



NEWSLETTER | 14/2/23

Wonderful Wildlife

A big well done goes to our Year Six Wildlife and Sustainability Reps, Daniel, Arabella and Sophia, who have completed an RSPB Wild Challenge. As part of the importance of awareness for Wildlife and Sustainability Windlesham School has joined the RSPB's school awards scheme, supporting school-based learning and enabling pupils to apply curriculum knowledge and skills to each task.

Each Wild Challenge helps children to connect with and learn about nature and to develop resilience, responsibility and team working skills. For this Wild Challenge we have designed natural bird feeders using pine cones and willow structures, mixing sunflower hearts, dried fruit, dried insects and wild bird seed with suet, making a tasty meal for our local wildlife. We are soon to achieve our first award, the Bronze Certificate. Well done Wildlife and Sustainability Reps!

Reporter: Mrs Derby



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

Headmaster's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy half term with lots of activities and events, but particularly with the number of prospective parents who have visited our school.

Over the past 6 weeks alone, we have shown 23 families through our doors, with many more booked in the coming half term. All of the families were recommended by existing parents. All of them witnessed a 'normal' day - no special performances, presentations or tours with carefully selected pupils, and nearly all the parents commented on the warm feel of the school and how happy our staff and children appeared, an observation which makes me extremely proud. Of all the things that we achieve, making children happy is the most important - happy children learn best.

Thank you to all for your recommendations, there is no greater compliment. I wish you a safe and relaxing half term.

Sincerely,

John Ingrassia

Headmaster



Preparing children for life

GENERAL NEWS

Prefects for this part of the term

2F	Thomas & Archer
3S	Zachary & Olive
3C	Mark & Ethan
4S	Elodie & Nathaniel
4CM	Mia & Timothy
5OD	Isabella & Ben
5FL	Maisie & Max M

Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Thursday 9th February):

Lower School

Zayn, Lucy, Eve, Etta, Fifi, Anastasia, Daniel, Levi, Justin, Zyva, Lamaan, Lara, Thomas

Upper School

Louis, Rebecca, Zak, Olive, Ethan, Lottie, Selin, Ave Rose, Joshi, Max M, Nikola, Ernie, Zaad, William, Elias, Eleanor, Joe, Max P, Josh, Sophie, Mia, Tia, Luay, Aran, Matthew, Benicio, Abdullah, Teddy

Spring Term Owls

Finn, Toby, Schroeder, Indi-Violet, Nico, Aina, Feliks, Ariana, Lamaan, Toby, Jessica, Lewis, Diego, Sophia, Rosie, Zack, Eleanor, Mia, MJ, William, Akira, Zachary, Yulai, Ilsa Rose, Louis, Ebu, Nikola, Matthew, Jamie, Isaac, Freddie



Save the date!

2 March 2023

With a programme of exciting events, brand new activities for home and school, and our fantastic line-up of €1/€1.50 books - World Book Day 2023 is shaping up to be the best ever

SAVE THE DATE!

World Book Day on Thursday, 2nd March 2023!

What will YOU wear?

Join us in celebrating another wonderful World Book Day. Lots to look forward to including a live author workshop, competitions, fashion parade and book trail and some book speed dating!



Technology Donations Request

The Early Years team are on the lookout for old/unused phones/ laptops/ remote controls to use in the role play area.

We would welcome any donations, which can be dropped off at Reception.



Congratulations to Jayden and Kai Jing who will sit the Bonus Round of the Primary Maths Challenge 2023.

We wish them the very best of luck!

Reporter: Mrs O' Dowd



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Reception go on a Bear Hunt

This term the Reception Learning Journey is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. So far we have explored a variety of bear themed stories such as: Old Bear, Goldilocks, Where's my Teddy?

In class we have introduced a Class Bear. In RG this is Doughnut Bear and in RM this is Happy Bear. Our bears love to join in with whatever children normally do in the evenings or over the weekends. The bears have special diaries to record the adventures they have had with each family. The children have loved sharing what they got up to with the rest of the class each morning.



Another fun project has been making bear puppets. Sewing is really great for developing fine motor skills as it requires gentle and precise hand movements. Having a go at creating a bear puppet develops many other skills and provides children with a sense of accomplishment, resilience and self-confidence.

