



NEWSLETTER | 13/05/22

Ukraine Appeal

Thank you to all children, parents and staff who so generously donated to our Ukrainian Appeal. We sent the fantastic sum of £1360 via the Red Cross which has been acknowledged.

An enormous thanks goes to Mrs Pennington, a Reception parent who drove all the medical supplies to London in order for them to be subsequently transported directly to Ukraine. In total we donated 2 boxes x 150 litres, 6 x 75 litres, 8 x 35 litres and 5 x 20 litres. Our Charity reps, especially Kaine, were kept busy moving and storing the items. Well done Windlesham!

Reporter: Mrs Groves



We all know that nothing influences people more than a recommendation from a friend. We would be really grateful if you could 'like' and 'share' our posts on Facebook & Instagram. To find us, just search for Windlesham School or click on the icons here.

Google reviews also raise our profile tremendously and help us to continue to be the best school we can be. So please do get involved in liking, sharing and reviewing!



Windlesham School
& Nursery

Preparing children for life

Headmaster's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is great to see the return of the newsletter, one of the community's most important windows into school life. I am delighted that Mrs Kidney, my new PA, has applied herself so energetically to learning the software required to produce this newsletter for you to enjoy. Well done Mrs Kidney!

We are also feeling confident that later this term we will finally feel safe enough to see a return of another important window into school life - the Open Classroom event; when parents and carers have open access to the school and are guided by their children. These have not taken place since that fateful Covid day on the 23rd March 2020!

Nevertheless, as always, if you have a question or query about any aspect of school life, please don't hesitate to ask.

Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Ingrassia

GENERAL NEWS

Prefects for this part of the term

2J	Esther and Mia
2S	Simona and MJ
3DJ	Louis and Ernie
3S	Nathaniel and Indy
4C	Jamie and Connor
4CM	Lex and Louis
5CS	William and Isabella
5FC	Stratos and Oscar

Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Friday 29th April):

Lower School

Ethan, Simona, Georgie, Sam, Tia, Sebastian, Felix, Reuben, Esther, Akira, Bea, Thomas and Abraham

Upper School

Harriet, Alia, Maisie, Loius, Ava-Rose, Phoebe, Jess, Bella, Kai-Jing, Lex, Benicio and Bobby

Special interest assemblies

Last week the children have been enjoying our special interest assemblies that provide an insight into different career paths.

We welcomed Sasha, Claire and Caroline from Sussex Police

They talked to us about how and why they chose this career. It was interesting to learn about situations they had been in and the equipment they used.

They left us with the message that there were so many different roles within the police, from a PCSO to dog handler or detective and that each of these need different skills- you can find a job that interests you!

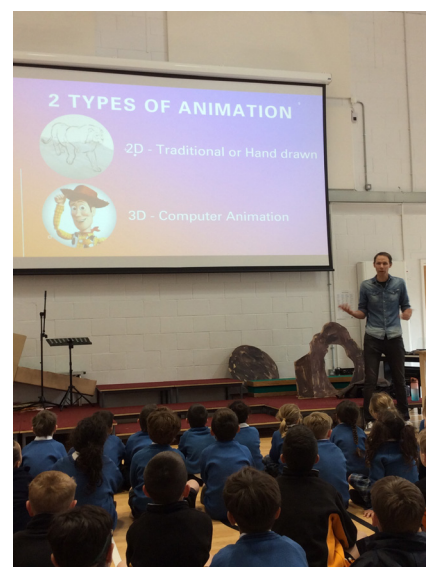
They hoped it might encourage some of our pupils to pursue a career in the police when they are older!



And earlier this term, we were very lucky to have Mr Hawley, parent of Hermione in Year 4 in to share his experience as an animator.

He showed the children different types of animation and how he created 3D animations on computer and using human form. Mr Hawley gave examples of the process he has to follow and a few lucky children even got to help him with this. He left the whole school inspired!

Reporter: Mrs Mack



GENERAL NEWS



Concert for Ukraine

Ellie's family would like to say big thank you to the all staff of the school and Windlesham's parents for their support and donations.

We would like to take a moment to congratulate Ellie 5CS for her amazing singing performance at the Concert for Ukraine.

