



NEWSLETTER | 7/7/23

Prize Giving 2023

The annual Prize Giving events in Years 3 to 6 marked the end of another successful year for our upper school pupils.

They offered a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's academic and personal achievements as well as their contribution to school life.

Parents, carers and teachers looked on with pride as the pupils took to the stage to accept their certificates.

Congratulations to one and all!

Reporter: Mrs Croucher



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,

I have always intended that Windlesham School should be a family school in the truest sense. We try to make sure that all its members feel that they belong, that they are known and understood by other members, and that they can rely on each other for support, companionship and loyalty.

And like all good families, its members should appreciate each other and occasionally say so.

This week I have been genuinely moved by the number of times I have seen or heard shows of appreciation shared between members of our family. Teachers and children have swapped gifts and cards. Colleagues have swapped appreciative comments with each other. Parents have expressed sentiments of respect and regard. This week, as much as any other time, Windlesham School has proven what a strong family we are.

It has been an absolute pleasure knowing you.

Sincerely

John Ingrassia

Headmaster



Preparing children for life

GENERAL NEWS

Prefects for this part of the term

2DJ Rosie & Taigh

3S Akira & Zachary

3C Alex & MJ

4S Luay & Indy

4CM Timothy & Jing Shuen

5OD Ariana & Katie

5FL Alia & Becky

Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Thursday 6th July):

Lower School

Daniel, Jessica, Rosie, Feliks, Zayn, Levi, Anastasia, Felix, Jack, Afie, Zyva

Upper School

Mia, Sulaiman, Isla Rose, Eya, Phoebe, Theo, Reuben, Mia, Harriet, Zak, Delilah, Zachary, Selin, Ebu, Max M, Carla, Seb, Indy, Felix, Connor, Jackson, Daniel, Milo

Summer Term Owls

Reuben H, Alya, Zoey, Yazen, Finn, Sebastian, Freya, Archie, Edward, Etta, Matilda, Daniel, Jude, Feliks, Jessica, Lewis, Toby, Thomas, Anastasia, Diego, Delilah, Mark, Isabella WR, Sulaiman, Joe, Olive, Selin, Theo, Max F, Jing Shuen, Rebecca, Eya, Felix, Eve, Zane

Request for Spare Clothes Donations

Reception would be very grateful for clothes donations for the spares box, particularly trousers, tights, pants/knickers.

Please drop any items to the office.



Eleanor recently won Player of the Year 2022-2023 at the 5Ways Netball Club.

Eleanor has displayed amazing footwork and positioning this season, as well as an infectious team spirit and excitement to play each week. Congratulations Eleanor!



Congratulations to Theo and his team, Seagulls FC U9's, who recently participated in the Southwick Youth Football Tournament.

They played 9 games in the tournament, conceding just 1 goal. They went on to play against Mile Oak in the final and beat them 1-0 in the last minute of extra time. Very exciting and impressive, well done Theo!



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Musical Community Concert at The Church of the Good Shepherd

On Tuesday 13th June, we took part in a Musical Community concert organised by the Church of the Good Shepherd. Three local schools were involved in the performance and we took six of our piano and vocal pupils to perform at the church: Kai Jing, Arthur, Lex, Ava-Rose, Ray and Jackson.

Mr Ingrassia and I were incredibly proud of them all. They were very respectful throughout, and performed with confidence, poise and expression. Many parents and teachers from the other schools went out of their way to congratulate them on their moving performances.

It was a wonderful afternoon, and each pupil deserved all the praise they received. Well done Windlesham!

Reporter: Mrs Gallant



Recycled Art Competition

Mr Hall's lunchtime Model Making club recently entered the ISA RECYCLED ART CHALLENGE. We created a tableau of the Amazon Rainforest made largely from old Amazon delivery boxes.

We are thrilled to announce that we were judged 'Most Creative Artwork'

All winning entries can be viewed on the ISA competitions website.

Reporter: Mr Hall





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Our Summer Harvest

As the Summer term draws to a close, the harvesting of our home grown produce begins. The children were excited to pull up carrots, to pick broad beans, lettuce, radishes and dig deep for baby potatoes.

The children were proud to offer their harvest to Chef Rob for our delicious, healthy lunchtime treats.

