



NEWSLETTER | 06/07/22

Special Interest Assemblies Climate Scientist

In May, we welcomed Mr Nick Drake, a parent of two pupils in the Lower School, to talk to us about his career as a Climate Change Scientist. Supported by an interactive and engaging presentation, Mr Drake educated the children about how changes and developments in the way we live have had a negative impact on our climate and will continue to do so. He explained to us how businesses can be supported to help make changes to the way they work, such as sourcing materials from a closer location.

A key message was shared- The World Can't Wait! Mr Drake finished by explaining ways that the pupils of Windlesham School can start to make a difference.

Micro Sculptor

For our final special interest assembly of the year, we welcomed world famous micro sculptor Willard Wigan MBE, via Zoom. We had the opportunity to ask him questions about his incredible work. These ranged from 'What tools do you use?' to 'What happens when you make a mistake?'. It was interesting to hear he had to work between his heart beats to ensure he kept a steady hand.

Willard shared a little about how he was inspired to take this route, linked to his learning differences and struggles at school. He explained that his mum used to say "The smaller you make things the bigger your name will become."

At the end, Willard told us about his future plans- a tyrannosaurus rex and the pied piper playing the flute and a row of children, all small enough to fit in the eye of a needle. We look forward to seeing these.

Reporter: Mrs Mack



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!



Headmaster's message

With so much accomplished this year, I feel we have finally reached the point where, perhaps for just a couple of weeks, we can take our foot off the education accelerator and instead sit back to reflect on the year gone by. I hope you will agree with me that once again the staff have worked incredibly hard to provide the best experience possible for their pupils, resulting in happy children making excellent progress.

We now look forward to all the exciting things we are planning for the next academic year. Until then, I wish you an incredibly happy, relaxing and safe Summer holiday.

Best wishes,
John Ingrassia
Headmaster



Windlesham School & Nursery

Preparing children for life

GENERAL NEWS

Prefects for this part of the term

2J	Zachary and Alex
2S	Delilah and Carla
3DJ	Leticia and Isla-Rose
3S	Felix and Griffin
4C	Max P & Benicio
4CM	Rafael and Isabella
5CS	Milo and Joshi
5FC	Jude and Belle

Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Friday 24th June):

Lower School

Zoe, Lottie, Delilah, Tia, Malu, MJ, Darcey, William, Jaiden, Mark

Upper School

Jing Shuen, Timothy, Ariana, Aram, Elias, Charlotte, Hugo BF, Maisa, Hugo V, Bea, Nathaniel, Maisie, Florence, Zak, William, Connor, Ellie

We are delighted that once again our Year 6 children have secured places and scholarships from such a broad range of schools, reflecting both our independence and their great talents.

Places and awards offered to our 21* Year 6 pupils in 2022

Secondary School**	Awards and places offered/ accepted
Brighton Girls	2 including 1 Art Scholarship and 1 Sports Exhibition Award
Burgess Hill	1 Music Scholarship
Cardinal Newman Catholic School	1
Dorothy Stringer	2
Downlands Community School	1
Dunhurst	1
Hurst	1
Lewes Old Grammar School	5 including 1 All Round Academic Scholarship
Millais	1
Roedean	2 including 1 Drama Scholarship
Shoreham College	1
St Christophers	1
Varndean School	1

* 1 pupil is leaving the UK at the end of Year 6

** in alphabetical order

GENERAL NEWS



Congratulations to Arabella and her pony Star for participating in the Hickstead Derby Mini Challenge recently. They competed in a 2 day event in the 60cm 10 and under category and we hear they both put on a great performance, completing near perfect rounds.

Lots of lessons learnt & a very fun (&exhausting!) weekend had by all. Well done Arabella and Star!

Early finish reminder

We would like to kindly remind you that the children will finish early on Friday.

Please see the staggered finishing times below:

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

Level 1 - 3 Cycle Training

Brighton & Hove Council have asked us to share their Cycle Training events taking place at Preston Park over the summer holiday. These courses are very popular and spaces are limited so please book early!