Reporters: Mrs Mills and Mrs Gomez

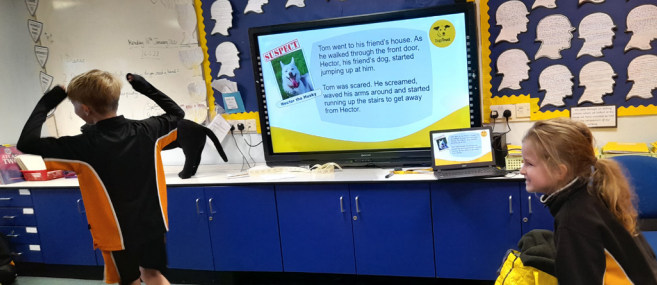
FizzPop Science Assembly

We were lucky enough to welcome Fizzpop Science into School this term, to deliver an exciting assembly all about AIR! Some of our pupils got involved to help demonstrate how air moves and different concepts such as opposite and equal reactions. There was much excitement and laughter, as well as lots of learning!

Fizzpop will be running our after school Science Club in the second half of the Spring Term.

Reporter: Mrs Mack





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Year 1 WOW day

Year 1 celebrated the start of their new Toys Topic with a Wow Day. The children came to school dressed up in costumes inspired by their favourite toys. It was wonderful to see such a diverse array of characters represented.

Children spent the day engaging in a carousel of toy related activities such as following instructions to draw a picture of Buzz Lightyear. The children also had the opportunity to make a sock puppet, design a game, create toys out of Lego and play traditional games. The children had lots of fun and enjoyed completing all the activities. What a brilliant start to our new topic!

Reporter: Miss Jarman



Dogs Trust Assembly

This term, we welcomed Steph from the Dogs Trust into school for an assembly, to teach us all about how to act safely around dogs.

Some of our pupils then had a PSHE session where they became Dog Detectives for the session!

After an 'incident' was shared, we explored different scenarios and discussed how the actions had led to the consequences before suggesting how the child should have acted. We learned about the importance of reading the signals and that it is our responsibility to interact safely and sensibly with dogs.

Reporter: Mrs Mack





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Owlets Fairytale day

The Owlets enjoyed a fun topic day on the theme of fairytales. They took part in a music lesson with Mrs Gallant and made shields, crowns and fairytale puzzles.

The children made amazing fairytale cupcakes and took part in a Match the Character treasure hunt game.

Reporter: Mrs Older



Year 3 Viking WOW day

Year 3 enjoyed a WOW day focused on their new Humanities topic, The Vikings. They made salt dough amulets, learnt about The History of Runes and designed their own longships. They cannot wait to find out all about the Vikings over the coming weeks!

The children enjoyed discovering these 'Did you know?' facts:

- Vikings means 'pirate raids'.
- They did not wear helmets with horns on as widely believed.
- The days of the week were named after Viking Gods.
- Vikings loved blonde hair and brunette men bleached their hair to keep in trend!
- Vikings loved to eat fish.
- Thor was a Viking God and his last name was Odinson.

Reporter: Mrs Coego



Year 5 Buddy Sessions

This term has seen our Reception and Year 5 pupils commence their Buddy Sessions. Each week, one of the Year 5 classes have visited the Reception pupils to spend time getting to know them with the aim of developing friendships and sharing experiences.

So far the buddies have enjoyed reading books, sharing sandwiches during the Teddy Bear's Picnic and exploring the Reception environment. We have been so impressed with the Year 5s and how they have taken on these new roles, demonstrating both our values and Learning Powers. We finished the term with a Buddy Lunch, where all of the Year 5 and Reception children ate together!



Reporter: Mrs Gomez



SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 5 British Film Institute trip to London



On Tuesday 7th February, Year 5 took themselves off to London accompanied by a band of very excited teachers. Two trains later, we all arrived with great enthusiasm at the IMAX Cinema theatre in the heart of Waterloo to Learn French through film; a day organised by the British Film Institute.

We were not disappointed as we watched three short films in French. All of these were accompanied by vocabulary, grammar and speaking tasks. Raf flew the flag for the school giving his opinion of one of the films in French in front of a crowd of 500 other school children.

At the end we were treated to a well-know French film called Une Vie de Chat showing children the value of learning a language along with the famous sights of Paris. Merci Year 5.