Reporter: Mrs Derby



The Great Fire of London

Year One has been learning about the Great Fire of London as part of their topic; London. Children found out that the fire started in a bakery in Pudding Lane. Our chef Rob talked to the children about the ingredients for making bread and then gave them step-by-step instructions to make their own bread. The children were excited about taking home the spoils of their hard work. Thank you so much to our chef Rob who organised the activity. We really enjoyed making our own bread.

Reporter: Miss Jarman



Philosophy in Year 2

Year 2 have been developing their philosophical skills by having a silent debate on our Philosophy focus this week; Names. We explored the importance of names in our society, how names contribute to our self-identify and origin of names.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Owlets Grow a Mini Meadow

At the start of term, the Owlets set about preparing the land for a natural learning project, 'Helping our local Nature.'

The children wanted to help the bees, bugs and butterflies by growing a safe and happy habitat. The Owlets looked at wildlife books and photographs to explore what a natural environment might look like.

The children took turns to send a wish to a bee before scattering seeds to grow wild flowers. Their wishes came true, a beautiful mini meadow grew, with an abundance of small creatures visiting and enjoying their safe and happy environment in our lovely school.



Reporter: Mrs Derby

Fiver Challenge Update

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that the Year 6 Fiver challenge has now finished. Year 6 are very pleased to share that they have raised £587.1, which will be going to their chosen charity, Cancer Research.

From the beginning, when we introduced the Fiver Challenge, right up to the final stall, the children worked with enthusiasm and excitement. Many of the children commented on how much they enjoyed the whole experience and it has certainly helped develop their skills of working in a team, using their initiative, building resilience, solving problems and gaining in confidence and financial literacy.

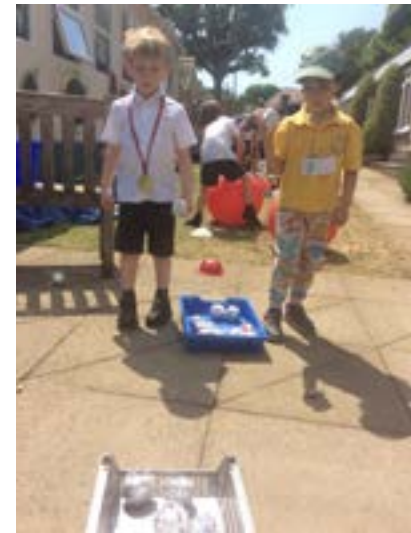
Thank you to all the Year 6 children who have participated in this fantastic project. We would also really like to thank all parents and children across the whole school who have supported this initiative.

Reporter: Mrs Martin





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Space Carousel Workshop

As part of our transition process Owlets, Reception and Year 1 classes joined each other for a 'Space Carousel' workshop. The children split into three mixed groups and had a wonderful afternoon of fun in the different classrooms.

They underwent vigorous 'Astronaut Training' by completing an assault course, designed realistic space walkie-talkies and explored shape in creating their very own rocket pictures.

The highlight however was the rocket ice-lolly enjoyed by all on the lawn.

What a perfect afternoon!

Reporter: Mrs Mills



Year 3 WOW Day

Year 3 had an exciting Wow Day linked to their topic 'Life at the Extremes'.

They exploded volcanoes, made nutritious snack bars, researched interesting facts about their chosen explorers and developed their survival skills.

They will be well equipped should they ever need them!

Reporter: Mrs Coego





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



English in Year One

In English, Year One has been listening to different versions of 'The Three Little Pigs' story. In one of the lessons the children made head bands and took on the role of a character and retold the story.

The children thought about expression and tone in their voices and acted the story in groups. The children will complete this section of learning by writing their own versions of the story, incorporating all the learning within the lessons.

Reporter: Miss Jarman



Architecture Workshop

Years 4-6 had a great and challenging group experience on 15th June with a visit from Architecture Workshops.

Using canes of varying lengths and rubber bands, the children created mammoth rollercoaster tracks in the New Hall.

The workshop provided a learning opportunity about triangular and pyramidal structures as well as working in teams to achieve the desired results.

Reporter: Mr Hall



SCHOOL TRIPS



Van Gogh Alive

Year 3 had an excellent time at the Van Gogh Alive exhibition at Brighton Dome on Tuesday 13th June.

After learning about the artist and creating their own observational piece influenced by the famous sunflowers, the pupils were able to see all of his incredible pieces come to life along with music.