Level 1 CYCLE TRAINING at Preston Park and Hove Park

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

One session course

Riders **must** be able to ride without stabilisers. **Must** wear a helmet.

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

Level 1 training costs £20 per person.

To book your place, please visit www.brighton.gov.uk/cycle

Friday 5 August
10.00 – 12.30
13.00 – 15.30
Friday 18 August
10.00 – 12.30
13.15 – 15.45
Ages 9 – 15

Brighton & Hove City Council

Level 1 & Level 2 CYCLE TRAINING at Preston Park and Hove Park

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

Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

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

Levels 1 & 2 together is £40 per person.

To book your place please visit www.brighton.gov.uk/cycle

Monday 25 – Thursday 28 July
Monday 1 – Thursday 4 August
Monday 8 – Thursday 11 August
Monday 15 – Thursday 18 August
Monday 22 – Thursday 25 August
Tuesday 30 August – Friday 2 September

Ages 9 – 15

Brighton & Hove City Council

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 £40 per person.

To book your place, please visit www.brighton.gov.uk/cycle

Monday 25 – Wednesday 27 July
Monday 1 – Wednesday 3 August
Monday 8 – Wednesday 10 August
Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 August
Monday 22 – Wednesday 24 August

Ages 11 – 15

Brighton & Hove City Council



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



The Reception children worked so hard to follow the Windlesham Values:

LISTEN, RESPECT, BE HONEST, KIND, FAIR, WORK HARD and CARE.

Each time they demonstrated a value they put a marble in the class jar.

They were brilliant and collectively decided on a 'Wheelie Day' for their Marble Treat.

They had a 'wheelie fun time'

Reporter: Mrs Mills



Baking in Year 1

Year 1 had a fun morning with Chef Rob making their own bread rolls to link with their learning about the Great Fire of London.

They were thinking how different a bakery would have been in 1666 to our school's kitchen.

The children got to take their bread rolls home and reported that they were absolutely delicious!

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery



World Ocean Day

Our Year 6 Eco-Representatives-Raphael, Zack and Isabella hosted a World Ocean Day Workshop for Years 1 to 6 demonstrating their excellent leadership skills.

The pupils unleashed their creativity under the guidance of the Eco Representatives making models from recycled material, potato printing ocean creatures, doing a collage of turtles and playing A Trivia Ocean Quiz.

The children commented enthusiastically about how much they enjoyed the activities. As coastal dwellers we need to instil in all our pupils love and respect for the oceans of the world!

Reporter: Mrs O'Dowd





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Seed to Plate at Windlesham School

The school gardens have provided the children with lots of exciting activities over the past few months. Mr Ingrassia has designed a Seed to Plate initiative to offer opportunities for all year groups to explore the natural world and to deepen our sense of connection with nature.

As part of Windlesham's Wildlife and Sustainability role, my aim for the Seed to Plate project is to enable all children to engage in a variety of hands-on learning experiences through the growing of our own fresh produce.

I have been working with IFG independent, Windlesham's catering team, who have supported the project by providing seeds and encouraging the children to grow and harvest their crops before presenting their offerings to the school kitchen, where Chef Rob and his team prepare and serve fresh, tasty dishes in the lunch hall.

We are certain that our school gardens will offer a host of benefits from active learning, outdoor experiences, healthy lifestyles, teamwork, communication, responsibility, self-confidence, environmental awareness and uniting the whole school through growing together.

Thank you to the Wonder Team, led by Abi Dier, for building the wooden planter boxes, and to Mrs Onyett, our School gardener, for all her advice and expertise.

Reporter: Mrs Derby





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Year 2 Beach School

Year 2 had an amazing day experiencing Beach School for the first time.

Despite the rain the children learned about the animals in rockpools, collected interesting seaweeds, shells, pebbles and made artwork of Mathematical shapes.

They then exhibited their findings in their own Beach Museum.

