



NEWSLETTER | 08/12/23

## Black History Month

Throughout the month of October, different year groups in our school, from oldest to youngest have looked at different famous and influential black people. Year 6 learnt about Walter Tull and researched the impact he had during WW1.

Reception spent the whole week, immersing themselves in the book 'Handa's Surprise'. They danced like Handa and ate her fruits!

Year 4 learnt about John Blake who was a famous black musician and Year 3 looked at John- Michel Basquit and had a go at creating their own inspired pieces.

In Science, we researched Mae Jemiso, Patricia Bath and Katherine Johnson, their work is inspiring! As Humanities Prefects, we lead a Whole School Assembly, where we delivered the message of challenging racism.

We are proud that we spent time as school focusing on such inspiring individuals and hope our work made a big impact.

Isabella, Matilda and Max. M



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



Dear parents and carers,

What a fabulous term! As we enter the Christmas holidays it is worth taking a moment to reflect upon just how much the children have achieved over the past few months.

There has been huge effort in the classroom with children producing so much excellent work across the curriculum, making visible progress and smiling at the same time! It has been a wonderful term of sport, performing arts and outdoor learning experiences. Our children have experienced trips and workshops, pupil led and special assemblies as well as several charitable and community events. All of this is what makes Windlesham such a special place to study and work and enables the children to make the most of their interests, abilities and potential.

I hope you enjoy above our digital Windlesham Christmas card, which includes a wonderful Santa pencil drawing by Jack in year 5. Thank you Jack!

Wishing everyone in the Windlesham community a very merry Christmas and a restful, and safe, holiday when it arrives.

Warm regards,

David Leggett

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Windlesham School  
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# GENERAL NEWS

## Prefects for this part of the term

2DJ	Etta & Levi
3S	Annie & Micheal
3G	Archer & Rosie
4S	Alex & MJ
4CJ	Krya & Lucas
5OD	Louis & Jing Shuen
5FL	Mia & Zane

## Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Thursday 7th December):

## Lower School

Nico B, Sebastian, Sandy, Sorrel, Nico RC, Ivy, Freya, Alya, Aina, Jude, Levi, Fifi, Ariana, Jessica

## Upper School

Eli, Amos, Anastasia, Micheal, Annie, Rosie, Sophia, Olive, Delilah, Theo, Ethan, Lottie, Mia, Akira, Tia, William, Zachary, Timothy, Letty, Jack, Felix, Raf, Hermione, Jamie, Phoebe, Benicio, Maisie, Becky, Cyrus, Maisie H, Lucia

## Autumn Term Owls

Lotta, Nico, Suri, Carles, Felix, Aina, Alya, Jack, Zoey, Ivy, Sorrel, Schroeder, Nico, Eddie, Genevieve, Etta, Felix, Matilda, Toby, Fifi, Essi, Nicole, Justin, Taigh, Darcey, Eve, Jack, Micheal, Eli, Diego, Joe, Oliver, Seb, Akira, Zachary, Lucas, Simona, Jack, Selin, Indy, Eve, Jing Shuen, Ernie, Matthew, Aram, Becky, Pheobe, Olly, Jonty, Connor, Max M, Amelia



We would like to congratulate Abe for being awarded the Nipper Sport Award from Brighton Surf Life Saving Club.

What a great achievement, well done!



In Sweden the children celebrate Christmas by decorating and sharing gingerbread houses with friends.

The girls in Reception worked hard last weekend decorating houses to make a beautiful gift for the whole Reception class to share!

Thank you so much...God Jul!

# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## Buddy visits

The Owlet children have really enjoyed having their Year 4 buddies come to play with them every week during registration!

++++++We love watching older children interact and play with younger children at Windlesham and think it is so important to develop relationships across year groups.

Reporter: Miss DJ



## Taskmaster Club

Taskmaster Club is a national initiative offered to schools by the brains behind the Taskmaster television show. At Windlesham, we didn't hesitate to sign up and it wasn't long before our eager Year 6 pupils were being put through their paces by Windlesham's very own Taskmaster: Mrs Croucher!