Reporter: Mrs Smallwood



Year 1 Beach School

Year 1 had a wonderful Beach school day last week. We started our day with building pebbles towers, which is one of their favourite activities. By building towers the children can visually see how the tide changes during their time at the beach. Etta remains the winner of building the highest tower- 9 pebbles high!!

The children then went off in small groups and using the natural materials found on the beach, created their own fire engines which is linked to our topic The Great Fire of London. They came up with some very creative designs and enjoyed explaining to their peers what they had made.

In the afternoon, when the tide had gone out, the children had time to explore the rock pools. Many baby crabs were found! We ended our day by creating a museum room with the different materials found on the beach. The children displayed their findings in many different ways.

A super, sunny day was had by everyone!

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery





SCHOOL TRIPS



Year 1 trip to Herstmonceux Observatory

Year 1 had an amazing day at The Observatory Science Centre in Herstmonceux. They began the day with a bridge building workshop, which tested their knowledge of forces and engineering.

The children then explored the interactive activities and became fully immersed carrying out experiments and learning through play.

The children watched a fantastic show with a real Scientist who taught them about space exploration and they participated in experiments led by the Scientist.

Lastly, we had fun outside using the bigger science exploration equipment and water table. There was so much to do!

Reporter: Mrs Delaney



Owlets trip to Washbrooks Farm

The Owlets had an exciting and fun-filled trip to Washbrooks Farm in Hurstpierpoint.

We had a bumpy tractor ride around the farm and noticed some of the animals on our spotter sheets. Then we visited the animal barn and were able to stroke some of the small animals such as the rabbits and tortoises. We asked some questions that we had thought about in advance and found out that adult cows drink water and that the horses eat hay and other food.

We enjoyed playing on all the equipment in the sunshine and especially loved the bouncy pillow and the ride on tractors.

Reporter: Mrs Older





SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 6 residential to Chateau Du Molay

This year we have been so lucky! We were the first year to go on an overseas residential trip. With the help of Travelbound, we journeyed to Chateau de Molay in Normandy, France. To begin this trip, we arrived at school extremely early on Tuesday 20th June, during a thunderstorm! We met our friendly coach driver, Dave and drove a long way to Dover. We passed through border control and sailed to Calais on a ferry. Onboard the ferry we enjoyed Starbucks, buying frappes and pizzas!

Eventually we arrived in Calais then had another long drive to the Chateau de Molay. We were exhausted. We had a delicious dinner of beef stew and chocolate mousse. We had an hour in the field and then went to bed.

On Wednesday we went to Bayeux and saw the historic tapestry and breathtaking Cathedral. We also explored the markets and shops, practicing our French wherever we could! We then travelled to a goat farm, where many of us tried goats' cheese for the first time. To me it tasted like Greek yoghurt! For dinner we had pork and potatoes with crepes to follow. After dinner, we went swimming in the Chateau pool. The pool was lovely and warm and very deep.

The next day, Thursday, we visited Mont Saint Michel, the beautiful floating Abbey. We also travelled to Alligator Bay, where we saw a snake being fed, alligators in their tropical enclosure and got to stroke giant tortoises. We then arrived back at the Chateau and went swimming again. After swimming we had a BBQ and disco. Mrs. Colley, Mrs. Thompsett and Madame Flynn had wild dance moves! Mr. Ingrassia joined in on the YMCA!

Friday was another day of travelling. We had an early breakfast (all the breakfasts were delicious), and got on the coach with Dave. We visited En Fleur, a quaint little port town. We got back on the coach, but were delayed at boarder control, so unfortunately missed our ferry. However, that meant we got to spend an hour in the duty free and try on all the designer perfumes. Finally, we made it onto the ferry and headed home.

Thank you, Mrs. Thompsett, Madame Flynn, Mrs. Colley, Mr. Ingrassia and Dave, for all the fun times and encouragement on our marvelous trip!

Reporter: Charlotte





SPORTS NEWS

Sports Week

We have had a fantastic sports week to finish off our term. It has been full of incredibly-close races, fantastic sportsmanship and great support throughout.

We kicked off our sports week with the upper school sports day on Monday. It was our most action-packed and activity-jammed sports day in a long time, and it was wonderful to see it all unfold. We started with the Y5 & Y6 on track, whilst Y3 & Y4 were showing off their fabulous throwing and jumping in the field events. The races on track were so competitive and there were numerous close finishes to decide first and second. We had multiple heats for many different races and many times when deciding the victor was very hard. In similar fashion, when we swapped year groups over, the races and field events continued to be very tight and the efforts on display were great to see.

