

Crest Competition winners!



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Crest Competition

Over the last few weeks, some talented and extremely creative Windlesham pupils participated in a Crest Competition for their House.

The children were invited to show off their creative flair by designing their House's own crest, complete with a motto if needed.

The entries were submitted for judging and staff voted to decide the winners

The winner's crest will then be put on a flag to represent Bodiam Lewes or Arundel. We have had some excellent entries, so much so, we have decided to hang them all in our corridor! The winners are Lois 6T for Arundel, Leticia 5FL for Lewes and Jack 5FL for Bodiam.

Congratulations to those lucky three!

Reporter: Mrs Smallwood



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
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Headmaster's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half of the Autumn term has now drawn to a close and it has been wonderful to see our new and existing pupils back in School after the Summer Break. They have dived straight back in, determined to make this year as successful as the last.

The pupils have thrown themselves into all the opportunities we have provided as well as the exciting topics they have been studying. This has involved trips to the coast with beach school experiences, wonderful WOW Days where we had dinosaurs entering the school gates, Tudor jam tarts and prehistoric rock cakes being made in our kitchen. We've also had a variety of visitors to Windlesham including a very strict dentist who made sure that reception reminded me every day that lollipops were bad for our teeth and how I needed to eat more apples!

I am proud of the fact that every year 6 owns a position of leadership and responsibility in the school. Their involvement in leadership activities will certainly improve their learning as well as helping them to develop skills and traits needed for success outside of the classroom. Furthermore being on gate duty most mornings, has given me so proud of our Windlesham community because the children have shown real resilience and independence in entering school with such energy, or at times supporting each other to walk to class when there have been tricky moments.

Windlesham wouldn't be the fantastic place that it is without you!

Sincerely,

David Leggett

Preparing children for life

GENERAL NEWS

Prefects for this part of the term

2DJ Lucy & Daniel

3S Amos & Eve

3G Darcey & Taigh

4S Delilah & Theo

4CJ Carla & Seb

5OD Max & Fradley

5FL Luay & Selin

Merits

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

Lower School

Eddie, Kitty, Indi, Schroeder, Zoey, Toby, Jack, Edward, Afie, Daniel, George

Upper School

Annie, Jack, Diego, Essi, Taigh, Nicole, Michael, Rumi, Rosie, Simona, Seb, Zak, Sid, Selin, William, Georgie, Max F, Indy, Guin, Reuben, Ariana, Aram, Matilda, Max M, Lois, Isaac, Hugo

Autumn Term Owls

Felix, Sonny, Sophia, Rudy, Mona, Aylin, Freddie, Freya, Ethan, Finn, Reuben, Sebastian, Sandy, Nico, Archie, Lara, Daniel, Jessica, Sophia, Rosie, Vladimir, Archer, Anastasia, Annie, Amos, Michael, Kyra, Mia, William, Eleanor, Timothy, Georgie, Letty, Dylan, Nathaniel, Eve, Max M, Matilda, Lois, Amelia, Alia



Brighton Surf Life Saving Club shared that Abe represented Brighton at both the Wessex Regionals and Eastern Life Saving Regionals over the summer.

Abe did really well and at the Eastern Regionals, he won two gold and three bronze medals in both team and individual events.

Well done Abe!



Meet our new Science Prefects

Congratulations to our new Science Prefects, Hermione and Hugo. They have already had lunch with Mrs Colley and begun to carry out their duties. We are all looking forward to working together.

Reporter: Mrs Colley

GENERAL NEWS



We would like to congratulate Sophia for winning the U8 Tennis Sussex County Championship during the summer and for making it to the semi-finals of the U9 Sussex County Championship.

In addition to her tennis success, Sophia was scouted to join the Brighton & Hove Albion Football Academy Development Centre in September.

What an inspiration!



Well done to Jack, who took part in the Brighton Triathlon. This was his first triathlon and he finished 7th out of 42 in his age group. What a wonderful achievement!

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Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Mental Health Information from Ms Kiernan

We would like to draw your attention to a series of webinars being run by the local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service. They cover various topics, such as ADHD and Building Resilience.

The webinars are free, but you will need to book a place. Please see the following link for further details.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

European Day of Languages

The children at Windlesham enjoyed a fantastic day celebrating the languages we speak in our school and sharing stories from our heritage on European Day of Languages - we danced flamenco and even enjoyed foods from all around Europe.

Reporter: Madame Flynn



Macmillan Coffee Day

A huge thank you to all parents and friends who supported this charity event. We hope that you all enjoyed meeting up with other parents and chatting to our recently appointed Charity Reps.