The club takes the joy and silliness of the hit television show and uses it to promote teamwork, critical thinking, creativity, problem solving and communication skills in our pupils. Each week, the teams faced a series of tasks which included challenges like making the most appealing looking meal out of things you can't eat; building the tallest tower; writing the best 50 word story; making a shopping bag as heavy as possible; keeping a ball moving for the longest time possible without touching it and creating a portrait of the original Taskmaster Greg Davies out of leaves!

All of the teams demonstrated great ingenuity, terrific teamwork and an uplifting spirit of fun and curiosity. Only one team could come out on top though and although the race was very tight, The Taskmelons collected the most points and seized the win for the Autumn term. Congratulations to Hermione, Isaac, Olly and Max!

We hope to see the club return in the Spring term. Come and join us!

Reporter: Mrs Croucher





## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Children in Need - Friday 17th November 2023.

Thank you to everyone for supporting Children in Need. Everyone had a fun day and enjoyed choosing 'new' toys to buy in our Toy Sale. It was great to also see various shades of yellow throughout the day.

We raised the sum of £465 throughout the day which will go towards helping numerous children's charities throughout the UK.

We were a small, but important contribution to the overall total of more than £33 million.

We were delighted to have a surprise visit from Pudsey, who was there to welcome the children on the gate when they arrived at school.

Reporter: Mrs Groves





## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Anti Bullying Week at Windlesham- Make A Noise

We kicked off Anti Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November. Odd Socks Day first started in 2017 as a way to deter bullying in school. With the rise of technology and the added pressure children face on social media and at school, the Anti-Bullying Alliance created the idea of Odd Socks Day to remind people that it's good to stand out. By expressing oneself without fear of judgment, we reaffirm the idea that being who you are is more than enough. If we can appreciate someone else's odd socks, we can also appreciate and celebrate everyone's differences.

The children took part in a whole host of activities throughout the week. At Windlesham, we want to put the focus on being kind as opposed to saying 'don't be a bully'. Some of the exciting activities that took place were;

- All members of Windlesham created and decorated a leaf to add onto our Windlesham Kindness tree that is proudly displayed in our hall.
- Children sang a song about the theme; Make a Noise.
- Children took part in drama lessons that explored different bullying scenarios, discussing what a bystander is and how to be an upstander.
- A whole school assembly where children learnt the acronym STOP to know the difference between bullying and someone being unkind by using (Several Times On Purpose, Start Telling Other People).

At Windlesham we are committed to creating an environment where children are kind to one another, recognises different forms of bullying and chooses to be an upstander to ensure no-one is bullied in our community.

Reception celebrated Anti Bullying week by transforming themselves into Kindness Superhero's, inspired by 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra. The children made superhero masks, wrote about what it takes to be a kind friend and even made traps for Supertato's arch enemy the evil pea.

They loved transforming a real potato into their own hero. The children designed a wanted poster and wrote speech bubbles for the evil pea once it was caught in a jelly trap. The highlight of the week was dressing up as their favourite superhero!

Reporters: Miss DJ & Mrs Mills



# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



## Owlets present The Wiggly Nativity

The Owlets were very excited to perform "The Wiggly Nativity" to their families and friends - in fact no one was sitting still!

The children worked hard to learn the songs and they all danced and sang with enthusiasm to bring the story of the first Christmas to life.

Reporter: Mrs Older



## Early Years VIP Event

Were you lucky enough to be invited to the Early Years VIP event?

What a very special time we all had. Each child invited their own very important person for an interactive event in the Reception and Nursery learning environments. There were so many exciting activities to participate in and an opportunity for the children to guide their adult around the learning.

The event was topped off with a treat of homemade cake, biscuits and tea provided by Chef Rob. It was such a wonderful occasion!

