



NEWSLETTER | 18/10/22

Macmillian Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us raise the amazing total of £580. This is a generous sum that we can donate to The Macmillan Coffee Morning Appeal.

Parents, staff and children were all enthusiastic about the opportunity to have cake!

I would like to thank all the parents who so kindly donated cake, especially Mr. Hyde from the Flour Pot Bakery, Mrs Tabak from the Meeting Place Cafe and Mrs Fakhurji from Teba whose friend, The Lady of the Cake donated a chocolate cake adorned with flowers!

One parent, Mr Carter, lived up to his reputation from last year and once again made us a Terry's chocolate orange cake. Many people remembered this cake and so were delighted that he kindly baked another one for us, roll on 2023!

Thank you to the parents who actually came in for coffee, it was lovely to see you all and to hear some of your reasons for supporting this charity.

I am now looking forward to meeting my new Y6 Charity Reps who I hope will have lots of great ideas.

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 has been a busy half term, filled with trips, information workshops, charity events, WOW days and lots of fun and learning through it all. There is little question that ours is an incredibly dynamic little school. As always I thank you for your support, but in particular, I would like to thank the parents who recently gave up their Saturday to toil away at school to finish the pirate ship area, which now looks fantastic. It is very rewarding to see that our hard work has resulted in healthy little grass seedlings growing - what an appropriate metaphor for our school.

Enjoy your half term,

John Ingrassia

Headmaster

GENERAL NEWS

Prefects for this part of the term

2F	Eve and Darcey
3S	Olive and Tia
3C	Eleanor and Lucas
4S	Jack and Lettie
4CM	Guin and Dylan
5OD	Isaac and Hermione
5FL	Max P and Maisie

Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Monday 11th Oct):

Lower School

Lamaan, Matilda, Diego, Maddie, Levi, Eli, Afie, Toby, Lilly, Etta Rose, Lucy, Archer, Feliks, Noyan, Rosie, Lara

Upper School

Ethan, Simona, Isla Rose, Dylan, Lucia, Katie, Ray, Sophie, Alex, Joe, Reuben, Eya, Oliver, Matilda, Freddie, Teddy, Eleanor, Akira, Bea, Eve, Harriet, Cyrus, Arthur, Annan, Mark, William, Jack, Ebu, Connor, Lois, Isabella, Amelia, Abraham, Jing Shuen, Zak, Arabella, Lex

Level 1 - 3 Cycle Training

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



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.

Riders must be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.
Levels 1 & 2 together is £35 per person.

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

Monday 24 – Thursday 27 October
10am – 12.30pm each day
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 £25 per person.

To book your place, please visit www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/events

Monday 26 to Wednesday 28 October
1.15pm – 3.15pm each day
Ages 11 – 14

Students must have attended **Level 2**

Brighton & Hove City Council

GENERAL NEWS



Harvest Festival

A huge thank you for the generous donations you contributed to our Harvest Festival. It was lovely for Mrs Gallant and our choir to lead our singing from the Year 6's down to the Owlets who joined in with some actions to one of the songs they knew.

The food was then delivered to the Hangleton and West Blatchington Foodbank who were surprised and delighted by your generosity. They were extremely appreciative and assured me that everything would be used.

Reporter: Mrs Groves

New staff announcement

We are very pleased to share that the Permanent Bursar role has now been filled. Samantha Roberts has been offered and has accepted the role. She will begin on the 5th December and work alongside Lee Hume for the first two weeks.

Samantha comes to us from St Andrews Primary where she works as the School Business Manager.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia



We would like to extend our congratulations to Arabella, our sole representative of the Windlesham Equestrian Team, and her pony Toni for winning 2 medals at Hickstead during the summer.

When recounting the experience Arabella said, "I competed at the Royal International Show at Hickstead. It was so amazing to come first and second. It was my first show with Toni, the brown and white pony and the last one Star, the one with the black shiny coat. I love horse riding and it makes me feel great!"



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Year 3 WOW day

Year 3 enjoyed their Ancient Egyptian WOW day earlier this term. We started the by taking part in an Egyptian themed Music lesson, the children sang their hearts out to 'Sand Dance' and came up with actions that matched the lyrics!

They enjoyed fact finding about the lives of the Egyptians using books and iPads. They took part in a Hieroglyphic session; each had a go at writing their names on a cartouche, using the Ancient Egyptian writing system.

Children also learnt the job of archaeologists and were given the task to find some artefacts in a mini dig. They were amazed to find scarab beetles and cat statues amongst other exciting finds! All of the objects have been placed in our Miniature Museum (outside the Year 3 classrooms).

No Ancient Egypt day would be complete without a Mummy Wrap! Mummifying each other with toilet roll and learning about the preservation of bodies in this way proved to be a lot of fun and the most popular activity of the day!

Reporter: Mrs Coego

Pyjama party and Film Reward

At the end of Summer Term 2022, Arundel House gained the largest number house points with a huge total of 1425!!!

The children within this house received the reward of a pyjama party and film afternoon.