Year 6 Music Day at Bedales School

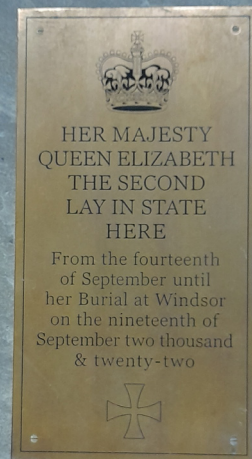
On Thursday 2nd February, Mrs Gallant and Mr Ingrassia took nine children along to the wonderful Bedales School in Petersfield for a day of music making. There were five other schools there and all children had the opportunity to be a part of a large orchestra and to sing some fun warm ups and songs in harmony. Each of our children thoroughly enjoyed this enriching experience and some even had the opportunity to play in the percussion section of the orchestra! The day was led by the school's Musical Director, and assisted by senior students.

After the morning's session the children were treated to a wonderful lunch in the dining hall followed by a performance by the Bedales Rock Band. Seated in the front row we enjoyed a superb and varied performance from their senior students, complete with excellent lighting effects. The children were enthralled.

The last event of the day was an informal concert from the earlier orchestra workshop along with some solo performances from three senior pupils. We returned to Windlesham after a long and happy day, one which we hope will inspire and motivate our young musicians. Special thanks goes to Mr Ingrassia for driving us on the minibus.



Reporter: Mrs Gallant
Head of Music



SCHOOL TRIPS

Our Year 6 Wicked trip to London!

We walked with excitement to Brighton station as we had a great day ahead of us! Thankfully, our train was not cancelled or delayed and we were happy to be on our way. Toot! Toot! London Victoria here we come!

We arrived at Victoria Station and definitely felt that we were in a different place. London was busy with more people than seagulls on Brighton seafront! Along the walk to the Houses of Parliament, we couldn't resist taking a 'quick pic' at the gates of Buckingham Palace. We then paused for a peaceful pit stop by the river at St James's Park. We were joined by an army of pigeons and squirrels – we even saw pink pelican!

As we passed Big Ben, we could see the Houses of Parliament and once we got through security checks, we made our way to the House of Commons. Watching a live debate felt unreal! We have only ever seen it on the TV. We then moved on to the House of Lords where we witnessed some of the bills passed that day.

After our very own immersive House of Commons debate (about whether or not diesel and petrol cars should be banned) our class, 'Speaker of the House' took our votes in the traditional way of 'nos to the left' and 'Ayes' to the right! We had so much fun, that time flew by at a blink at an 'Aye!' (Pardon the pun - we're studying Shakespeare and couldn't resist it!)

After dinner in Pizza Express, we walked to the Apollo Theatre and enjoyed a 'Wicked' performance, which gave us a whole new perspective on the Wizard of Oz! What a brilliant and most memorable day we had. We all agreed that we would never forget it!

Reporters: Belle, Ellie, Isabella and Joshi





SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 5 Science trip to Brighton Girls School



On Tuesday 31st January, Year 5 had the opportunity to join up with the Science Department at Brighton Girls School near Seven Dials to take part in a Space Enrichment afternoon.

The children were treated to an informative talk in the Wonderdome that explored our galaxy, the planets and the Sun. Next, the children watched an exciting video by one of the school's Science teachers, who used the bunsen burner to create all different types of fire using ethanol and other chemicals.

The children were also treated to a very special video about former student, Dr Rose Coogan who is one of only five astronauts to be selected from the UK and is the only astronaut to receive "career astronaut" status. Finally, the children used programming to operate a moon buggy.

A wonderful afternoon was had by all and the children were certainly captivated by the activities they experienced.

Reporter: Mrs Colley

Owlets Hey Duggee theatre trip

On Wednesday 8th February The Owlets visited The Theatre Royal to see a production of Hey Duggee! The group travelled by public bus and sat brilliantly on the bus and in the theatre.

We joined in songs, actions and games with the Hey Duggee puppets and earned our Egg badges, Singing badges, Space badges and Theatre badges along the way.

The children enjoyed spotting their favourite characters and singing the theme tunes from the show.



Reporter: Mrs Older





Under 11's Netball vs Lancing Worthing

On Wednesday 25th The U11 netball team played against Lancing Worthing.

The match started with great enthusiasm but it took a while to build connections. In the second quarter we got out first two goals of the match and half the opposition's score- a result of better spacing and timing coming down the court. With a few positional changes, the second half started with a flurry of defensive intercepts and great passage of the ball to the goal circle. We had some excellent attempts and the quarter score ended 2-1 to Lancing. The girls set themselves the challenge of winning the final quarter- and they did! Quick decision making, clear communication and good positioning meant we kept possession and scored 3 goals, winning the final quarter by 2 goals.

