



## NEWSLETTER | 26/03/21

### World Book Day

World Book Day was incredible fun with events taking place over the course of the week. Jo Simmons, local author, led two informative and fun workshops with children learning about what it's like to be a published writer. Our Year 6 reading buddies hosted a story time session for every class across the school - what a way to round off the day!

The WBD competitions proved very popular with pupils across the school sending in their photographed entries for the reading den and bake off competitions. Hotly contested, the staff team eventually managed to select runners up and winners across the categories - results can be seen below. An enormous well done to all pupils who threw themselves enthusiastically into every aspect of the day. Thanks must also go to our wonderfully supportive parents and carers who clearly worked hard in the background encouraging and assisting the children. Well done to all!

#### Reading Den Competition

Lower School Winner: Kit, Year 2

Upper School Winner: Alex, Year 6

#### The Great Windlesham Bake Off Competition

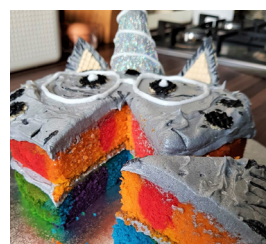
Lower School Runner Up: Monty and Freddy (Y4)  
- team effort

Lower School Winner: Anastasia and Nathaniel -  
team effort

Upper School Runner Up: Fawn

Upper School Winner: Lila

Reporter: Mrs Croucher



### Headmaster's message

Hello everyone.

It was just over a year ago to the day that I wrote to you to announce that the school was required to close as a result of the growing threat from Corona virus.

It seems staggering to stop and think about what we have all been through in that time.

Despite all that, our last three weeks with all the children back at school have been wonderful - full of life and growing optimism.

I now really look forward to our last term so that we can enjoy some exciting school events and sustained consistency, which I am sure we are all craving.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Easter. See you back on the gate on Tuesday 20th April.

Best wishes,  
Mr Ingrassia



Windlesham School  
& Nursery

Preparing children for life

# GENERAL NEWS

## School Counsellors

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

## A big Windlesham welcome

We'd like to extend a big welcome to our new pupils who joined Windlesham this Spring term: Benicio, Genevieve, Luna, Maisie, Beatrice, Timothy, Thomas, Mohammed and Sandy.

Also, on Monday this week, we welcomed our new member of staff, Miss Dellow, who has joined Year 2 as their Teaching Assistant.



Miss Dellow, Year 2 TA

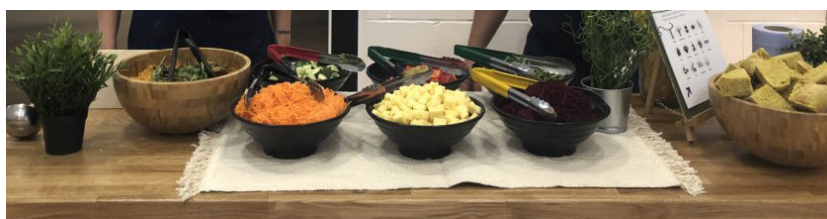
## Are you into meteorology?

Do you have, or do you know someone who has, knowledge about meteorology and weather forecasting? If so, Year 1 would love to hear from you. Mrs Mack is keen to arrange a talk to Year 1 about this exciting science topic which they will learn about in the summer term. If you're able to assist, please email Mrs Mack via [info@windleshamschool.co.uk](mailto:info@windleshamschool.co.uk)

## Check out our new 'Lunch Blog'

We have launched a lunches blog on the website to give you a better visual representation of what is being served. This will not be updated every day but there will be a new post most weeks.

<https://www.windleshamschool.co.uk/vegan-options/>



## Thank you FOW

Thank you to FOW for the pots of mixed salad seedlings given to all the children. The children will need to give them a good watering once they're home. Also, do email us at [info@windleshamschool.co.uk](mailto:info@windleshamschool.co.uk) with photos of the children with their sprouting salad leaves over Easter. We'd love to see them!