Reporter: Mrs Mills



# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



## Marble Reward in Year 1

1J and 1DC have filled their marble jars. The children earn marbles for excellent behaviour and for working together.

On Tuesday 21st November, Year One were rewarded with a golden time afternoon. The Heritage Hall was set up with lots of activities and the children were able to choose which activities they wanted to explore. We had party music playing and lots of fun was had by all. Well done Year One!

You have been working so hard!

Reporter Miss Jarman



## Micro Habitats and Emotion Poems in Year 2

Year 2 conducted an investigation into micro habitats. We went on a hunt around the school gardens to see how many different minibeasts live in various micro habitats at Windlesham.

Next, we will use the information to design and make our own micro habitat for woodlouse to live in.

The children have worked incredibly hard to create their emotion poems in English. They were inspired by our current class text, The Colour Monster.

In Art, children created an abstract pieces to represent their chosen emotion with colour and shape. We have their wonderful poems displayed proudly in our book corner that we love showing off to visitors!

Reporter: Miss DJ





## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Maths in Year 3

In our maths lessons, Year 3 have been learning how to calculate column subtraction using a very useful resource called Dienes.

Have you ever used them?

By using Dienes, they were able to visualise regrouping better and it helped them calculate large numbers!

Super work Year 3!

Reporter: Mrs Smallwood



### Year 4 Tudor Workshop

On Tuesday 11th November Year 4 had a visit from Margery Horsman, a Maid of Honor in the Royal Household of King Henry VIII.

Being in service throughout Henry's reign, she is somewhat an expert in court etiquette and certainly has a tale or two to tell.

During the morning the children were engaged with Freeze frame activities from different scenarios from the Tudor Period which included jousting, Tudor feasting and The Tudor Rose.

The children learned a traditional 'Pavane' dance that was often performed in Henry VIII's court, and took part in a quiz.

Reporter: Mrs Slater



# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## Maths in Year 5 & 6

Times Tables Rock Stars has been launched in Year 5 and Year 6.

There is a buzz of excitement across the Year Groups as competition builds to top the tables.

Times Tables Rock Stars will be filtered through to the other year groups.

Reporter: Ms O' Dowd



## Joyeux Noel

The entire school have been learning all about the celebrations for Christmas in France. They have learnt songs and poems in French about Christmas traditions and listened to a beautiful story of friendship on Christmas Eve - la veille de Noel

Reporter: Madame Flynn



## World War 1 topic in Year 6

In Year 6, our topic has been World War 1. We have been looking in detail at recruitment into the army and the different type of tactics that were used to persuade people to join.

We delved into the various propaganda posters that were used at the time and it gave us an idea.....we designed our own posters that Mr Leggett could use as a marketing tool at Windlesham!

The pupils came up with some powerful and punchy headlines with along with some wonderful graphics.

Reporter: Mrs Lilley



# MEET THE TEAM

## Meet the staff – An Interview with Chef Rob

Q: How long have you been working here?

A: I started in 2021, so I have been here for just over 2 years.

Q: What is your favourite dish to make and why?

A: Meringue because I have won awards for them in the past.

Q: Would you like to go on Masterchef?

A: No, because I'm famous enough

Q: Do you have a secret ingredient?

A: Care and attention

Q: Where did you work before you came here?

A: I was a Chef Manager in an assisted living accommodation

Q: What is your favourite restaurant in Brighton?

A: Embers in The Laines

Q: Have you ever won any awards?

A: I won Hanover Chef of the Year in 2018 and Hanover & Anchor Chef of the Year in 2019

Q: What is your favourite food?

A: Vietnamese, because it reminds me of my honeymoon to Vietnam.

Q: Do you have any tips for people who want to be a chef?

A: Go out and try many different types of food. Be adventurous with your eating!

Q: If you were stuck on a desert island with 3 things, what would they be?

A: The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, sun cream and a satellite phone

Q: What is your favourite animal?