An improved performance from the whole team, and certainly one to be proud of!

Reporter: Mrs Mack

Under 10's & 11'S Football, Lancing, Worthing

We had a fantastic football fixture at Lancing Worthing this week with two matches.



One of our teams played in a round robin with Sompting Abbots and Lancing Worthing. We lost to Sompting Abbots in a closely-fought game and we beat Lancing Worthing 8-0. There was an own-goal plus Joshi scored an amazing four goals, whilst Bobby scored one and Ellie scored two. Elias and Bobby both played in goal and made fantastic saves in the two games, while Sophia and Ava played superb throughout.

Meanwhile, our other team played in an incredibly tight contest where both teams committed to every tackle and it was end to end. Milo put on a dazzling display in goal, making unbelievable saves throughout. Otis and Zak were rocks in defence and showed great passing to their teammates to start the attacks. Isaac, Jamie, Freddie and Stratos displayed brilliant forward-play during the entire game with defence-cutting runs and passing. This all paid off securing a 6-3 victory: Isaac and Jamie both scored two each, whilst Stratos and Freddie scored a goal each too.

It was a pleasure to see great sportsmanship and teamwork in all three games. Well done Windlesham!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



SPORTS NEWS

Under 9's Tag Rugby at Lancing, Worthing

The Year 3 & 4s also had a terrific tag-rugby fixture this week. For some, it was their first ever experience competing in tag-rugby and everyone played with great enthusiasm and effort throughout.

It was a very competitive round-robin against Shoreham College and Lancing Worthing. The year 4's were involved in an incredibly tense battle against Shoreham, losing out by just one try with a 5-6 loss. They bounced back with a highly entertaining 9-7 win against Lancing. Meanwhile the Year 3's played equally brilliant rugby, losing out to Shoreham 8-4 and drawing 4-4 with Lancing. Joe and Alex shared the rugby tries for Year 3, whilst Aran, Jing Shuen, Theo and William scored the tries for Year 4.

Everyone displayed fantastic sporting behaviour throughout all the matches which was brilliant to see!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

Netball at Shoreham College

On 1st February, two netball teams visited Shoreham College. It was a delight to see all the girls showing such progress with not only individual skills, but also their ability to work as a team.

The Yellow team had some great passages of play, and their super defensive pressure saw us gain possession many times. More accurate passing and communication saw us get the ball to the goal circle but we just couldn't quite convert to a goal.

Despite this, everyone was proud of their performance. The Black team started confidently. Shoreham scored the first goal, but better use of space and quick passing saw Windlesham head into the final quarter with a one goal lead.

An outstanding final quarter, with many interceptions and quick connections between the two shooters resulted in a 7-2 win!

Reporter: Mrs Mack



FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

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FOW January Social Event

We had great fun in the pub last week celebrating the end of January. It was lovely to welcome new parents to the school and get to know everyone else a little better.

We're making plans for a year of events with a Summer and Christmas Fayre already in the works. Behind the scenes we're also doing our part to improve the exterior lighting around the school.

The music department is one area of focus for fundraising this year. We hope to make a significant financial contribution to the schools plans to create three new instrument practice rooms.



Sponsored Walk and England Vs France in Six Nations Rugby

Please put **Saturday 11th March** in the diary for Windlesham's first sponsored walk! The route will be round Hove Park and along to Hove Rugby Club for refreshments. Timings will be confirmed shortly.

Afterwards we will then head back to Windlesham to watch England beat France at the Six Nations. Sponsorships form will be sent home soon.

Lastly we plan to be back in the pub on the **17th March for Quiz Night**. Be warned, there is a Teacher Team!! Venue is the new Preston Brewery Tap just off Preston Park, owned by our very own FOW Chair, Natasha.

On a personal note I'd also like to say a huge thank you to Kate Parker for being our FOW Secretary for the last five years - we will really miss her.

Natasha - fow@windleshamschool.co.uk

Upper School Cinema Night - Friday 3rd March

The second half of spring term We are kicking off with a cinema night for the Upper School on the **3rd March**. The school council are busy coming up with a short list of films for the children to vote on. Tickets will be £6 and can be booked via the portal later this month.



TERM DATES

2022-2023 Term Dates

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