# GENERAL NEWS

## ISA National Arts Competition

As featured in the previous newsletter, a number of Windlesham pupils had their artwork submitted to the Independent Schools Association Regional Arts competition and the winners were put forward to national level. We are very pleased to announce that Max M in Year 3 was awarded a high commendation for his wonderful Grasshopper painting in the ISA National Arts Competition. Congratulations, Max!

Reporter: Mr Hall



**'Grasshopper' by Max M**

**Winner KS1 Drawing/Painting**  
**'Grasshopper' – Max M (Year 3)**  
A painting done at home during lockdown.



The Studio - Windlesham School's refurbished art room

## Springboard success

Congratulations to Year 6 pupil Matilda who achieved first place in the Prepared Prose Reading for 10 to 11 year olds category in this year's Springboard competition. This annual competition celebrates speech and drama and provides a wonderful platform for young performers. Matilda performed a Richmal Crompton reading of her choice and secured the top spot in her category with an impressive score of 89. Well done, Matilda!

Reporter: Mrs Croucher



## Year 4's 100 Book Reading Challenge

The Year 4 Reading Challenge continues to excite and entice children from across the year group to dive into the Challenge Reading list and select their favourite titles. Many of the children have received their Bronze award this week and are well on their way to Silver already!

The Bronze Certificate winners who have read at least 25 books since the start of Year 4 are:

Ellie  
Bobby  
Freddie  
Stratos  
Belle  
Charlotte  
Ata  
Arthur  
Jackson

Well done to all of these children and happy reading to all of Year 4. We look forward to awarding more certificates next term!

Reporter: Mrs Coego



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



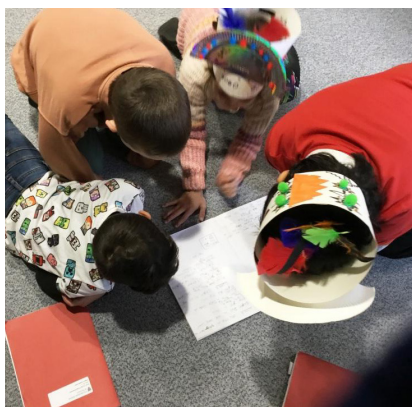
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# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## Year 3 Mayan WOW Day

Year 3 had a fantastic WOW day learning all about the Ancient Mayan Civilisation. We spent the week preparing for our WOW day by learning the Mayan numerical system and how the Mayans were the ones to introduce zero as a placeholder. We learnt about playscripts in English and created our very own Mayan play! We created headdresses and learnt that the more important you were in society, the larger your headdress (so we all created enormous headdresses!). Finally, we learnt about the Mayan architecture and created our own replica Mayan Temples.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



## Year 4 Greek WOW Day

During the final week of remote learning, Year 4 children enjoyed a Greek themed day to support our Humanities topic of Ancient Greece. The children learnt all about the Greek Alphabet, had a go at writing their names and decoded some Greek words too.

We looked at Greek pottery and discussed how these evolved during the Ancient Greek period and how they have given us, in the modern day, insight into what life as an Ancient Greek was like. We also enjoyed a "trip" to the British Museum, exploring the Ancient Greek galleries virtually!

The day was a real online success and we thank all the parents and carers for their efforts in arranging costumes, making Greek themed lunches and supporting children to complete all the assignments that were set, so they were fully immersed in the topic for the day.

A HUGE thanks also goes to Stratos and family who put

together a really wonderful game and retold us the famous myth of Perseus, it really was an extra special treat!

Reporter: Mrs Coego





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## Red Riding Hood roleplay

Year 1 have been learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood and retelling it through roleplay.

They each took on the role of different characters and showed their feelings through voice and actions. Once children had performed, they peer assessed each other's performances.

Reporter: Mrs Mack



## Year 1 explore Lego

In order to explore the theme of 'Innovating for the future', Year 1 looked at a famous toy innovation of the past - Lego!

We found out when Lego was invented, who came up with the idea and how the name was chosen. After watching a video about how Lego bricks are made, we talked about all the features that make it such a fantastic invention.

Then it was our turn to become inventors and so we created our own imaginative builds!

Reporter: Mrs Mack







## Innovating for the future

British Science Week is a two week celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. It ran from 9th -19th March 2021.