A: Whales, because I love the sea

Q: What is your favourite children's book?

A: Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl, I have just finished reading it with my son

Reporters: Cyrus and Maisie





## SCHOOL TRIPS



### Year 4 Beach School

Year 4 had a marvellous, sunny trip to the beach. We began with building pebbles towers, trying to beat the record of 13 pebbles high, Rumi did a magnificent job of getting very close. Linked to their art topic of portraits, the children used natural materials and the creativity learning power to create their art masterpieces.

We had a litter clean and talked about the importance of why we do this, thinking of the motto 'Take three for the sea'. As the weather had been very stormy the week before, there was a lot of washed up rubbish to be found. We ended the day by trying to design as many regular and irregular 2D shapes with the resources found on the beach.

A super day was had by all!

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery

### Year 5 Trip to Hertsmonceux Science Observatory



After a damp journey we arrived at the Observatory for a fun filled day of Forces, the Earth, Moon and Stars. We began our day by visiting the indoor exhibits which ranged from optical illusions, the Earth and moving objects around. Lucky for us, we were able to play on these exhibits whenever we had free time.

Next we had a telescope tour, where our guide gave us a wonderful talk explaining the telescope and its function. He also showed us how the roof of the telescope rotated.

After a slightly chilly lunch, we had two more workshops; the Earth, Moon and Sun and Destination Space, where our guide did some exciting and interactive activities informing us how astronauts prepare for space.

A great trip that really enhanced the beginning of our Earth and Space topic.

Reporter: Mrs Colley

## Year 3 visit The Brighton Museum

This half term Year 3 became Egyptian Embalmers during our Humanities trip to Brighton Museum.

We were so lucky with the weather and really enjoyed being out and about in Brighton in the sunshine.

As part of our mummification experience the children re-enacted the mummification process using life-sized mummy dolls and discovered how their bodies were preserved in preparation for their journey into the afterlife.

Did you know that the brains were pulled out of the nose?! And that if a person's heart was heavier than a feather their heart would be fed to the crocodile gods!

Not only did we have to prepare and wrap the bodies, we also needed to clean, preserve and decorate them with jewellery and amulets for their journey to the afterlife.

Reporter: Mrs Gomez



## Year 6 trip to The Amex

We actually went to the Brighton and Hove Albion Amex Stadium! Arriving on the train, we made our way across the bridge and waited patiently for our tour to begin. When we got going, we visited the lounges where the fans fine-dine before the game. We then moved in awe down a hallway to twelve private viewing rooms for season ticket holders and celebrities to watch the game. They had pictures and signed shirts on the walls. Once we were torn away from all that luxury, we went up in the elevator from the Concorde to where Seagull fans view the game. The pitch looked amazing and was being skilfully mowed at the time.

Passing the trophy and plaques cabinet, we couldn't resist another photo opportunity. We were then astonished to see what we thought was an enormous window was actually a super large computer screen as well as a modesty block for celebrities such as Ant and Dec, who recently visited, and Prince William himself! We got to sit on the seats they, and the likes of them, sit on – how cool is that?

We walked from there to the media conference room where we positioned ourselves on the panel to be interviewed by the 'media' – that was so special! As if that wasn't enough, we proudly walked through the famous players tunnel where so many incredible players have gone before us. The view of the pitch was breath taking and we even sat where the managers and substitutes sit. Overall, this was a visit we will never forget. Lastly, one big thank you to all the teachers who organised and took us on such memorable trip - Seagulls!

Reporters: Isaac & Cyrus

And here follows a quick word from our Windlesham Managers and Pundits: 'It was a day of two halves where, at the end of the day, Y6 children were all trophy winners and deserve to be at top of the league.'

Mr Wilkinson, MissThompsett and Mrs Halfacree





### Small Schools League Round Up

This term we competed in the Brighton & Hove Small schools 7 aside tournament. This event consisted of a group stage followed by a knock out round all the way to a final.