The children got all comfortable in their pyjamas and settled down to watch the film 'Luca' and enjoyed some popcorn.

Excellent work Arundel House: you should all be very proud.

Reporter: Miss Jarman





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Special Assemblies - Hedgehog Man visit & Alastair Hignall visit

On Wednesday 21st September, we were lucky enough to have a visit from some prickly friends! Graham from a local Hedgehog Rescue came in to speak with the whole school for a special interest assembly. We heard how he started the rescue and about how he cares for the creatures before reintroducing them to the wild. Some of us got to ask questions too!

After break, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were treated to a closer look and got to observe the hedgehogs and hear all about what they eat. We are grateful for the support of FOW who allowed this to happen.

On Wednesday, 5th October we welcomed Alastair Hignell CBE, former rugby union international, cricketer and broadcaster for a Special Interest Assembly. Alastair gave us an insight into his childhood and sporting career before sharing about his diagnosis of MS.

The main focus of his assembly was about the people he had met through his interesting careers and the words of wisdom they had left him with. These included, 'Honour your talent' from Johnny Wilkinson, 'Control the controllables' from Clive Woodward and 'Rise above it' from Nelson Mandela. For each of his quotes he gave examples that really resonated with the children. His anecdotes and positive outlook captivated the children and staff and left them with some powerful messages.



Reporter: Mrs Mack

European Day of Languages



On the 26th September we celebrated the diverse number of languages we speak in Europe, along with all of the languages we speak in our school. We discovered that in Year 2 alone we speak 10 different languages at home - that is something special.

Each year group took on the task of celebrating a different country. Year 3 began the day with a good old-fashioned British picnic, depicting the classic English pastime. Our Reception children learnt to Irish dance with Ivy and Indy proudly demonstrating their new found skills during our celebration assembly. Following the Irish theme, Mrs O'Dowd taught the Year 5 children how to count in Irish during their maths lesson.

It was a great day and everybody got to participate in different activities. In the afternoon, the children thoroughly enjoyed our book hunt where they had to find familiar books translated into different languages and guess the language it was written in.

As a whole school we made a collage of a map of Europe and gathered together with a feast of European fayre during our lunch time thanks to Rob in the kitchen.

Reporter: Madame Flynn



SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 1 visit Drusillas

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Drusillas to support their learning about Dinosaurs.

During the educational session, the children learnt more about dinosaurs, got to handle fossils and asked the dinosaur expert lots of questions. The children were given the opportunity to stroke a snake and the chinchillas! It was the first time the chinchillas had met a class and they seemed to enjoy the gentle strokes they got from the children!

We then explored the Jurassic Jungle and enjoyed looking at the very realistic dinosaur models! When asked if the children enjoyed their day, one child replied that it was the best day ever!!

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery

Beach School

Nearly all of our year groups have had their first day of Beach School at Ovingdean Beach, with Year 2 due to have theirs the first week back after the half term.

The weather has generally been kind to us (although we are not deterred by damp weather) and we have enjoyed a whole range of activities following our new Beach School Curriculum.

Our beach days are always planned around low tide so that all children have the opportunity to rock pool. Rock pooling enables the children to develop greater awareness of the seashore and coastal environment which includes discovery, investigation and identification of different plants, animals and other natural materials. Children learn about where creatures live and what they eat, when and how to handle some rockpool and beach creatures and which ones need to be left alone. They also develop an ethic of stewardship and care for the beach and coast and how to adopt leave less trace practices.

In addition to rockpooling, other activities include designing beach games, creating Art work inspired by famous artists, designing 3D art pictures of the seashore, recreating 2D shapes linked to the Maths Curriculum and setting trails using compass directions.

The feedback from children after the beach days has been really positive and we are looking forward to our next round of Beach School days which will start in the second half of the Spring Term, where we will build on previous activities and children will get the opportunity to experience the beach in different weathers and conditions.

Reporter: Mrs Martin





SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 2 Royal Pavilion and i360 trip

Year 2 were spoiled with glorious sunshine on the day of our trip to visit the Royal Pavilion and i360, as part of our study of the local area. We boarded the bus and made our way down to the Pavilion, noticing lots of familiar landmarks on our way into the city centre.

When we arrived, we were met by Lady Busby from 1824, who showed us the etiquette we'd need to know if we met the King around the palace, but sadly we didn't get to see King George IV as we walked around. We did notice the huge number of dragons around the palace though - they were everywhere!

On our flight on the i360, we could see for miles, with some of us able to spot the Isle of Wight way out in the distance as well as seeing many familiar places from a different perspective. Year 2 were great ambassadors for Windlesham on our trip and we had a fantastic day out.

Reporter: Miss Fish



Year 3 Go Ape!

Year 3 recently enjoyed a fantastic day at Go Ape in Crawley. Luckily, the weather held out for us, although it was a bit windy in the treetops.

The children were all securely harnessed to the trees as they tackled intricate crossings, wobbly bridges and a zip wire finale.