We are now going to display our school records on many of the track and field events so be on the look out to see how many years they last!

We continued the sports week with a brilliant biathlon on Tuesday. All the Y5 & Y6s competed in the biathlon, which consisted of a 3k run and then up to 10 lengths of our 15m pool! Like the day before, the effort and determination shown was incredible. A particular highlight was when some of the Y1s came out to support and give high 5s to the multiple runners giving it their all. Like the US sports day, the biathlon was so competitive and the time difference between the podium finishers was very close.

All winners of the US sports day and biathlon events will receive a medal and certificate. I would like to say a massive well done to everyone involved and all the efforts have been incredible to see!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson





SPORTS NEWS

Lower School Sports Day

On Monday, we had our rescheduled Lower School Sports day and it was worth the wait! We had our biggest crowd for Lower School in all the years I have been at Windlesham, which generated a wonderful and supportive atmosphere for all the pupils involved. All the younger pupils did themselves proud as they competed in a variety of races, as well as some throwing and jumping events. It was lovely to see all our efforts in PE lessons demonstrated and highlighted throughout a fantastic morning - Well done Windlesham!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



Beach School and Yellowwave

In between the Upper School events, we have also had the final beach school day of the year for Year 6, as well as a Year 5 beach volleyball trip to Yellowwave! Both year groups did Windlesham proud.

Year 6 spent their day in the sunshine finding numerous different flora and fauna including crabs, shrimps and even managed to get some fish in their buckets!

Year 5 got the opportunity to learn and develop their beach volleyball skills, which was fantastic to see. Everyone got involved and had a fantastic time.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



Swim Festivals

We have had multiple swim festivals throughout the week including the Year 3 & 4 Swim Festival and the Lower schools swim festival too. This allowed everyone to have some competitive fun in the pool and develop their swimming skills.

All the pupils involved have had a great time and showed off their swimming skills.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM



Dear Children, Parents and Teachers,

FOW would like to say a massive thank you for supporting our various events throughout the year. The Summer Fair was a huge success; we raised a record total of over £5K! The Silent Auction was a real success and the live auction, hosted by our very own John Gripton, was so much fun! We are already preparing for next year's prizes so start saving!

The Summer Fair was well attended and FOW had great fun organising it. The Pimms and Sashimi stalls were incredibly popular for us parents, and of course, the Crockery Smash was a winner for all the kids. Please start saving your old crockery so the adults will get a chance next year!

Besides the great fun FOW have preparing these events, the reason we do it is to bring the family together and raise funds for projects that fall under Windlesham budget!! Christmas Fairs, Christmas Discos, Summer Fairs and Easter celebrations are all organised to make fund raising fun, bring the school community together.

FOW needs you!! We welcome volunteers to join the FOW committee anytime. Parents can help at different levels and at different times of the year, just for specific events or as an on-going member of the committee. Please email fow@windleshamschool.co.uk if you are interested in supporting us in any way. We will be holding a Welcome Back FOW meeting on Thursday September 14th at The Woof for all to come along and see what we have in store for the coming year. Further details to follow in September.

Last and most definitely not least, is our goodbye to our incredible Headmaster Mr Ingrassia. I have watched as part of FOW and a parent here at Windlesham since Henry started Owlets (now going into Year 5), our school transform into a wonderful heart-warming, confident school. Mr Ingrassia has worked closely with FOW creating some great experiences and facilities that our children benefit from. These include:

- Outdoor classroom for reception
- Rooftop library terrace
- Story teller's corner by the pool entrance
- Sensory garden by year 2
- Vegetable planters for the whole school
- Revamped Nursery and Reception playgrounds
- New interactive whiteboards for the new building classrooms
- All the AV equipment for the new hall
- The countless learning enrichment days experienced by all the year groups
- The sound proofed Music studios
- The Wildlife Garden

I know personally that my children and I have been lucky to have a wonderful Headmaster and leader see us through these last 7 years at Windlesham. I am sure that FOW past and present all agree. Therefore, on a very sad note from us, Mr Ingrassia we wish you all the happiness in your new venture and FOW thank you immensely for all support and effort over the years.

Thank you everyone and Happy Summer!

Natasha Arghiros and all of FOW



FRIENDS
of Windlesham

TERM DATES

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