Windlesham won all their group stage games, winning 1-0, 2-0, and 6-0, with Isaac, Dylan, Theo, Marley, Nathaniel and Jack all getting on the scoresheet. By winning all 3 games, Windlesham won their group and enjoyed a bye straight into the quart-finals as a result.

The knock-out rounds saw an increase in quality and intensity as everyone knew they couldn't afford to concede. We won both our quarter final and semi final 1-0 with great goals from Jack in each game. Some brilliant defending and teamwork ensured victory to take us to the final.

In the final, Windlesham started fast with Isaac dribbling brilliantly down the wing and squaring it to Theo who expertly placed it in to make it 1-0. We quickly moved to 3-0 with a great goal from Dylan and another from Theo. Everyone played superbly throughout the final and we successfully defended our lead to take the trophy!

A huge congratulations to the whole team: our goalkeeper Abraham, who did not concede a goal throughout the entire tournament, Marley, Isaac, Dylan, Jack, Theo, Nathaniel, Zane and our captain Jamie who lifted our new trophy. I am so proud of all the team and it was a joy watching them play all day. Well done Windlesham!!

Reported: Mr Wilkinson



### Football & Netball Tournament at Shoreham College

We had a very successful and fun fixture at Shoreham College this week. Windlesham were dominant in the Year 3 football with an excellent 6-0 win with goals coming from Sophia, Diego, Micheal and Jack. We saw great teamwork and passing throughout. The Year 4 Windlesham game was a bit closer but we ran out worthy winners with Ethan and Zachary scoring in a 3-1 victory.

Meanwhile, we also did fantastic in the netball games. Windlesham won three out of four games: winning 1-0, 3-2 and 3-1, whilst they drew the other 1-1. Everyone showed excellent passing and defending throughout, which was really pleasing to see.

Well done to everyone involved!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

# FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

## Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre was a great success with children and adults all enjoying the afternoon and early evening. A big thanks to all parent helpers, led by the FOW team of Natasha Arghiros and Wilson Fernandez, ensuring an enjoyable evening as the event turned out to be a great success. As always Mrs Mack was instrumental in helping organise and inspiring our event and my thanks go out to her.

We all appreciate the work that Friends of Windlesham carry out to raise money that benefit the children here. Thus far they have supported the children by subsidising a flamenco dancing, which was part of European Day of languages, and we have earmarked money to towards a maths workshops in the spring term. All of our pupils were able to enjoy Christmas school discos this week, which were courtesy of Friends of Windlesham. Larger scale funding projects will be discussed very early on in the New Year.

We would like to thank the following companies for their generous donations to our raffle:

- SportsCool Brighton
- The Fitness Bar
- The Salt Room
- WetWetWet Swim School & Activities 4 Kids
- Pied Piper
- Donatellos
- Nuffield Health
- LazerZone
- SAMA Karate
- Pier Pressure
- The Woof
- CC Dance
- The Dyke Tavern
- Palmeira Servicing
- The Flour Pot
- Illuminated at Leonardslee
- Visit Brighton
- Curio Wines
- Milkshed Coffee
- Goldstone Rum Distillery
- Advance Cleaning

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# TERM DATES

## 2024 - 2025 Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2024

#### Staff Inset days

Monday 2nd September & Tuesday 3rd September

#### Term starts

Wednesday 4th September

#### Half Term holiday

Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November inclusive

#### Term ends

Friday 13th December 2024

### Spring Term 2025

#### Staff Inset Day

Monday 6th January

#### Term starts

Tuesday 7th January 2025

#### Half Term holiday

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February inclusive

#### Term ends

Friday 28th March

### Summer Term 2025

#### Staff Inset day

Tuesday 22nd April

#### Term starts

Wednesday 23rd April

#### Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May

#### Half Term holiday

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May inclusive

#### Term ends

Thursday 10th July

#### Staff Inset Day

Friday 11th July



## 2023- 2024 Term Dates

### 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