They certainly enjoyed the day and at the end of the busy afternoon session asked if we could do another one! Their enthusiasm was still evident despite moving cakes from room to room to lawn. I personally want to thank Amelia, Aram, Becky and Lex for all their hard work.

Thank you to everyone who supplies cakes, especially The Flourpot Bakery and Mr Carter for his chocolate orange cake, which returned for the 3rd year running and was once again very popular. Also to Mrs Tabak for the generous vegan chocolate cake.

Money is still coming in, so I'm unable to give a final total, but to date, we raised £671.40, which is brilliant. So thank you all once again.

Reporter: Ms Groves



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Owlets

The children in Owlets were lucky to have a parent visitor this half term. Kai's Mum came to read the classic 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in German and she also brought in some traditional German bread for the children to eat.

The Owlets nursery and reception classes enjoyed an interesting visit from Vanessa and Micheala to talk to us about going to the dentist. The children found out about foods that are good for our teeth and foods that we should be careful not to have too often. They also learnt about how to brush their teeth properly and how many teeth they have.

Reporter: Mrs Older



Getting to know Reception

The Reception children have had a wonderful start to their educational journey. The children are happy, settled, making new friends and learning the routines and expectations of being at Windlesham School.

We have been focussing on getting to know each other and finding out more about our interests and our families.

We have explored the story 'Map of my Heart' by Sara Fanelli to create beautiful hearts about all the things we love. The children made paper dolls to represent their diverse families after reading 'The Family Book' by Todd Parr and we have explored similarities and difference while painting self-portraits.

It's been a very busy few weeks.

Reporter: Mrs Mills



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Year 1 WOW Day

On Monday 11th September Year One celebrated the start of their topic with a Dinosaur WOW Day. The children and staff came to school dressed up in dinosaur themed attire.

We started the day with a dinosaur hunt in the school grounds. We then took part in a creative carousel. The children all became palaeontologist and looked for dinosaur fossils in the sand tray. They also made their own fossils in salt dough and made colourful stegosaurus head dresses.

The day was a roaring success!

Reporter: Miss Jarman



Year 2 WOW Day

Year 2 had a wonderful WOW Day kicking off our new topic: Brighton & Hove. We created our own Brighton rock cakes, we constructed some 3D seagulls and used marbling ink to create art pieces of Brighton waves.

The children have enjoyed sharing their favourite books with the class.

Reporter: Miss DJ





Year 3 WOW Day

Year 3 kicked off their Egyptian topic with a jam packed WOW Day on Wednesday 20th September.

The children immersed themselves in Hieroglyph writing and emperor hat designing.

We spent some time in the morning discussing everyone's themed costumes and sharing any Learning Grid homework that related to this topic. The children were so proud to share the facts they had found out, weird and wonderful and also spend time looking at the creative posters they had designed at home.

Children also thoroughly enjoyed turning each other into Egyptian mummies, this activity was timed so children needed to use a variety of our learning powers!

We can't wait to see what the rest of the term has in store for us!

Reporters: Mrs Smalwood & Mrs Gomez



Year 4 WOW Day

Year 4 had a wonderful Tudor WOW Day to launch their exciting topic for the term, The Tudors. Throughout the day, they took part in lots of fun activities. They made a Tudor purse out of felt and cord and made some Tudor coins to put inside it.

They baked some delicious Tudor tarts, which tasted amazing and learnt a gruesome song about The Tudors in their Music lesson.

A fun day was had by all!

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Year 5 and Reception Buddy Lunch

Reception and Year 5 have really been enjoying spending time together during their Buddy Lunches.

During this time, the Buddies get to spend time together eating lunch and having a catch up! This week saw the children talking over their roast dinners, the Year 5's helping the younger children with cutting up their food and a chance to talk about their learning.

You could hear the younger children talking about the sounds and numbers they have learnt! We really look forward to our next lunch together!

Reporter: Mrs Lilley





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Author Visit

What a wonderful way to start the Autumn Term by celebrating Literacy Week with a bang! We were joined by Years 3, 4 and 5 for a workshop assembly, presented by none other than Jamie Littler. This proved to be an interactive and immersive journey about how to start from a light bulb idea to an illustrated character who tells your story!

Not only did we meet Jamie's Arkspire's characters, drawn live in front of us, we collaborated as a huge group and with Jamie's patience and expertise, we created a character of our very own! We shall hang it in the library with pride.

Finally, Jamie arrived at our Y6 classroom having been toured around to meet the other year groups by Mrs Croucher. He seemed delighted that we were ready and waiting, armed with questions in our pockets and character creations laid out on our desks; Jamie has so much patience as he stopped to talk to each one of us!