Ellie sang solo, an Irish song called Dark Island and then together with her friends they sang a Ukrainian folk song. All together more than 20 different pieces were played/sang by local kids and professional musicians. It was a very touching and beautiful event, which helped us to feel empowered and supported by our community.

Amiche Quartet at The Brighton Fringe

This ensemble includes Miss Nikki Bates, our departing violin teacher and Miss Rachel Gorman our new violin teacher.

If you would like an opportunity to see them play together

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GENERAL NEWS

Fun Family Events

The Year 1 Team would like to bring some exciting events to your attention.

These events happen during the weekend in the next few months and link really well to Year 1's learning journey this term- London.

* May 29th Ride London Freecycle Event
<https://www.ridelondon.co.uk/our-rides/ridelondon-freecycle>

* 25th June Preston Circus Fire Station Open Day 10am-6pm

* Trunk Theatre presents The Great Fire of London

Showing at:

Ferring - 29th May

Steyning 18th June

Henfield 26th June

Click here for tickets <https://www.trunktheatre.com/bookings>



Level 1

CYCLE TRAINING

at Preston Park and Hove Park



Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.

Riders **must be able** to ride without stabilisers

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 1 training costs £20.00 per person.

To book your place, please visit <https://sports.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events>

Monday 30 May
Tuesday 31 May
13.15 – 15.45
Ages 9 – 15



Level 3

CYCLE TRAINING

at Preston Park and Hove Park



Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Training includes roundabouts, traffic lights and filtering. You must have completed Levels 1 and 2.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

Level 3 training costs £45.00 per person.

To book your place, please visit <https://sports.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events>

Monday 30 – Tuesday 31 May
10.00 – 12.30 each day
Ages 11 – 15



Level 1 & 3 Cycle Training

Brighton & Hove Council have asked us to share their Cycle Training events taking place at Preston Park this month.

These courses are very popular and spaces are limited so please book early!

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Amazing Animals visit Year 3

Year 3 had a visit from Mark and Jerry from Our Amazing Animal World. They brought in a range of animals for the children to meet, including a bald guinea pig, python snake, a chincilla, rat, bearded dragon and a hedgehog. As well as touching the animals, the children learnt about their habitats, diets, other breeds and species and many other interesting facts. This is all part of their work of creating animal fact files in English.

Reporter: Mrs Smallwood



Design



Create

Team Work



Construction



Protect, wrap and secure



Did it break?

Was it safe?



Investigate



How?
Why?



Egg Experiment

Throw, launch and drop



PIC•COLLAGE

Reception's Egg Experiment

The Summer Term's Topic 'Down on the Farm' began when the Reception children discovered an egg and nest in the Wild Bird Area. The children were so excited to find out to whom the egg might belong to. We quickly realised that we did not know much about animals that lay eggs so we decided to become egg-perts!

They began the Learning Journey by researching information in nonfiction books. They discovered that Oviparous animals lay eggs. The children have worked in small groups to produce Oviparous animal fact sheets and posters, sorted animals by criteria and wrote individual stories about their own imaginary eggs and creatures that would hatch from them.

The class have also designed and modified egg packaging to protect barn eggs. They then tested the parcels by launching them from the fire escape! Can you guess how many stayed whole and how many broke?

The children are excited to welcome incubated eggs from Middle Farm next week and are taking their role of poultry farmers very seriously. They cannot wait to meet the chicks once they have hatched

Reporter Mrs Mills

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Please give a warm welcome to Windlesham's newest pupils, which will be hatching in the Reception classroom next week!!
Reporter: Mrs Derby

Young Writers Poetry Competition

After returning from the Easter break, we celebrated the wonderful news that some of our talented Windlesham pupils are about to become published writers. Louis, Sophie, Charlotte, Ellie, Ata, Ava and Leticia entered a national poetry writing competition and their work has been selected for publication in the Young Writers poetry anthology 'This is Me'. We look forward to receiving a school copy of the book and displaying it proudly in the library for all to enjoy. Well done, poets!

