

NEWSLETTER | 30/11/20

A big thank you to FOW

On behalf of all the happy pupils and teachers enjoying the facilities in the new building, I would like to publicly thank Friends of Windlesham for funding the purchase of the interactive screens in all four new classrooms.

The screens selected are 75" Prowise screens, which, as well as functioning interactively, will host a wide range of apps and include a huge library of resources to enrich subject delivery.

We very much look forward to our first Open School event, when you will be able to see these in person.



COVID news

While I might be in danger of counting my chickens too early, I am unable to contain my delight at the fact that we have almost completed the whole term without a single positive case of COVID at Windlesham School! This is, naturally largely down to the measures which staff and children have observed but also thanks to parents' cooperation. Thank you to all and please stay safe over Christmas.



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Headmaster's message

Hello everyone.

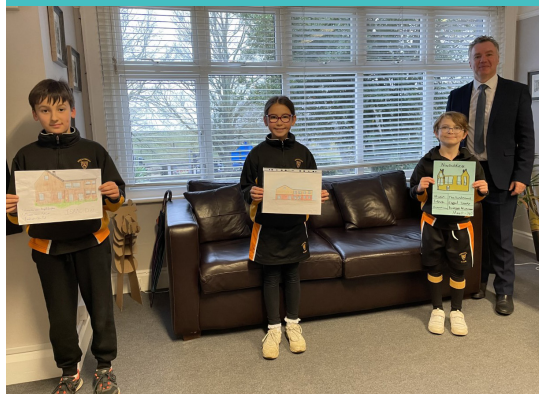
It seems a little late to say welcome back to the new term, but I am pleased that we can welcome back the newsletter. Although there have been fewer events in the school, I hope this first publication gives you an insight into life behind 'the gate'.

I am also pleased to share the winners of the 'Name the Classroom' competition. After much deliberation, the names selected by the governors are:

For the Music Room, 'The Bandstand' by Max P in 3DJ.

For the French Room, 'Versailles' by Matilda in 6T.

And for the Humanities Room, 'Brighthelmstone', which was the original name given to Brighton and was suggested by Isaac in 6T.



Well done to all participants and especially the winners! Housepoints have been distributed accordingly.

Best wishes,
Mr Ingrassia

GENERAL NEWS

School Counsellors

2S	Max
3DJ	Isabella and Matthew
4C	Ata
4CM	Freddie
5FG	Jesse
5CS	Esther and Nicolas
6O	Molly
6T	Matilda

The Prefects for this part of the term are:

2S	Oscar Nathaniel
3DJ	Elyas Max M
4C	Arthur Jackson
4CM	Annan Ellie
5FG	Isabella Subhan
5CS	Khadeeja George



Christmas jumper day - Friday 11th December

All pupils are encouraged to donate £2 to Save the Children on the last day of term to support 'Christmas jumper day'.
savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day



Special offer from BOAT

We have a special offer from Brighton Open Air Theatre for their Christmas shows, 'The Snow Queen' and 'Hansel and Gretel'.

Full details and booking are via their website:

<https://www.brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk/event/the-snow-queen/>

To enjoy a 10% discount, use the code **OUTDOORXMAS**

Jon Mateidas is appointed Head Chef

Jon has recently been appointed as the Head Chef in the Windlesham School kitchen and is enjoying preparing his delicious range of dishes for pupils and staff each day.



For more news and photos, don't forget to take a look at our Facebook and Instagram pages



www.facebook.com/windleshamschool
www.instagram.com/windleshamschool

GENERAL NEWS

Year 7 and 8 at Windlesham School

You may recently have noticed that Windlesham School has advertised the possibility of extending to Year 7 and 8 from September 2021. This will be a very exciting development and one which will no doubt lead to many enhancements throughout the School. I am delighted that we already have a number of registrations and continued interest.

In order to help our present Year 6 children who are immediately affected, most of the consultation so far has been directly with their parents. In the new year, we will be sharing the information more widely across the school so that parents in other year groups may also begin to investigate this proposal.

In the meantime, if you are curious to find out more, a preview is available on our website at windleshamschool.co.uk/the-year-7-8-proposal/



The Christmas post box is ready!

The Christmas postbox is up and running on the veranda.

Pupils can post their cards up until Wednesday next week and deliveries will be made on the last day of term.

Please make sure cards are clearly labelled with the full name and form of the recipient.

Staff changes

Earlier this term we said goodbye to Mr Lambert, who has decided after over 20 years at Windlesham School, that it is time to hang up his swimming cap. We wish him all the best in the future. Replacing Mr Lambert are two Matts. The first is Mr Matthew Hearne, who has been helping the school with swimming lessons during the term. The second is Mr Matthew Mountford, who is well known to many parents for his expert football coaching. Mr Hearne and Mr Mountford will work part time under the guidance of Mr Wilkinson who heads our Sports department.

