



A message from the Headmaster

Your generosity is overwhelming!

Thank you to everyone who wrote me a card and for the sentiments expressed, and thank you for your wonderful gifts, which I have already started to enjoy.

On behalf of all the staff at Windlesham School, I would also like to thank all the parents, grandparents and carers for your support this term. You have donated generously, given time, made resources and supported the running of multiple events to enrich the education of our children.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing family holiday and look forward to welcoming all back in the New Year.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes,

New build update

The latest works on the build have seen the slab poured and brickwork commence. By early January, we should see all brickwork completed to first floor level and scaffolding surrounding the construction, to allow the next level to be completed as well. This should quickly be followed by commencement of the roof and internal wall construction.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia



Thank you FOW

This term, we were very pleased to welcome a new FOW committee to take over the good work of the previous one. We have been delighted with the enthusiasm with which they have engaged in the role and hope that we can keep up with them!

At the end of a very busy first term, I would particularly like to thank Mrs Tasker-Hill for her dedication and commitment as Chair, and all the members of FOW for their hard work as well: Kate Parker, Terry Thomson-Jones, Mary Middleton, Wilson Bravery, Marci Pegg and Claire Colquhoun.

For their contributions and efforts to support school events, I would also like to thank Francesca Twinn-Banks and Catherine Wellock.

I look forward to our very happy partnership continuing next term.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

Preparing children for life



General information

Congratulations to Miss May

We are delighted to share with you news that later this year the Windlesham Family will increase by one when Miss May, our Upper School Coordinator and Year 3 teacher, will be having a baby. Miss May's baby is due, very appropriately, some time in May so Miss May will continue teaching 3M in the Spring term. We will keep you updated on Miss May's maternity cover as soon as we are able to do so. In the meantime, I am sure that you will join me in offering her our sincere congratulations.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia



Spring Term Philosophy Lessons

The Whole School themes we will be covering in Philosophy lessons next term are listed below:

Weeks 2 - 4: Choices in life

Weeks 5 - 7: Happiness

Weeks 8 - 10: Secrets and Promises

The Lower School will cover the same concepts at the same time as the Upper School to enable conversations to be had at home for the whole family.

Thank you for your support.

Reporter: Mrs Martin

Recycling ink cartridges

I'm collecting used ink cartridges on behalf of the charity, Recycle4Charity.

You can leave your used cartridges in the box on the window ledge in the School Hall.

For every ink cartridge sent to Recycle4Charity, £1 will be donated to the school's selected charity, Great Ormond Street Hospital.

So please recycle all your ink cartridges at school and we can all help to raise £100's for this great cause.

Thank you in advance.

Reporter: Mrs Mitchell

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General information

Parking warning

Neighbours on Port Hall Road have contacted me to express concern at the parking habits of some of our parents. They have expressed annoyance at people who block their drives and use their resident permit spaces illegally, and grave concern for children whose lives are put at risk by drivers who park too close to the corner of a junction.

The result of corner parking is that the view for turning vehicles is blocked and children crossing the road can't be seen.

Can I please urge all our parents to park safely and considerately!

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia



Video/podcast announcement

As a completely independent school, we pride ourselves on the fact that we do not channel pupils towards any single secondary school, but rather help parents to find the school most suited to their child.

To further facilitate this decision for parents, I have started to record podcasts and videos with local secondary school Heads addressing some of the topics which parents at this transition stage are particularly interested in. The first of these videos was recorded a couple of weeks ago with Mr Blewitt, the Headmaster of Lewes Old Grammar, and is available via the link below.

Others will be made available in the new year as they are recorded and will be accessible on the School website via the Parent Information page.

<https://www.windleshamschool.co.uk/information/parent-information/secondary-school-headteacher-podcasts/>



New pupils starting in the new year

We are delighted with the level of interest expressed in the school in recent months. This is largely owing to recommendations from existing parents, and I would like to extend a huge thank you to all for those recommendations. To ease the start for new children in January, I thought it may help to let you know who they are so that you can welcome them to the Windlesham family:

Eden - Nursery, Ethan - Reception, William - Reception, Theodore - Reception, Jack - Year 1, Barnaby - Year 2, Marley - Year 2, Zak - Year 3, Zachary - Year 4 and Joshua - Year 5.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

Christmas 2019

Reception & Owlets Nativity

Last week, Reception and Owlets performed "Whoopsadaisy Angel". The children sang and danced with great enthusiasm and we are very proud of all their hard work in remembering the songs and actions. Thanks go to Mrs Gallant for musical direction and the Early Years staff for supporting the children in their rehearsals and performance.

Reporter: Mrs Older



Lower School Crib Service

The Lower School Crib Service took place in St. Luke's Church Prestonville. It was wonderful to see the children perform so well and with such confidence. They retold the story of Babushka, a Russian woman on her travels to Bethlehem. The children are to be congratulated for their moving songs and fantastic acting.