Reporter Mrs Croucher



Home Grown Produce

This week we experienced a monumental event as part of their lunch offering - Windlesham School began to enjoy produce grown and harvested by the children. Well done everyone!

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia





SCHOOL TRIPS

Reception visit to Wilderness Woods

Reception had a wonderful visit to Wilderness Wood at the end of the Spring Term.

They were inspired by 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to design and build shelters, scavenge pretend woodland bear food and create woodland creatures with natural materials and clay.

It was such a fun day learning outside.

Reporter: Mrs Mills



Owlets trip to Woods Mills

During Science Week the Owlets enjoyed an exciting trip to Woods Mill. The children were able to take part in a range of activities such as pond dipping, where they spotted lots of waterboatmen. They looked for spiders and other minibeasts using special nets and they observed the bugs in the magnifying viewers.

On our way around the centre the Owlets looked for signs of new life and plants growing to match to a spotter sheet. In the bird hide we saw robins and other birds coming to the feeders and we used sticks and other items we found to make our own nests.

After a lovely picnic lunch we returned to school on the coach and continued our investigations about growing and plants.

Reporter: Mrs Older





SCHOOL TRIPS



Year 6 trip to Air Raid Shelter

On Friday 18th March, Year 6 went back in time with their local history study of Brighton during World War Two. The children were enthralled by tales from survivors of the local bomb raids, real life artefacts and memorabilia and had the opportunity to climb below the busy playground of a local primary school to see for themselves the most astonishing underground shelter for local school children in Brighton.

A memorable visit was had by all!

Reporter: Mrs Simmons



Year 5 Residential PGL at Windmill Hill

Year 5 pupils made the most of the beautiful weather on their trip to Windmill Hill this term. Activities ranged from climbing to archery, abseiling to exploring a sensory trail. The children demonstrated incredible courage, humour and teamwork throughout the trip and had a thoroughly enjoyable time in each other's company.

Reporter: Mrs Croucher





SPORTS NEWS

Rugby fixtures

Before the half term break, we had an outstanding fixture against Lancing Worthing where all the pupils showcased some brilliant rugby skills and teamwork.

Our Year 6s, led by captain Kaine, won both their matches: 8-3 and 7-3. Almost everyone scored a try with George scoring an incredible 5 and Mason 3. What was most pleasing was seeing all the work from lessons and clubs shown on the pitch with everyone running with confidence and offloading with accurate passing.

Meanwhile, the Year 5s with their captain Arthur, also won: 11-6. Freddie led the way with an amazing 5 tries, and Ata, Stratos and Zak scoring 2 each as well. Similarly to the Y6, the teamwork and passing was a great standard and the confidence shown when running was a real highlight.

We continued our great progress with the Y5s & 6s with two great matches against Shoreham College. Our Y6 team narrowly missed out on victory whilst the Y5s put up a great fight despite losing out too. Regardless of the results, it was another fantastic showing from Windlesham, with superb passing and running showed by everyone involved.

The Y3s & 4s also had a brilliant fixture against Lancing Hove in March. Both the Y3 and Y4 teams ran out victorious overall. A special mention to Jack & Henry who led their teams fantastically well with great passing and running creating plenty of tries scored. Meanwhile, Ollie and Jamie were terrific in a fantastic win which capped off a lovely fixture.

A huge well done to everyone involved.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



Athletics at Brighton Girls

Year 5&6 Girls had the opportunity to join Brighton Girls for an early season athletics meet. The girls took part in all three disciplines of running jumping and throwing, practising skills from previous years and learning new ones. We enjoyed some excellent results, especially in the 100M and 200m events. We are now busy working towards the Upper school Sports Day which is on Wednesday 29th June.

Reporter: Mrs Fox

FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

Assistance needed for the WONDER Team.

The WONDER Team is a terrific group of handy parents who offer practical help to target specific projects in school. Some of their projects have included the planter boxes for the school, the nursery garden, the Reception bug hotel and herb garden, the outdoor classroom next to the library...

Typically, we gather on a Saturday for a short working day. We have plenty of tea and biscuits, and sometimes a BBQ! And at the end of the day, we stand back, hands on hips, and look with satisfaction upon our creations.

