

## Newsletter

12 July 2019

#### A message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of our busiest term of my second year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all



for your continued support and to wish you all a very relaxed and restful Summer break.

I very much look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Best wishes,

## Barnardo's Choral Celebration

On Monday 24th June, we took thirty-five children from the Nightingale and Lark Choirs to perform at Westminster Central Hall, London.

This was a Massed Choir event organised by the charity Barnardo's. The Choirs worked very hard to learn all the music, having extra practises most weeks since January.

The coach left school at 8:15 and returned us to school at 23:30. There was a long day of rehearsals followed by a lovely concert in the evening. Among the many highlights of the day, we enjoyed lunch in St James' park, rolled down a grassy verge and saw a film crew with Amanda Holden! We were all so proud of the children who behaved impeccably, and sang their hearts out. Thanks go to the many parents and carers who attended the concert and to Mr Ingrassia, Miss Thompsett and Mrs Green for their teamwork.

Reporter: Mrs Gallant



### Preparing children for life



## **General Information**

### Year 6 Fiver Challenge

Year 6 has now completed its Fiver Challenge and I would like to thank you all for any support you have given the children with their enterprises.

The totals have now been counted and a grand sum of £500.98 was raised. The breakdown per house is as follows: Arundel £244.05, Bodiam £145.14 and Lewes £111.79

Year 6 children voted and decided that all money would go to rYico (Rawandan Youth Information Community Organisation), run by Akim's mum. Please visit the website for information about the charity: <u>https://ryico.org/</u>

Reporter: Mrs Martin

## Uniform

As the year comes to a close, we wish to dispose of an enormous stock of brown uniform. We are presently searching for a charity to donate this to and ask that you do not return any more brown uniform to the school.

I also remind you that we had strong hopes that all children would transition to the new uniform before the next academic year. When placing an order for any items with Sussex uniforms, you may wish to also make sure a proper Windlesham cap is included, as non-uniform sun hats will not be permitted from September: https://www.sussexuniforms.co.uk/collections/windlesham

Finally, I have noticed in the last few weeks that many children are ignoring the appropriate uniform items we require them to wear, specifically relating to hair ties, shoes, earrings and sports wear. To clarify what is required, at the beginning of the new term, we will issue a new copy of the parents' handbook to all families. In the meantime, you can always consult the school website for details. Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

## **Building works**

We are anticipating the build to begin in the first week of the holidays. This is very exciting and will mean a period of minor disruption of up to 12 months until the project is complete. In the meantime, our school car park will be drastically reduced resulting in major inconvenience to staff. If you live in the vicinity and are able to offer any parking during normal office hours I would be extremely grateful if you could please let us know.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

### Pied Piper summer camp

A reminder that Windlesham School is offering a summer holiday programme run by Pied Piper. Please visit the website for more information and to make a booking:

https://www.piedpiperactivities.co.uk/locations\_windlesham.html

## **Charity Update**

### Oaklands Nursing Home

Our final visit to Oaklands for this academic year produced a mixture of emotions. The residents said how much they enjoyed Akim, Stan and Zach visiting them. Apparently, they talked about the children for days following their visits, asking when they will return.

The boys told the residents how much they had enjoyed their sessions, especially when they could engage in armchair bowls!

Akim, Stan and Zach felt the visits helped them to gain confidence and to make new friends.

We look forward to visiting again in September, with Windlesham School's new Charity Reps.



**Reporter: Miss Groves** 

## **Charity Afternoon**

We held a successful afternoon in aid of rYico, Rwandan Youth Information Community Organisation. The whole school listened to an amazing presentation by Akim, whose mother founded the charity. He looked fabulous in tribal dress. Everyone then participated in various activities. It was great to see the Year 5's and Year 6's helping out with their buddies in Nursery and Reception. At the end of the day there was an opportunity to purchase some authentic Rwandan goods. The Year 6's selected rYico to receive the profit from their recent Fiver Challenge. Although the final total, when added to other collections, is not yet available, we have raised approximately £800 and will announce the final total in September.

Thank you to all parents, carers and pupils for supporting our charitable activities throughout the year.

Reporter: Miss Groves





## **School Activities**

## The Rocky Monster Show

On Thursday last week, Year 6 put on two amazing performances of 'The Rocky Monster' Show in the Hall. They must be congratulated once again on their fantastic singing, choreography and acting. Every child worked hard to stay in character while on stage and they created a brilliant, memorable performance. We are proud of every single one of them for their commitment during long, hot rehearsals and their hard work learning lines, lyrics and dances. Their confidence grew visibly during the rehearsal process and it was a wonderful, fun way to end the year. Well done to Year 6 and thank you to all teachers involved.