Reporter: Mrs Slater



Upper School Christmas Service

The children in Years 3 to 6 amazed us all with their mature performance at the Upper School Christmas Service last Thursday. Despite the endless rehearsals, they came through with some beautiful, moving moments and wonderful solos. Every single child exuded confidence and pride in their performance. There is nothing quite like children's voices at this time of year, and their enthusiasm for tackling challenging music is inspiring.

Reporter: Mrs Gallant



School Activities

A hedgehog workshop

Reception and Year 2 had a visit from a patient at the hedgehog hospital. The hedgehog was 10 months old and called Harry. Graham, the Hedgehog Man, has been taking care of him and his siblings for the last few months because they got separated from their mum.

Graham told the children lots of hedgehog facts. Harry was a very brave and friendly hedgehog. He allowed the children to gently stroke him if they wanted to. Harry enjoyed snuffling around on his special blanket. We are really grateful that Graham was able to visit with Harry.

Reporter: Miss Jarman



Year 1 explore the weather

As part of their Science lessons on seasons, Year 1 has been measuring the weather. They set up a rain gauge and some thermometers in the front garden. Each day, they measured how much rain had fallen, read the temperature and recorded which way the wind was blowing by looking at next door's weather vane! They added the information to a table and produced simple graphs of the rainfall.

Reporter: Mrs Mack



Promises update

Following the launch of our School Promises this term, I asked the children how they thought their teachers had fared in keeping them. I was pleased that they were able to offer so many examples of our teachers' commitment to the School promises. My favourite example was offered by Cameron, who said that Mrs Croucher made him feel excited about learning because every time he has a spelling test, it feels like another Christmas!

In return, I set the children a challenge. I asked them to consider what promise they are willing to make for the new year which will, like the teachers' promises, improve the lives of others at School.

Children are invited to write down their promise and give it to me in the new year. In general, once we commit ourselves to paper, we are far more inclined to keep to our word. I look forward to reading their thoughts in January.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

School Activities

Maths week at Windlesham

The amazing 'shapes, puzzles and games' themed hats!

On Monday 18th November, children paraded into Windlesham adorned with their unique Maths Hats. Every child had the opportunity to display their creation with poise and pride by taking part in our 'Maths Hat Catwalk'. The judges of the Maths Hat Competition, Mr Ingrassia and Mrs Derby, were hugely impressed with all the creations and after much thought, prizes were awarded as follows:

Year group	3rd place	2nd place	1st place
Reception	Lottie	Zachary	Mark
Year 1	Heidi	Theo	Dylan
Year 2	Tamara	Lex	Matthew
Year 3	Teddy	Freddie	Hugo
Year 4	Rosa	Fawn	Albert
Year 5	Oscar	Isaac D	Penny
Year 6	Ollie H/ Scarlett	Buckley	Theo



The Brainwave workshops

There were all sorts of maths-related activities taking place across all year groups during the week. A highlight was a visit from Mr Payne from Brainwave. He had the children captivated and intrigued as they solved puzzles on 2-D and 3-D shapes in a series of workshops. The activities involved the children making and building 2-D and 3-D shapes with sticks and answering thought provoking questions about the shapes. All children from Nursery through to Year 6 must be congratulated for their ability to work as a team and for their persistence in solving investigations. It was a truly inspirational day, and week!

The Primary Maths Challenge

Gold Certificate	Rhea
Silver Certificate	Diego, Dylan, Maurin, Buckley and Seb
Bronze Certificate	Ethan, Solon, Theo and Ollie H

Once the results from around the country have been collated, the children with the highest scores qualify to participate in the Bonus Round.



Reporter: Ms O'Dowd



US Swimming Gala V The Towers

On Thursday 21st November, Windlesham displayed another strong performance in a swimming gala against Towers.

As a result, Windlesham school won 18 out of 21 races highlighting our strength across all year groups.

A special mention to Tamara and Florence in Year 2 who competed brilliantly in their first competitive swim gala. It was a great evening where everyone showed off progress in their technique and stamina.

With the same commitment I have seen so far this term, I am confident we will see fantastic performances in the upcoming swim galas in 2020.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

U10 & U11 Netball V Our Lady of Sion

On Wednesday last week, the U10s netball team went to Our Lady of Sion and had a wonderful match. The two teams were evenly matched with Windlesham having first pass. Scarlett worked feverishly to get into space, resulting in scoring a goal.

In the second quarter, Matilda scored a fantastic second goal. In the third, our opposition worked hard to try and score but Windlesham's defense team, Ruby and Florence, managed to stop this from happening.

In the final quarter, Matilda scored again! This resulted in a 3-0 score to Windlesham. Players of the match chosen by the opposition were: Scarlett and Matilda.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



U10 & U11 Football V Our Lady of Sion

Windlesham had a very successful afternoon at Sion with two great victories for the U11's and U10's. The U11's won 6-1 and the U10's won 7-1.