If you would like to take part in our next working party, scheduled for Saturday 11th June, as we begin work to refurbish the pirate ship area, please send us an email at info@windlesham-school.co.uk, which we will gladly pass on to Abi, our energetic team leader. There will be some heavy lifting as we begin to remove the existing surfaces.



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: chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk

We need you!

Assistance from an engineer

Calling on anyone who may be qualified as an acoustic engineer, or know anyone who is an acoustic engineer. We have plans for the Green Room, which sits at the edge of our boundary, to be converted to a set of music practice rooms. If you are able to help with advice and guidance, please do get in touch

Request for hangers

We are busy Spring cleaning our costume cupboard this term and we are looking for clothes hangers. We would be very grateful if you could drop any donations off to the school office.

Early Hall and Windlefun resources plea!

Mrs Ball and Mrs Pollard are looking for donations of any of the following items:

- construction toys - basic lego (not characters or specific builds), polydron, and any other construction type.
- cars and car mat

Others

- four in a row
- white boards and pens
- playing cards - 2 packs
- weaving activities
- beads and thread
- peg boards
- small parachute for outside
- small animals eg. dinosaurs, farm or jungle

Thank you for whatever we can have!



TERM DATES

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

2022-2023 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2022

Staff Inset days

Tuesday 30th August & Wednesday 31st August

Term starts

Thursday 1st September

Half term holiday

Monday 17th October – Friday 28th October inclusive

Term ends

Friday 9th December

Spring Term 2023

Staff Inset day

Tuesday 3rd January

Term starts

Wednesday 4th January

Staff Inset day

Friday 10th February

Half term holiday

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February inclusive

Term ends: Friday 24th March

Summer Term 2023

Staff Inset day

Monday 17th April

Term starts

Tuesday 18th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May

Half term holiday

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June inclusive

Term ends: Friday 7th July

Summer Term Curriculum Summaries

Curriculum summaries for the Summer Term are now available on the school website detailing the key topics and areas of learning for each year group from Owlets to Year 6. Please click on the links below:

Lower School Curriculum Summaries:

<https://www.windlesham.school.co.uk/curriculum/lower-school/>

Upper School Curriculum Summaries:

<https://www.windlesham.school.co.uk/curriculum/upper-school/>

Your child's Summer Term homework learning grid for the first half of the term can also be accessed via the school website on the curriculum pages.

Katherine Croucher

Director of Teaching and Learning





Parking Issues Persist!

I am writing to highlight 3 major parking issues which continue to cause problems for the School.

The first relates to parents who park on the white zigzags in front of the School. I am sure you are aware that these zones are intended to provide visibility near the pedestrian crossing and therefore serve one primary purpose - to keep your children safe. I remind you that using these to park, even if only for a swift drop off, is illegal and could result in a minimum £100 fine plus 3 penalty points on your licence.

The second issue relates to people who use the disabled parking spots without permits. There are parents and grandparents in the school who have a right to use these disabled spots but are often unable to access them because another, unauthorised vehicle is in their place. Please do not use disabled spots if you do not have a permit to do so.

The last issue relates to parents using Fairways, the estate neighbouring our school, for free parking. While the vast majority of our parents are very considerate, we are informed that a small number continue to regularly use our neighbours' land for their parking convenience, which has resulted in further complaints from Fairways, directed at the school. We work hard to maintain a harmonious relationship with all our neighbours and respectfully ask you (again) to please avoid using their land to park.

We encourage parents to drop off and pick up at the recommended times listed below, and if possible, support the school, the environment and your children's health by walking or cycling.

Year group	Drop off time and location	Pick up time and location
Nursery	8:15 - 8:20 parents permitted to drop off at class	15:30 - 15:35 from class
Reception	8:15 - 8:20 Drop off is at the gate	15:30 - 15:35 from class
Y1 & Y2	8:20 - 8:30 at the gate	15:35 - 15:40 from the veranda
Y3 & Y4	8:30 - 8:40 at the gate	15:40 - 15:50 from the veranda
Y5 & Y6	8:40 - 8:50 at the gate	15:50 - 16:00 from the veranda

Thank you in advance for your support.

John Ingrassia
Headmaster