The theme this year was Innovating for the Future.

The school thought about what were the greatest inventions of all time and who were the greatest inventors and innovators.

Each class looked at different scientists and inventors whilst also collaborating together on these different activities.

Reporter: Mrs Colley



Year 2 Floating ball activity



Year 3 Marble run



Year 4 Skyscrapers



Year 5 Paper aeroplanes



Year 6 Egg drop

## Windlesham School Term Dates

### Summer Term 2021

**Staff Inset day**

Monday 19th April

**Term starts**

Tuesday 20th April

**Bank Holiday**

Monday 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 26th March

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





## ISA Athletes of the Term Nominees

I am very pleased to announce that Isaac and Matilda in Year 6 were nominated for the ISA Athlete of the Term Award (Spring 2021). This was due to their outstanding efforts and contribution to School sport and PE.

Isaac has proven to be an all-rounder in PE, not just in his performances, but also in his dedication and leadership. He has consistently excelled in football fixtures and swim galas, whilst also playing at a high level in a variety of sports in PE including basketball, tennis and rugby.

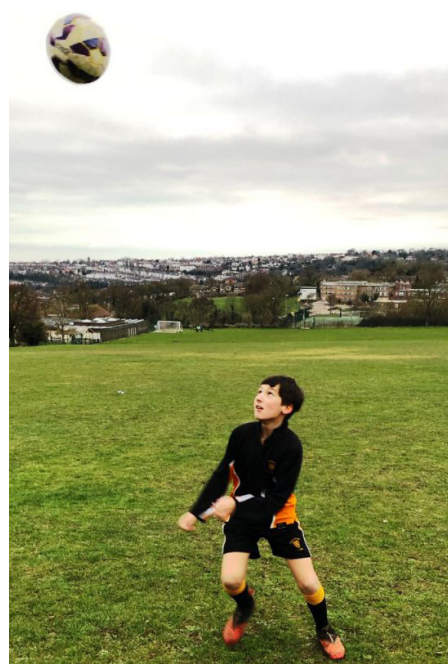
Similarly, Matilda has demonstrated a high level of ability across numerous sports including tennis, swimming and netball. She is consistently a fantastic role model in PE lessons and school fixtures, where she leads by example and contributes significantly to her team's success.

As part of being nominated, both Isaac and Matilda enjoyed the opportunity to join in a Q&A session with GB Paralympian Jack Rutter on Wednesday, this week. They both really enjoyed their experience and Jack Rutter proved to be hugely inspirational, offering many stories and insight into his life and sporting journey.



The winner of the ISA Athlete of the Term Award was announced on Friday 19th March and despite not winning, I believe it is vital that we celebrate and recognise both Isaac and Matilda's outstanding contributions to Windlesham School Sport and PE. A massive well done to both pupils.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson





# FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

## An update from Jenny

It's so great to be back at school. I've really missed our school community and I've enjoyed catching up with everyone's news.

We've had a number of new families join the school over the last few months so I particularly wanted to welcome them to Windlesham and introduce myself. My name is Jenny, I'm the Chair of Friends of Windlesham (FOW) and have three children Florence (Year 3), Eleanor (Year 1) and Reuben who is an Owllet. It's not just me though, FOW are a team of parents who are all dedicated to supporting the school and fundraising for the little extras.



## Planning ahead

Our plans for the summer term are still very much up in the air but we've got everything crossed that we will be able to celebrate the end of the year in some way! We'll keep you posted!



## Come and join the fun!

This summer, FOW hopes to return to meeting once a month at 8pm in a local pub garden. We'll 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](mailto:chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk)

FRIENDS  
of Windlesham



## Uniform

If you are looking for good quality uniform at second hand prices then do join our Windlesham Uniform Exchange Facebook group. This Facebook group is an easy way to sell your uniform and/or get the next size up.

## Spring is in the air

We should be busy organising our Easter celebrations but of course we've had to scale back our plans this year.

Instead, FOW's green fingers have been busy planting seeds to welcome Spring. These pots are a gift to the children to take home this week. We hope you enjoy watching your plants grow during the Easter break.