For the U11's, Ethan scored a hat-trick, Faris scored two goals and Diego another. For the U10's, Isaac's performance was sensational, scoring four, with Max and Kai also contributing to the total.

It has been a brilliant term of football, epitomised by these two results. I am really pleased with the teamwork, effort and sportsmanship and look forward to seeing further development and success after the christmas break.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



Term dates

SPRING TERM 2020

Staff Inset Day:	Monday 6 th January
Term Starts:	Tuesday 7th January
Staff Inset Day:	Friday 14 th February
Half Term Holiday:	Monday, 17th February – Friday, 21st February inclusive
Term Ends:	Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM 2020

Staff Inset Day:	Monday 20 th April
Term Starts:	Tuesday 21st April
Bank Holiday:	Friday 8 th May (<i>changed from Monday 4th May</i>) (school closed)
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May inclusive
Term Ends:	Friday 10th July

Term Dates 2020 – 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Staff Inset Days:	Tuesday 1 st September & Wednesday 2 nd September
Term Starts:	Thursday 3rd September
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October inclusive
Term Ends:	Friday 11th December

SPRING TERM 2021

Staff Inset Day:	Monday 4 th January
Term Starts:	Tuesday 5th January
Staff Inset Day:	Friday 12 th February
Half Term Holiday:	Monday, 15th February – Friday, 19th February inclusive
Term Ends:	Friday 26th March

SUMMER TERM 2021

Staff Inset Day:	Monday 19 th April
Term Starts:	Tuesday 20th April
Bank Holiday:	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June inclusive
Term Ends:	Friday 9th July

Friends of Windlesham



Thank you all your support at the Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was a great success, we made over £2K which smashed our fundraising target. We can now order the Sports Day gazebo and banners equipment we were hoping to buy. A huge thank you to all the children, parents, teachers and businesses who gave their time, money and gifts to support the school. Next term, we're looking forward to a Valentines movie night and our Easter Celebration. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!



Friends of Windlesham



By all accounts Charlie Middleton was a brilliant quiz master at the Good Companions last month. Our Year 6 parents won the quiz trophy by a whisker, much to the annoyance of Mr Ingrassia and his teacher team.

It was lovely to see so many parents enjoying themselves and we raised money too. I think Quiz night might become a regular feature on the Friends of Windlesham calendar.



Christmas parties and disco

We were pleased to hear all the children had so much fun at their Christmas parties, which are funded by FOW.



Achievements

Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at 13 December 2019):

Jing Shuen, Jessica, Emily, Joel, Nicolas, Claudia, Lola M, Elsa, Oscar D, Lex, Freddie, Subhan, Rosa, Hugo B, Penny, Elodie, Hugo V, Mason, Alex, Ava, Lola S, Joshi L, Bobby, Max M, Mabel, William L, Jonty, Jayden, Ruby and Scarlett C.

Owls Awards

Parsa, Folake, Ivan, Lucas, Reuben, Max, Dylan, Louis, Arthur, Daniel, Kai Jing, Stratos, Sophia C, Oscar C, Ellie, Jackson, Joshi, Arabella, Jayden, Summer, Genie, Elliott, Fawn, Jesse, James, Penny, Molly, Ollie H, Polly, Maria, Orla, Scarlett, Rhea, Henry, Ollie D, Solon, Finn, Seb, Isabella F and Max P.

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

2S Isabella
Ariana

3M Annan
Sophia

3D Daniel
Arthur

4C George
Elise

4M Nicolas
Jesse

5C Florence
William

5G Jem
Lola



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Achievements

Annual National ISA Poetry Competition

This half term, Year 6 pupil, Rhea, was selected to represent the school in an annual national poetry competition run by the Independent Schools Association.

Inspired by the work of award winning poet, Joseph Coelho, entrants were invited to compose an original poem entitled 'If All the World Were'. We are delighted to share her thought provoking entry with you here.

Reporter: Mrs Croucher



Book competitions

We were delighted to select Heidi and Maurin as winners of the Christmas Fair poster competitions. Their posters demonstrated great creativity and dedication. Heidi and Maurin were presented with a book as a well-deserved prize.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

If All the World Were

If all the world were water,
I'd contain my most precious strengths,
In the little red bricked waterhole in my mind,
For when the well is dry, we know the worth of water.

If all the world were fire,
I'd burn away villainous or corrupted memories,
And I would keep my loved ones shielded,
While fire can devastate, fire can also guard.

If all the world were secrets,
I'd take the lid off my bottle of unknowns,
And encourage others to follow my lead,
It is better to announce than to conceal.

If all the world were pages,
I'd erase all the bad things,
Before writing and illustrating a new and improved life,
Reality is too puzzling, stories give it a meaning.

If all the world were to stay like this,
I'd continue to commit to my work,
While elsewhere in the world,
Our inertia would consign others to suffer in the
arms of fate.

If all the world were to change,
I'd store all our greatest achievements,
Start over in a world of tranquility,
And create a dynasty of inordinate hope.

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