We also recently welcomed Ms Gemma Batchelor into the Owlets. Ms Batchelor will be assisting for two and a half days per week and has already made a significant impact on the nursery.

In the ICT department, we warmly welcome Miss Betty Breslaw, who begins her ICT apprenticeship supporting the network manager, Mr Ferries.

And finally, beginning after the holidays, we welcome Mrs Sophie Mills, who will be taking over from Mrs Smallwood in Year 1. Mrs Mills was appointed in the summer but could not begin until January. Some of you may have met her last week when she visited the class.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Year 2 trip to the i360 and Brighton Pavilion

Last month, Year 2 had a fabulous trip to the i360. We were so grateful to have delayed our trip from the previous week due to the stormy weather and high winds.

We ventured out on a beautiful sunny day and walked through Wish Park and enjoyed the lovely rays of light coming through the trees. We also stood and observed the very busy squirrels who were collecting their winter food to store.

As we waited to take our flight, all the children were so well behaved and also excited to ascend into the sky! We spent time looking for Brighton's landmarks, Windlesham School and our homes.

We snacked on the beach and had time to make pebble formations before heading back to school via the famous Bandstand.

We all had such a lovely time and the trip has widened our knowledge of Brighton and its history.

Reporter: Mrs Slater



Year 1 trip to Drusillas Park

In September, Year 1 had a super trip to Drusillas to learn more about dinosaurs, which they are learning about this term in their History lessons.

Not only did they have a special dinosaur session but they also got to meet and stroke some animals, including a snake! The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Jurassic Jungle and learning lots of facts about dinosaurs.

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Owlets and Reception meet Mr Munch!

Early Years children had an interesting visitor this term, Mr Munch, the Hermann's Tortoise. The children have been learning about the autumn and animals that prepare for hibernation.

They looked at the natural habitat of the tortoise and studied the texture and colours of wood bark, bark chips, rocks and hemp bedding.

The children also enjoyed making a natural enclosure and watched Mr Munch explore the home they had prepared.

They made observational studies using sketching pencils to look closely at the shapes and shading on Mr Munch's shell. We learnt to be calm and quiet and to handle the tortoise with care, remembering to wash our hands afterwards.

Mr Munch had a great day with us and is now tucked up in his cosy wooden basket, bedded up with straw and bark for his lovely long sleep.

Reporter: Mrs Derby



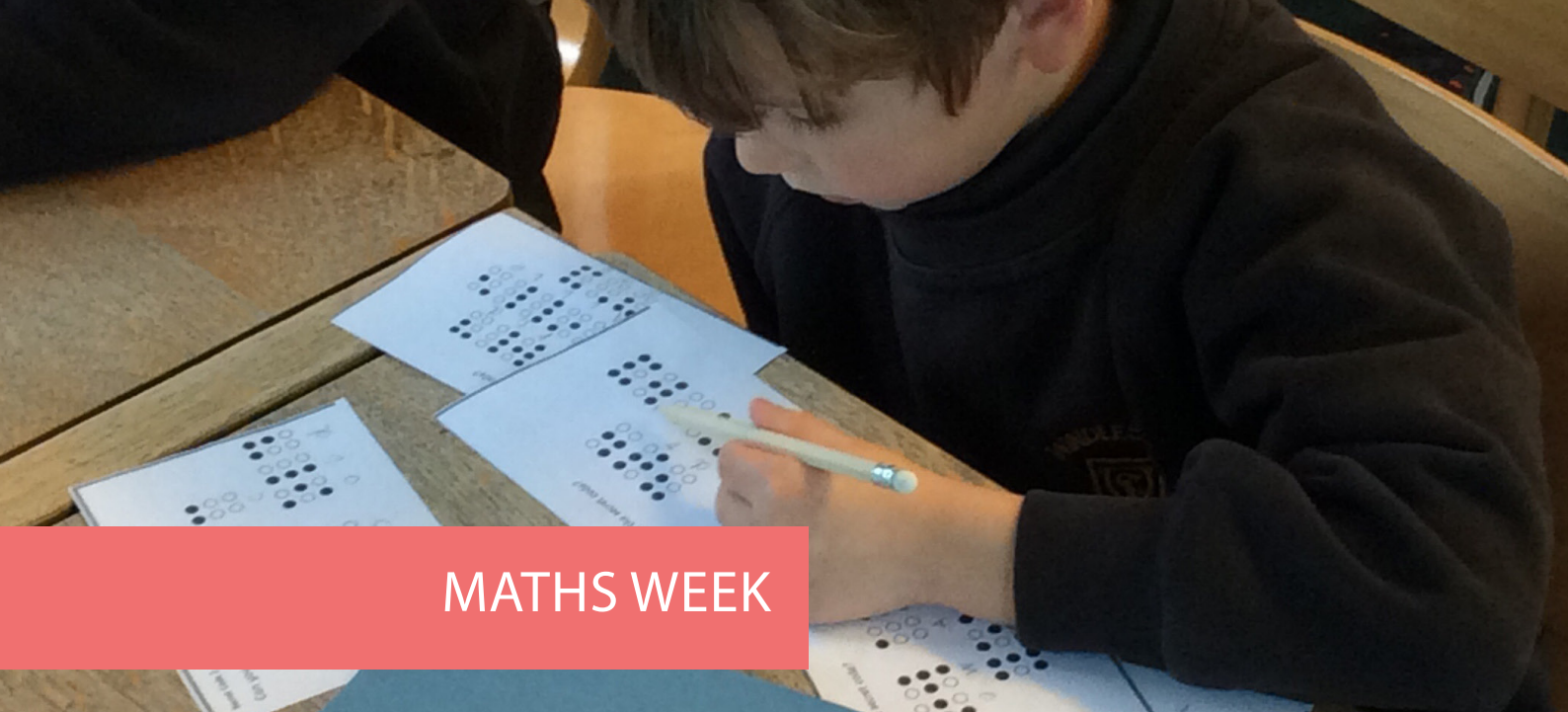
Year 1 have been busy inside and outside the classroom