We then interviewed him and learned so much about how creativity and resilience play a big part in the real world. Jamie talked about all the tools we needed to never give up and keep going, even when the going gets tough. Another thing we learned, which we found so wonderful, was Jamie's 'Book Fairy for Day' adventures where he leaves gift wrapped books around London for the finder to keep! How cool is that?

So many of us cherish the books signed with a personal little illustration from Jamie!

Y6 Reporters: Max P, Lois and Cyrus

We are very proud of our Year 6 Librarians who are looking forward to inspiring reading across the school this year!

Miss Thompsett



SCHOOL TRIPS



Year 2 Beach School

Year 2 had a glorious, sunny day at Beach school this week. They started the day with one of their favourite activities, making pebble towers. This is a great visual way of seeing how the tide changes during the day at the beach.

Well done to Levi for building the tallest one -11 pebbles high!! Linking with their art curriculum, the children used the natural materials found on the strandline to create self portraits. Wonderful creations were made, with seaweed being a firm favourite material to use for hair. They also made different 2D shapes with stones and other materials and enjoyed a rock pooling session in the afternoon.

A splendid day was had by all!

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery



SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 1 trip to Drusillas

On October the 10th Year 1 set off to Drusillas Park, Alfriston for an exciting adventure. The children met education officer James Woodward who provided a hands-on workshop full of experiences for the children to enjoy. The workshop opened with wonderful facts about prehistoric times. The children shared their knowledge and understanding on what we have been learning about during our 'Digging for Dinosaurs' topic lessons.

"My best part of the day was touching the crocodile skin it was lumpy!" Archie.

"I found a real life fossil!" Nico.

"Roarrrrrrrr, we are a fierce T-Rex!" Sebastian and Edward.

"I was so brave, I touched the real snake!" Ivy

We also met an unusual mammal, with a soft hairy tummy, a pink face, a little black nose and a name that translates to 'little armoured one' can you guess? She was a very friendly, hairy armadillo!

We were very fortunate to meet one of the oldest terrestrial species that lived alongside the dinosaurs and beyond, the Madagascan hissing cockroach. The children observed his hard, shiny plates which forms his exoskeleton, made of chitin, and his amazing sticky legs that enabled him to hang upside down on James' finger!

Throughout the day, we met a whole host of endangered species and compared fur, feather and scales. Drusillas marked their endangered species' enclosures with a conservation and education in action sign, which the children observed and stamped in their books on the way around the park. Amongst these endangered species were the Sulawesi crested macaque, the Black lemur, and a ring-tailed lemur.

I would like to say a very big thank you to James and all the keepers at Drusillas for providing us with such an educational encounter with our natural world. We hope to come and visit again soon!

Reporter: Mrs Derby





Football Tournament at Lancing Worthing

We competed in the football tournament at Lancing Worthing Prep, which consisted of a group stage followed by a knockout round.

During the group stage, we played against: Lancing Prep Worthing, Lancing Prep Hove and Great Ballard school. We had a fantastic first game against Lancing Prep Worthing, winning 6-0 with Isaac scoring 4 goals and Jack scoring 2.

Our second game was a lot closer and required a great comeback to secure a 1-1 draw with Isaac scoring the equaliser. Connor made some incredible saves and we had terrific defending from Jamie and Dylan that kept us tied.

We then went on to win our third game against Great Ballard with a 4-0 win where there were four different scorers with Jamie, Dylan, Theo and Isaac all scoring. This win meant that Windlesham topped their group and went into the quarter finals with great confidence and belief.

Windlesham displayed great teamwork and determination to power through their quarter final game, winning 5-0. Marley and Dylan both scored two and Jamie scored as well. Windlesham continued their fantastic performance with a great semi-final win. Isaac and Marley both scored and Dylan scored a fantastic hat-trick to win 5-0 and sail through to the final.

The final drew Windlesham against Lancing Prep Hove for the second time. Windlesham started fast and scored three fantastic goals with Isaac scoring two and Dylan scoring one. Lancing Prep Hove replied with a goal but Windlesham showed great possession and defence to hold out for a fantastic 3-1 victory and won the tournament.

Congratulations to Connor, Dylan, Marley, Jamie, Theo, Jack and Isaac for winning the whole competition - well done everyone!!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

Windlesham vs Shoreham Netball



On Wednesday, 13th September saw our first netball fixture of the year, against Shoreham College. The team started well, with some good connections down the court. Our defenders intercepted several balls and we managed to take a 2-0 lead into the first break. The second quarter started with a bang and the goals were flying in.