**Reporter: Mrs Gallant** 









### Year 6 French breakfast

Year 6 enjoyed tucking into a delicious feast of croissants, pains au chocolat, brioches, baguettes and fromage, jus d'orange and pains aux raisins as part of their current topic learning about French food. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making this a memorable celebration.

Miam! Miam! Le petit déjeuner c'est fantastique!

Reporter: Madame Kearton



## **School Activities**

## Year 6 House Maths Quiz

It was great to witness both Year 6 classes thoroughly enjoying the House Maths Quiz 2019, this week. There was a great buzz of excitement and enthusiasm as Lewes, Bodiam and Arundel battled it out for first place. Lewes secured victory after 24 rounds and a score of 253 points. Narrowly trailing behind were Bodiam with 24 rounds and 229 points, leaving Arundel in third place with 22 rounds and a score of 206.

All scores were excellent, considering scores were awarded for a range of topics from algebra to scaling to area and perimeter.

A very big thank you to our three scorers; Mr Ingrassia, Miss Thompsett and Ms Stewart.

#### Reporter: Ms O'Dowd



# Reading Celebration interview

We are proud of how confidently and expertly our librarians interviewed the writer and illustrator, Stephen Fenton, during our recent Reading Celebration event. This is what they had to say about it.

We loved meeting Stephen and were so pleased at how easy it was to talk to him. We could hardly believe we were interviewing such a famous author. He told us that he started reading comics and enjoyed copying the characters before developing his own style. He has a passion for detailed illustrations and the work of Quentin Blake.

'Princess Daisy and the Dragon' written by Stephen in 2015 is his favourite book. It is also the first title he wrote so perhaps that is why. We found out, like many of us, that he loves Roald Dahl.

Stephen enjoyed doodling and creating characters from an early age and showed us how to create some of his well known characters which we will proudly display in our library.

Reporters: Miss Thompsett, Daisy, DeAngelo, Amaya, Tilly







## **School Trips**

### Year 2 trip to Brooklands Transport Museum

Report by Jackson Lloyd, Year 2 pupil

Friday 21st June was the most exciting day of my life because we went to Brooklands Transport Museum. It was a long journey to get to Weybridge. We visited the museum because we have been learning about transport in our topic lessons. We got to sit inside Concorde on the big, fluffy seats and the man said it flew 2,179 km/h. We also saw the Sultan of Oman's plane. It has a golden toilet, a kitchen and soft seats that were beautiful.

Later on, we got to see the old fashioned buses. We even got to go on one. It was different to the present buses because if you wanted to press the stop button you had to walk to the front of the bus because there was only one button. The past buses were a cart pulled by a horse.

At the end of the journey, we went to the gift shop and I bought a toy aeroplane. My favourite part was the old buses and Concorde.



### Year 4 trip to Arundel Wetlands

Report by Oscar, Hugo and James, Year 4 pupils

Year 4 were treated to an impeccable school trip to the Arundel Wetland Centre. The first thing we did was a boat ride when we saw baby fish and a beautiful swan with her cygnets on the lake. We also spotted dragonflies! Then we went pond-dipping and found creatures like water boatman, leaches and flat worms. After that, we went bug-hunting. Oscar caught a dragonfly, James found a cone footer spider and Hugo found a lizard! Finally, we identified different ducks and learned that they can have red eyes. We also felt some duck bones and found out that their bones are the same texture and weight as a Malteser because they are so light!

Our favourite part of this trip was pond-dipping. It was so fun and we caught some really unusual creatures. It was sad to leave and we would defnitiely love to return!





## Sport

## Sports Day

All the children, as well as parents and carers, enjoyed a highly successful and competitive Sports Day... as you can see!



## House swimming gala

Tuesday was the day of the eagerly anticipated House swimming gala. All pupils from Years 1 to 6 took part in a series of individual and relay races. The mixture of teams made for a very competitive event with Arundel House eventually coming out on top.

Reporter: Mr Freeborn





## Diary

## 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 Friday 8th May (school closed)

Half Term Holiday Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May inclusive

**Term ends** Friday 10th July







## FOW annual round up from Ms Wolfe

Well, the sun is setting on another busy year for FOW.

This year, we have sold Christmas cards, pulled off the Christmas Fayre, delivered the Upper School disco and two Lower School Christmas parties, hosted our first fringe show and ended the year with a barn dancing Summer Fayre.