As part of their learning about the seasons in Science, Year 1 went on an autumn walk around Dyke Road Park. We used checklists to spot signs of autumn such as berries, different coloured leaves and mushrooms.

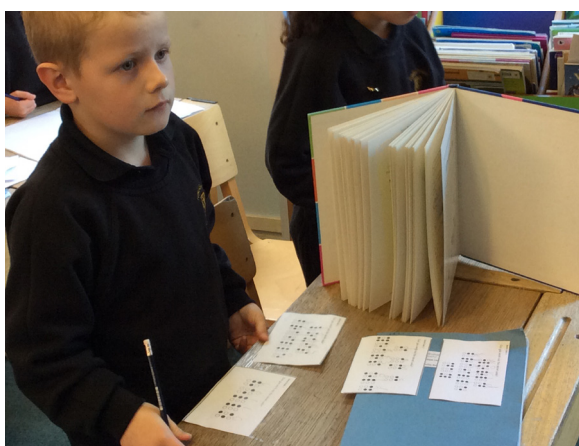
Also, in Computing, Year 1 have been learning how about how to take photographs. They have discussed what devices they can use and the advantages and disadvantages of each. They have practised taking photos with ipads and cameras, thinking about composition and editing.

Reporter: Mrs Mack





MATHS WEEK



Puzzles, Problems, Codes and Algebra

To launch Maths Week, I interviewed Isabella, a severely visually impaired friend. My interview with Isabella was played at a special assembly.

Isabella answered an extensive list of questions written by Year 6. She gave the children an insight into the life of a visually impaired person.

Children across the school spontaneously engaged in conversation with me about the assembly and their comments were inspiring, thoughtful and curious.

Isabella linked to our theme for Maths Week through her explanation of her use of Braille code. Following the

assembly, all classes learnt about Louis Braille. Across the school, the children enjoyed writing and deciphering Braille. This introduction to codes was further expanded in ICT and Maths where the children enjoyed sequencing, designing patterns, coding in ICT and introductory Algebra. In Art, some classes enjoyed drawing overlapping numbers in the style of Jasper Johns, the American Pop Artist.

Teachers throughout the school have commented on the resilience and determination of our students to solve a variety of puzzles - our problem solvers of the future!

Reporter: Ms O'Dowd

Windlesham School Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Term ends

Friday 11th December
- lunch time finish

Spring Term 2021

Staff Inset day

Monday 4th January

Term starts:

Tuesday 5th January

Staff Inset day

Friday 12th February

Half term holiday

Monday 15th February –
Friday 19th February inclusive

Term ends: Friday 26th March

Summer Term 2021

Staff Inset day

Monday 19th April

Term starts

Tuesday 20th April

Bank Holiday

Friday 3rd May

Half term holiday

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
inclusive

Term ends: Friday 9th July

Autumn Term 2021

Staff Inset days

Tuesday 31st August &
Wednesday 1st September

Term starts

Thursday 2nd September

Half term holiday

Monday 18th October –
Friday 29th October inclusive

Term ends

Friday 10th December

Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset day

Tuesday 4th January

Term starts

Wednesday 5th January

Staff Inset day

Friday 11th February

Half term holiday

Monday 14th February –
Friday 18th February inclusive

Term ends: Friday 1st April

Summer Term 2022

Staff Inset day

Monday 25th April

Term starts

Tuesday 26th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 2nd May

Half term holiday

Monday 30th May –
Friday 3rd June inclusive

Term ends: Friday 8th July



Finishing times for last day of term

Friday 11th December

Owlets & Reception:	12.00
Years 1 & 2:	12.15
Years 3 & 4:	12.25
Years 5 & 6:	12.30



SPORTS NEWS

The sporting year so far

Despite not being able to enjoy the usual fixtures and competitions with other schools, it has been fantastic to see such a high level of commitment and enjoyment throughout our PE and games sessions this term. We have performed a range of sports since September including football, netball, tennis, basketball and swimming.