Reporter: Mrs Slater



Reading Buddies in Owlets

Year 5 visited the Owlets and read books about Jobs and People Who Help Us to the Nursery children.

They also talked to their buddies about the jobs members of their family do and told them about their own future career aspirations.

Both groups had a lovely time and the older children were extremely patient and caring with their younger friends.

Reporter: Mrs Older



Library Update & Year 6 Reading Buddies

We are so close to the library being fully functioning again. Thank you for all your book donations.

Year 6 recently enjoyed a spelling lesson on the Library Terrace in the beautiful sunshine.

The Reception children were the first library visitors as Year 6 Reading Buddies and the children also enjoyed some playtime together.

As you can see they all enjoyed the shared reading experience



Reporter: Ms Thompsett



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Shabbat meal with Rabbi Efunu

On Thursday 16th June and Friday 17th June, Year 6 participated in a Shabbat meal, led by Rabbi Efunu.

The children experienced how the table would be prepared, the songs and hymns that are traditionally sung, the traditions of the Shabbat (Sabbath) meal and even had the opportunity to taste grape juice and Challah bread!

It was wonderful to be informed by a religious leader in our local community about a very special, holy day in the week.

Reporter: Mrs Simmons

Reception Class challenge our Leadership Team with a Sunflower Competition.

To help prepare and support the children with transition and change, Reception have been exploring how much we have grown since the start of our learning journey and how independent and resilient we have become. Just like a tiny seed growing into a big strong Sunflower.

Reception Class challenged Windlesham's Leadership Team to see who can grow the best Sunflower from a tiny seed. They are very keen to report on the.... (very competitive) ... progress so far.

Jessica explains "When the grown ups came, it was getting serious!"

Lewis said "Everyone had good ideas how to plant a seed."

I asked the children who they think might win? Fifi said "Mr Ingrassia, because he's the judge" Lucy said "Mrs Fox, because she has magic dust, real dust, it looked like tiny balls." Lara added "and Mrs Fox put a lot in!"

Lewis is sure it will be Mr Ingrassia "because he put his sunflower seed in the right way round" Toby thinks "Mrs Croucher will win because she is the tallest teacher"

Afie said "Mrs Older, because she looks after my baby sister in Owlets so she knows how to care for little things."

Feliks thought "Mrs Kiernan because she concentrated." George did not know who might win but said "Mr Ingrassia definitely won't win because Mrs Fox pushed his plant pot into the shade!!!"

The children are now practising their responsibility skills by promising to water the seeds every day. Good Luck Leadership Team.

Reporter: Mrs Derby



Transport in Year 2

Year 2 have focussed on travel as part of our Transport Topic.

In English the children have been working collaboratively to create pages about a country.

These pages will be put together to create a Year 2 travel brochure.

Reporter: Mrs Jarman





SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 1 trip to Herstmonceux Observatory

On Tuesday, 28th June, Year 1 visited Herstmonceux Science Observatory. Over the course of the day, the children were able to explore many of the interactive exhibits and the Discovery Park. In the morning, they took part in a Bridge Building activity. This involved teamwork, communication and learning about how the forces act. They were introduced to key vocabulary such as 'keystone' and 'abutment'. After lunch, we were treated to a spectacular science show all about materials and every member of the class got to help with a demonstration! The show helped us develop our understanding of the properties of materials. Highlights were seeing absorbency being demonstrated with a jug of water being poured over the scientist's head into a nappy and a velcro tug of war! A fantastic day was enjoyed by all.

Reporter: Mrs Mack

Reception trip to Washbrooks Farm

The reception children had a wonderful visit to Washbrooks Farm. This marked the end of this term's Learning Journey 'Down on the Farm'. The children put their extensive knowledge of farms and farm animals to the test in the barn. They handled animals, asked interesting questions of Farmer Sally and recounted many newly acquired animal facts. The highlight for many however was the tractor ride around the farm with Farmer Pete. He explained the process of harvesting hay for the animals as well as how he looks after the sheep during lambing time. It was a brilliant visit; fun and informative

Reporter: Mrs Mills





SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 4 Residential Recount

By Isaac Fielder

In May, year 4 went to the Sustainability Centre. For some of us this was our first ever night away. This was such a fun time!