We have also funded the Wonder Project to the tune of £4,000, the Science day at £575, the anti-bullying day and three carousel days for the Lower School.

All of this would not have been possible without the efforts of many people. First thank yous go to our hard working year group reps who make the job easier:

Hannah Mitchell	Nursery
Jenny Tasker	Nursery
Mary Andrawos	Year 1
Julia Luikenga	Year 2
Rowan Farnell	Year 2
Caroline Vera	Year 3
Mel Dymott	Year 3
Chrissie Adams	Year 4
Abi Dier	Year 4
Elle Phillips	Year 5

Thank you to all the parents and families who support all the events, bake cakes, donate raffle prizes, volunteer on stalls. It is all truly appreciated.

We also have to thank Mrs Fox for her logistics and planning support, Mrs Blaylock and Ms Christofis in the school office, Site Managers; Mr Lyle, Mr Kearns and Mr Waller, and all the staff who help at our events.

Finally, a huge thak you to the FOW committee: Claire Colquhoun, Abi Dier, Rowan Farnell, Deborah Holt, Jill Mitchell and Vivenie Muguna for all their hard work this year.

Have a lovely summer break everyone and come back fresh and ready for next year's exciting programme planned by Mrs Tasker-Hill and team.



## Friends of Windlesham

#### Thank you to Ms Wolfe!

A huge thank you to Ms Wolfe for all her years of service as the Chair of Friends of Windlesham. Ms Wolfe has played a pivotal role in raising money for Windlesham's enrichment programmes and created some truly memorable events. I also want to thank her for all her support this term in the transition to the new FOW team.

I'm really looking forward to the new school year. We have a book sale, Halloween disco, parents pub quiz night, family trips and Christmas Fayre planned in the Autumn term. If you'd like to get involved or just have some ideas you can drop me a line at chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk

Jenny Chair, FOW







Summer Fayre 2019



I also wanted to say thank you to all those who completed the Friends of Windlesham survey. You really have helped us to decide how best to focus our efforts. We have learnt how communication can be improved and how much you value our role as community builders as well as fundraisers. We've learnt that yoga, mindfulness and social sporting events are of particular interest to many parents and carers. I have also been delighted to see all the offers of help and support come in.

Thank you again for your support, and please feel free to contact me via your class rep.

Chair, FOW

## Secondary school results

We are delighted to confirm the results for our Year 6 pupils who applied to a range of independent and state schools. We are so pleased that they have been successful and the Headteachers of their secondary schools are very much looking forward to welcoming them in September. We are all extremely proud of the children and wish them continued success with their future studies.

#### **Reporter: Mr Ingrassia**

Secondary School*	Number of places offered	Number of places accepted	Awards accepted
Blatchington Mill	2	0	
Braeside (Essex)	1	0	1 Music Scholarship
Brighton College	5	5	
Brighton Girls	1	0	
Cardinal Newman Catholic School	2	1	
Dorothy Stringer High School	4	2	
Hove Park	3	0	
Hurst	4	2	1 Academic Scholarship
King's School	2	0	
Lancing Prep Hove	8	3	4 Headmistress Awards, 1 Drama & Music Scholarship, 2 All Rounder Scholarships, 2 Academic Scholarships
Lewes Old Grammar School (LOGS)	6	4	1 English Scholarship, 3 All Rounder Scholarships, 1 Sport Scholarship
Roedean	2	2	1 Sport & Art Scholarship
Shoreham College	6	4	2 Sport Scholarships, 1 Headmaster's Award pending
St Catherine's Catholic School for Girls (Bexley)	1	1	
Varndean School	2	0	

\* in alphabetical order

## Achievements

### Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at 12th July 2019):

#### Lower School

Kaisan, Freddie, Kai Jing, Alexei, Louis, Jackson, Jonty, Emily and Jayden.

#### Upper School

Elise, Alex C, Hugo B, Maria, Jaan, Summer, Cameron, James, Buckley, Henry, Fawn, Rosa, Penny, William, Ollie D and Ollie H.

## Congratulations to Speech and Drama pupils

On Saturday 29th June, pupils took part in an exam in Brighton. They had been working hard towards different strands of drama techniques. Groups and duologues took part in acting, mime and choral verse speaking.

The results are in and reflected the dedication of the students. All passed, most with Merit marks and Distinction marks. Well done.

Reporter: Miss Patching, Speech and Drama Tutor



#### 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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