Swimming continues to be a strength at Windlesham as the competition for swim squads grows along with the improvement in pupils' pace, ability and technique. Pupils have also enjoyed various team sports, including the intra football and netball tournaments played in October before the half-term break. During the football tournament, there were some outstanding performances. Jesse and Elliot performed and led brilliantly in the final which was decided by a penalty shootout. A special mention for Cooper and James who were like brick walls in goal throughout the afternoon - we certainly will not struggle for goalkeepers when we do get football fixtures back!

Basketball has been a real highlight of November with pupils from years 1-6 all developing their dribbling, shooting and passing this term, illustrated in exciting competitive games in the new hall. In particular, Gussee and Scarlett demonstrated fantastic ability in basketball and if you need to know anything about the NBA, Gussee is the guru in that department.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

Upcoming events

There are a number of exciting events to end this term.

Firstly, we have a swimming festival planned for Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December for years 3-6 during their regular games sessions. This will provide an opportunity for everyone to enjoy racing in a gala-like environment and to show off what they have learnt so far this year in their swimming lessons.

Please can all pupils come into school in their PE kit and bring their swimming kit with them on those days.

Secondly, we will be holding a second football tournament in the boys' Games sessions on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December. If it is anything like last term's tournament, it will be a lot of fun with plenty of goals!

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all the pupils this term for giving their absolute best in their PE and games lesson.

Have an active Christmas and we look forward to rugby skills and more in the new year.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

A big welcome from FOW

The run up to Christmas is usually such a busy time for Friends of Windlesham (FOW) so it's a little strange not to be organising a Christmas Fayre. What is most important to me though is to welcome all the new families who have recently joined Windlesham. We've had many new starters join both in the Early Years and throughout the school. It's been lovely to hear that our new children have felt welcomed in class and on the playground and our new parents and carers have felt supported by the community.

As there are lots of new families, I thought I should introduce myself. My name is Jenny, I'm the chair of FOW and have three children Florence (Year 3), Eleanor (Year 1) and Reuben who has just started in Owlets. It's not just me though, FOW are a team of parents and carers who are also dedicated to building a real community and to fundraising for any little extras we'd like to gift the school.



FOW have funded much of the Wonder Project which has transformed the Lower School outside play areas. Most recently, the Wonder team has added a tepee, a shade sail, a new banister for the nursery steps, some shelter for the WONDER café, a Winnie the Pooh gate for our sensory path and a few more minor upgrades. Thank you to all the parents and carers who volunteered their Saturday to help.

Come and join the fun!

In the new year, FOW hope to return to meeting once a month at 8pm in a local pub. We discuss fundraising priorities, ideas and our events. If you'd like to join the committee we'd love to hear from you. Please email Jenny: chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk

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Uniform

Windlesham Uniform Exchange is now up and running on Facebook. Good quality uniform is available for sale at second hand prices. I know some of our new families are struggling to get hold of some of the uniform items in the shop, so would be very pleased to buy any items you no longer need.

www.facebook.com/groups/94317326951

Christmas preparations

Whilst we've had to cancel many of our plans this year, Father Christmas is not to be put off and has asked us to set up Zoom calls with each class. In terms of fundraising, Mr Ingrassia will be putting his 'Promises' up for sale again. I know that 'double golden time' is on the list so my children will be very keen to snap that up for their class. More details will be emailed to families, soon!



ISA REGIONAL ART RESULTS

Well done Windlesham artists. Despite obstacles this year, Windlesham pupils have set the standards high with these entries in the Independent Schools Association Regional Arts competition. The winners will now go forward to national level.



'Grasshopper' by Max M

Winner KS1 Drawing/Painting

'Grasshopper' – Max M (year 3)

A painting done at home during lockdown.



'Hockney Wood' by a group of year 6 pupils

Runner-Up Year 5 & 6 Group work

Hockney Wood by several year 6 children 6 panel painting by 6 children in year 6, copying directly from a David Hockney painting. This involved scaling up from a section of photograph.

'Doodle Boxes' by a group of year 4-6 pupils

Winner KS2 3D

'Doodle Boxes' by several children

Years 4 -6 used black pens to do a Doodle abstract. Photocopies were taken and used to cover various sized boxes. These were arranged into an agreed composition.



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