The activities provided a great opportunity for the children to work together and develop resilience. We were very proud of the children for demonstrating a great deal of kindness and encouragement towards each other.

Reporter: Mrs Smallwood





SPORTS NEWS

Fixtures Roundup

We had our first fixture this week, starting with a home football match against Sompting Abbots, consisting of two very competitive games. All the year 6 boys were involved, and it was fantastic to see such great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout.

In the first game, Stratos starting the scoring with a great effort from outside the box to make it 1-0. Abdullah and Kai Jing added to the scoring to make it 3-1 half time. Sompting Abbots rallied back to make it 3-2, but Stratos scored the goal of the match with a first-time finish to finish the game off at 4-2. Everyone competed really well and worked hard in defence to ensure a great victory.

Meanwhile, we had an extremely entertaining game which saw Windlesham come back and equalise twice to make it 2-2 just after half-time. Joshi and Jackson scored superb goals: Jackson with a great effort from outside the box, whilst Joshi poked the ball in with great speed. Sompting eventually ran out winners in another 4-2 game, but Windlesham boys put in a valiant effort and were very close to scoring again.

It was brilliant seeing so many smiling faces during and after the fixture, I look forward to many more this term.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

Under 11 Football Tournament

This week, Windlesham competed in the U11 Football tournament held at Lancing Worthing. All the pupils involved played fantastic, showing off great skill and passing throughout each match.

We were unlucky in a first match loss where we did everything but score; Marley came very close with two brilliant efforts. Our next two matches were draws, where both Jamie and Daniel played superbly, beating players and creating great chances. Zak and Otis were rocks in defence, and both Milo and Freddie had terrific stints in goal, with some outstanding saves on show.

Then despite a strong performance, we lost to eventual winners Shoreham. Arthur was competing particularly well with great turns and passes down the wing.

Lastly, we ended with a superb win against runners up Lancing Hove, with Stratos scoring a brilliant goal, to match up his fantastic play all tournament, and Freddie adding a great second with a strong performance.

All the pupils played superbly and remained in positive spirits as we battled to a joint 3rd overall.

We also had our first Y3&4 festival of fun this year held at Lancing Worthing. This involved 2 mixed football teams and two mixed netball teams from each year group.

Year 5 played some fantastic netball in an exciting round robin tournament against Brighton Girls school and Windlesham House school.

Our defence was strong throughout, whilst our attacking speed took both other schools by surprise. This allowed us to secure two great victories: We won 6-0 against the BGS and 3-0 against Windlesham House

It was a fantastic atmosphere with great sportsmanship and skill shown throughout. It looked like everyone involved had the best time and it lovely to see.

Well done everyone!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

Update

FOW is evolving. We're now focused on working with the local business community and creating fundraising opportunities outside of the school gates as well as our usual calendar of events. We're ambitious as we'd love to give a real financial boost to the school's plans to improve our music facilities.

To do this we have a new FOW Board with Natasha Arghiros as Chair, Wilson Fernandez as Treasurer and Kate Parker as Secretary.



Thank you so much to Jenny and Terry for their years of service on the FOW Board. We wouldn't have had those community building events or extra funds for the school without you.



Welcome Morning Thursday 3rd November

Friends of Windlesham are hosting a welcome morning for anyone who would like to get to know more parents at Windlesham. It's also a great opportunity to find out more about what Friends of Windlesham are up to and how you can get involved.

Be lovely to see you from 8:15am onwards, Dyke Road Park Cafe, opposite school.



England v USA

Friday 25th November after the Christmas Fayre

Friends of Windlesham will be screening the World Cup Qualifying match in the Sports Hall so we can all get together and support England in a family friendly atmosphere.

Tickets are limited and will be on sale at the gate after half term. £5 per adult, £3 per child including face painting. Food and drink will also be available to buy.



Easy Fundraising

Did you know that Friends of Windlesham are registered with Easy Fundraising? This means that 6000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis and Marks & Spencers will donate to our school every time we use Easy Fundraising to shop with them. So please consider signing up before you do your Christmas shopping - its completely free and doesn't take long to set up.

Upcoming Events:

Autumn Term

- Welcome Morning - 3rd November
- Christmas Fayre & England v USA - 25th November
- Upper School Disco - 2nd December
- Lower School Disco - 5th December

Spring Term

- Sponsored Walk - Saturday 11th March

Summer Term

- Summer Fayre - Saturday 24th June

TERM DATES

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

2023- 2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

Staff Inset days

Thursday 31st August, Friday 1st September & Monday 4th September

Term starts

Tuesday 5th September

Half Term holiday

Monday 16th October - Friday 27th October inclusive

Term ends

Friday 8th December

Spring Term 2024

Term starts

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Staff Inset day

Friday 9th February

Half Term holiday

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February inclusive

Term ends

Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 2024

Staff Inset day

Monday 22nd April

Term starts

Tuesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

Half Term holiday

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May inclusive

Term ends

Friday 12th July

Curriculum Summaries

Curriculum summaries for the Autumn Term are 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/>