Confident passing and shooting in the circle saw us push out the lead to 7-1 by half time. With a switch up in Shoreham's defence, the pressure caused a few missed connections and poor passes. Our defenders kept up their pressure, keeping the quarter level, giving us a 8-2 lead as we went into the final quarter. Determined to finish strongly, the centre court brought the ball down to the shooting circle confidently and our great decision-making and excellent passing saw us finish strong. We won 13-3!

After some impressive passing and shooting, Phoebe was awarded Player of the Game by the opposition.

A great first outing, showing so much improvement!

Reporter: Mrs Mack



SPORTS NEWS

Windlesham vs Shoreham College Football

Windlesham's A- team won 9-2 against Shoreham College on Wednesday 13th September. The team played fantastically well, each player passed the ball around very well and created many chances in the game. We are fortunate to have such a talented squad and there was a lot of great skill shown by all the players in particular from Jack, Jamie, Theo & Isaac. Also a mention for the children of Shoreham College who also gave a good account of themselves, there was a lot of effort & they never dropped their heads regardless of the score.

Windlesham's B-team won 15-1 against Shoreham College. The team spent the vast majority of the game near the Shoreham College goal, you could see the confidence of all the team increase dramatically with each goal scored. Shoreham College's goalkeeper managed to score a goal, which you don't see very often! This result will give the team a lot of confidence & momentum looking forward to future fixtures.

Really well done to all the players that took part!

Reporter: Mr Mountford



Netball against Shoreham College

On 4th October the U11 netball team ventured to Shoreham College for a fixture. The team started confidently, implementing skills from our recent lessons and club sessions. We scored early, but Shoreham College came back at us quickly, scoring three goals in quick succession.

However, after a quick quarter-time team talk, Windlesham returned to the court determined. Our centre court players picked up a few intercepts and quick passing and movement in the circle saw us score another two goals and take the lead. The second half started with some excellent defensive work, preventing Shoreham for scoring.

Windlesham found good space down the court and passed quickly, leading to another two goals! For the final quarter we switched up positions and once again, confident movement and clear connection down the court saw us score again and seal the win!

The final score was 7-3 to Windlesham. Player of the Match (as voted by Shoreham College)- Hermione.

Reporter: Mrs Mack

FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

Friends of Windlesham (FOW) are a group of parents who volunteer their time to support our school.

We do this in two ways. First, by organising fundraising opportunities and events so the school can make any extra improvements they would like. Secondly we help create the real feeling of community amongst the parents at Windlesham through social events outside of school. We hope to see you at the next one especially if you are fairly new to the school.

One of our fundraising objectives this year was to improve the playground equipment. A new climbing frame was installed over the summer and it has been a delight to see the children playing on the new climbing frame and other equipment.

We also invested in new festoon light and as the nights are now drawing in we can also see how much difference the new lighting will make to us all.

The Green Room has been significantly transformed into 3 separate music practice rooms, with full sound proofing. We are incredibly grateful to The Jannece Family, who donated materials and labour to the project.



Pub Night

Friday 3rd November

Friends of Windlesham are hosting a pub night. It's a lovely opportunity to relax and get to know more parents. It's also the best time to find out more about what Friends of Windlesham are up to and how you can get involved.

It would be lovely to see you from 7:30pm onwards, Preston Brewery Tap, near Preston Park.

Natasha Arghiros

Chair of Friends of Windlesham

fow@windleshamschool.co.uk



Christmas Fayre

Friday 1st December

Yes we're already thinking about Christmas! Please save the date in your diary and think about clearing out some of your soft toys for the Teddy Tombola!

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



Park safely Park legally

Park considerably

Consider walking part
of the way to school or share the
school run with other parents

... meaning fewer cars at
the school entrance

... making it safer for you
and your children.



If you need to drive your child to school

For the safety of your child, their friends, and the local community we request that you park safely, legally and considerably. This means not parking on single or double yellow lines; not double parking; not stopping or dropping off on the School Keep Clear yellow zig zags or pedestrian crossing white zig zag lines; not parking on corners or junctions near the school entrance; not blocking driveways.

What can I do instead ?

Try 'Park and Stride' – park away from the school entrance and walk the last 5 or 10 minutes. Walking half a mile only takes between 8 and 17 minutes. How many calories you burn depends on how fast you walk!

Try a 'Walking Bus' – organise a small group of parents to share the walk to school and take it in turns with other parents to do the school run. You could even combine this idea with Park and Stride.

Walking to school contributes to the recommended daily physical activity for you and your children. It also helps to reduce congestion around the school and helps to improve air quality, providing benefits for everyone.

Try Car Sharing – if you have to drive to school then get together with other parents who need to go by car and take it in turns to drive

You could start by doing any of these just once or twice a week.

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