squad won both their relay heats in freestyle and mixed stroke disciplines and went on to win the finals in both events, which has secured their invite to the English Schools Finals on Saturday 15th June at Sheffield Ponds Forge Swimming Centre.

Reporter: Mrs Fox



Delancey Chess Megafinal

Saturday 11th May was a nervous day for three of our pupils. Theo (Year 5), and Ted and Billy (Year 6), represented the school at the Delancey UK Chess Megafinal in Hassocks, attended by over a

hundred other pupils of highly varied ability. For two boys it was the first time they had attended the tournament. All three boys played to the best of their ability and finished with 2.5 points each. Unfortunately this wasn't sufficient to



move to the next stage but it was a great effort nonetheless. Well done to the boys and to their very supportive parents. Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

Preparing children for life

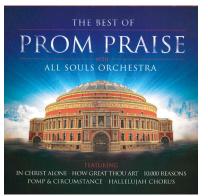


General information

Staff sing at the Royal Albert Hall

On Saturday 27th April, Mrs Green and Mrs Morling, TA's in the Lower School and EY, enjoyed the privilege of singing in a choir of 500 at the Royal Albert Hall. The Prom Praise Concert was made up of regional choirs from all over the UK. There was a 100 piece orchestra, soloists and also the Kingdom Choir. It was an evening which they were very proud to be a part of.





A big thank you from Miss Christofis

Thank you for all your words of support and encouragement for my run in the Brighton marathon in April. It really helped me through the cold winter runs that now seem so far away. You helped me to raise a whopping £1,012.20 for Children on the Edge and they asked me to thank you too. If you would like to learn more about this charity, with its roots in Brighton, please visit their website: <u>'Children on the Edge</u>'



WiSA Tea Party

On Saturday afternoon, Windlesham School hosted its first ever WiSA event. Past pupils, parents and staff walked through the gates to re-connect and enjoy some time in each other's company. For many it had been years, even decades since they last met or stepped back into the school.

Guests enjoyed a display of photos dating back to the very early years of Windlesham, very funny speeches by our head boy, Eli, and head girl, Katie, a selection of excellent musical entertainment by our performance choir and a great spread of cakes and snacks.



School Activities

Year 3 Egyptian WOW day

Year 3 started their Egyptian topic with an incredible WOW Day. Children made a fantastic effort with their costumes and had a very busy and fun day, tasting Egyptian food, making amulets with salt dough and creating Egyptian crowns.

We shared facts about Ancient Egypt and talked about what we hope to find out over the coming weeks. During the afternoon, children took part in a competition to build the biggest pyramid using a range of materials. We are very excited to continue this topic.

Reporter: Miss May









Teddy Bears Picnic at the BOAT

The Owlets and Reception classes enjoyed a visit to the BOAT to watch an exciting ballet performance of The Teddy Bears Picnic. The children were enthralled by the tumbling and twirling of the two naughty teddy bears as they prepared for their picnic! The dancers jumped in and out of the audience and even invited some children onto the stage.

Following the performance, the two classes held their own Teddy Bears Picnic with their bears and toys in the lovely sunshine.

Thank you to the parent helpers that made this visit possible.





School Activities

Year 6 Waterstones visit

Our Year 6 Library Senior Prefects thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Waterstones in Brighton. We set off in the comfort of our school mini bus and embarked on a 'behind the scenes tour' with our guide. He was astonished by the wealth of knowledge our Library Prefects have regarding the skills involved in writing.

The luxury of being in an empty store allowed our children to find their favourite authors and to discover new ones. We discussed how publishing a book is a collaborative experience involving the writer, illustrators, editors-in-chief and marketing staff and how it can take up to two years for a story to evolve from an idea to a book on the shelf.

Whilst enjoying a hot chocolate and cookie, we wrote reviews about some of our favourite books. These comments are now on the shelves at the store for all to see. Each of our Library Prefects received a book of their choice as a gift from Waterstones - a wonderful surprise for them.

Reporter: Miss Thompsett







Year 2 Transport WOW day

Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic start to their Summer Term topic of Transport. Children dressed up in clothes related to transport and were transformed into engineers, experimenters and investigators.

The day was full of problem solving tasks including boat making, bridge building and powering models to move forward. Children also completed a survey of all the modes of transport that passed the school in a 10 minute period.

Reporter: Mrs Slater



Year 5 visit to the Amex Stadium

Year 5 was invited to take part in a tour of the Amex Stadium, home of Premier League Brighton & Hove Albion. We were given behind-the-scenes access to areas that are normally closed to regular fans, such as the home and away changing rooms and tunnel area. One of our favourite areas was the media room where we had the chance to face questions in the manager's hotseat. We all agreed this is a thoroughly recommended visit, whether you are a football fan or not.

Reporter: Mr Freeborn



Rounders fixtures

Girls in the Upper School have been enjoying weekly rounders fixtures and training this term. Last week, both the U9's and U11's teams drew against Lancing Worthing.

Reporter: Mrs Fox





Friends of Windlesham

News

A huge welcome to Jenny Tasker-Hill, mum of Florence in Year 1, Eleanor in Owlets and Rueben not quite at Windlesham yet, who has stepped forward to be Chair of Friends of Windlesham from September 2019.

Jenny will soon be publishing a list of roles. If you are interested in helping Jenny and getting involved with FOW, please contact chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk



Events

SATURDAY 29 JUNE, 12.00 - 16.00 Summer Fayre

Summer is here! In just a few weeks, on Saturday 29th June, Windlesham will host it's Summer Fayre. FOW would love every family to be involved and support in any way they can. Perhaps you have a great idea for a stall or attraction? Perhaps you could help run a candy floss or lemonade stand? Could you bake a cake or donate a prize for the silent auction? We'd be so grateful for any contribution, just let your Year Group/ Class Rep know asap and by 24th May at the latest to give us a chance to put our plans into action. Thank you so much!



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

Achievements

Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Friday 17th May 2019):

Lower School

Becky, Abdullah, Jayden, Florence H, Hugo V and Stratos.

Upper School

Khadeeja, Primrose, Ruby, Isaac N, Ethan, Ores, Joel, Molly, Shayan, Faris and Ollie H.

Owls Awards

Reid, Reuben, Maisie, Georgie, Oscar D, Dylan, William L, Theo T, Nathaniel, Kareem, Florence H, Alexei, Katie, Becky, Michael O, Molly, Ava, Florence C-S, Isaac N, Jaan, Henry, Scarlett R-T, Elsa, Hermione, Ben, Michael M, Akim, Emma, Daisy, Stan and Eli.

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

2L	Abdullah Arabella
2S	ldrees Oscar
3M	Nicolas Scarlet
3K	Isabella Primrose
4C	Penny Isaac
4M	Lila Alex
5C	Ethan Maria
5G	Jaan Scarlett



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