I was excited and also a bit nervous but I had a great time getting to know all the teachers and my classmates better. Here are some of my favourite memories:

- 1) One of my favourite parts of the trip was making collages out of flowers, plants etc
- 2) I really liked making shelters out of logs, leaves and sticks.
- 3) There also was a really fun activity where we used our team building skills to get the fastest time possible, while getting your whole group through hula hoops and all other sorts of obstacles.
- 4) We played cat and mouse under a parachute which was very funny and entertaining.

There were a few tears, many laughs and loads of unforgettable moments. All the teachers including Mr Ingrassia, Mrs Coego and Mrs Martin were all so kind and supportive and I want to give them many thanks. This was an experience I will never forget.



Year 6 trip to RSPB Pulborough Brooks

On Thursday 26th May, Year 6 set off with Mrs Simmons, Ms O'Dowd and Mr Hall to RSPB Pulborough Brooks. The weather was on our side and allowed us to take part in a fieldwork study for our geography curriculum. The children navigated using simple maps and compasses to the river. Whilst they were there we studied the key features and did a simple test to record the speed of the water.

In the afternoon, pupils became landscape artists drawing the features of the land. For the final activity of the day, Year 6 became pond explorers, examining the contents of a large pond, using keys and classification grids to determine the quality of the water for animal habitats.

Reporter: Mrs Simmons



SPORTS NEWS

Sports week

Sports Week was such a fantastic week and end of term with so many sporting highlights. It is difficult to know where to begin!

Firstly, we had an incredible biathlon competed with great effort by our Y5 & Y6s, running 1.5km before swimming a range of lengths in the pool. Everyone took it in their stride and performed with great intensity. There was a great battle in Y6 with George, Albert, Nicolas and Elliott all pushing each other, with Esther not far behind, whilst Freddie, Maisa and Stratos led the way for Y5.

We then had our School for Sports event for Y3-6, which was such a fun day of circuits and demonstrations from the National Kickboxing champion Jessica Fleischer, who couldn't speak higher of our Windlesham pupils for their collective effort.

We have had a week of great fun in the swimming pool, with reception all the way to Y6 enjoying galas, festivals and the biathlon. It is fantastic to see such talent in the water.

Last but not least we have had 3 superb sports days. I cannot put into words how much I have missed sports days, but I can say that this has been my most enjoyable week at Windlesham since I have started here! The effort, determination, support and sportsmanship shown throughout all 3 days was brilliant to see. We had so many fantastic races and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces throughout.

I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved: pupils, staff and parents who made the sports days and sports week happen and provided a wonderful atmosphere for us all.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

Ship shape!



We would like to say a big thank you to those who took part in the Wonder Team's working party last month for their hard work in helping to refurbish the much loved pirate ship. Our kind volunteers included Mark Hannigan, Kristof Sharma, Kathryn Duckenfield, John and Sonia Ingrassia, James Muschamp and the group leader, Abi Dier.

I think we can all agree that the pirate ship area is being transformed into a wonderful play space for the children again. We hope to have the project completed in the first weeks of the new year. Well done team! Well done Abi!



We have an exciting calendar of events booked for next year - so please get these dates in your diary now as they are not to be missed! We'll also have a drinks evening towards the end of September for all those parents who would like to find out what Friends of Windlesham is all about. Wishing you all a wonderful summer, we look forward to seeing you next term.

FOW Team x

Autumn

- Friday 25th November - Christmas Fayre
- Friday 2nd December - Lower School Disco
- Monday 5th December - Upper School Disco

Spring

- Saturday 11th March - Sponsored Walk

Summer

- Saturday 24th June - Summer Fayre



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

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2022

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