



NEWSLETTER | 28/03/24

House Point Notice Boards

We were thrilled to extend our sincerest gratitude to Mr Maclean for his invaluable contribution to our school environment. He kindly constructed exquisite wooden house point notice boards that now sit proudly outside the pool and lawn area. These beautifully crafted boards not only serve as a practical means of displaying achievements but also add a touch of warmth and elegance to our school. It is clear to see that Mr Maclean's craftsmanship and generosity have left an indelible mark on our school.

On behalf of the entire school community, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr Maclean for his kindness.

Reporter: Mr Leggett



Headmaster's message

Dear Parents and Carers

It is incredible to think we are already at the end of the Spring Term! Where has the time gone since Christmas? Looking through this newsletter, however, it is clear that the time has gone in the huge amount of learning, assessment, activities, clubs, trips, community support and events, which have taken place over the last three months.

A big thank you to Mrs Colley for organising Science Week last week, so many creative activities really inspired the children and it was a fantastic week filled with hands on experiments and learning opportunities for the children.

Finally, thank you to the FOW team who have organised the summer term Quiz Night. Please do see their posters and sign up for what should be an evening of fun.

Happy Easter!

David Leggett
Headmaster

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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Preparing children for life



GENERAL NEWS

Prefects for this part of the term

2DJ	Daniel & Feliks
3S	Eli & Jack
3G	Darcey & Taigh
4S	Joe & Dorothy
4JP	Tia & Seb
5OD	Indy & Dylan
5FL	Harry & Zachary

Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Wednesday 27th March):

Lower School

Sorrel, Ivy, Afie, Genevieve, Jack, Sebastian, Lara, Daniel, Toby W,

Upper School

Amos, Michael, Anastasia, Diego, Jack, Eve, Essi, Sophia, Tia, Eleanor, Mia, Seb, Kyra, Jack, Georgie, William, Timothy, Sid, Henry, Indy, Jonty, Isabella C, Matilda, Hermione, Aram, Max P, Lois, Cyrus. Becky, Marley

Spring Term Owls

Elodie, Otis, Aidan, Tahlia, Halle, Kitty, Aureila, Felix, Freddie, Freddie, Zoe, Archie, Freya, Ethan, Toby H, Archie W, Eddie, Indi-Violet, Lucy, Toby W, Ariana. George, Archer, Sophia, Essi, Nicole, Darcey, Eli, Jack SL, Annie, Joe, Delilah, Alex, Dorothy, Eleanor, Kyra, Simona, Lucas, William, Timothy, Reuben, Isaac, Jamie, Max M, Marley, Aram, Harriet



We are incredibly proud of Cyrus for his recent achievements at the Worthing Drama Festival.

Cyrus won the solo drama section for his age at the festival and the following day he took part in the finals, which he won for the second year in a row.

Cyrus took 1st place for Young Performer of the Year trophy and he won the trophy for highest mark for his scene Wonder.

Well done Cyrus!!

sandhoppers

Brighton Surf Life Saving Club – Sandhoppers 2024 Info Sheet

Sandhoppers cater for children aged 5 to 7 and provides a great early introduction to our ocean safety training and the lifesaving pathway. Sandhoppers are our youngest members and train during the summer months from June through to August only.

Activities include beach games like flags, obstacle courses and going into the sea when conditions allow. The aim of Sandhoppers is to start beach safety awareness early on, building confidence and experience ahead of joining Nippers.

Overall, the aim is to instil enthusiasm for the beach environment through fun activities.

Does my child need to be able to swim to join sandhoppers?

No. Sessions are based on building confidence regardless of their starting ability.

Are the sessions properly supervised?

All sessions are led by fully insured and accredited Surf Life Saving GB Level 2 Coaches who are also qualified Beach Lifeguards. All coaches hold a valid DBS check and have undergone annual Safeguarding Training.

Given the age of the children, we do ask that one nominated parent/carer always remains with the child during the session (dryside & in the water). The role of this adult will be to encourage and support their child in all activities.

When and where are the sessions?

Saturdays from 11am until 12noon. Sea Lanes Beach – Madeira Drive, Brighton, BN2 1BX.

How much does it cost?

Both parent/carer & child must be members of SL5GB (£30 each) which covers all insurances. BSLSC itself do not charge for Sandhopper sessions.

Will we need to buy any equipment?

All Sandhoppers require a club hat. All children must wear these hats at all sessions as a safety measure, so that they are easily identified as club members in the water. The cost of the club hat is £10.

The club has a small range of wetsuits to lend out, however we ask that where possible you purchase 2nd hand or borrow one as the kids feel more protected from the elements in a wetsuit (which can also aid floatation). Families often sell on old wetsuits within the club, or a number of local shops give discounts to club members

Signing up

All our club sessions are popular therefore are served on a first to register basis. If you are not successful this time then you may still get a place in one of our Nipper groups later in the year. Please do register your interest early to avoid disappointment.

For all enquiries please email sandhoppers@brightonslsc.org



GENERAL NEWS

Windlesham staff at Brighton Half Marathon

On Sunday 25th February, Mrs Lilley & Mrs Jeffery took on the challenge of the half marathon. Despite the strong winds in the last 3 miles, they both achieved PB's! Mrs Jeffery did it in 1 hour 53 minutes and Mrs Lilley did it in 2 hours.

Such a great achievement from them both! They loved seeing children from Windlesham cheering them on as they made their way around the 13 miles!



Windlesham Wildlife Photography Competition!

Have you seen our Windlesham Wildlife Noticeboard? It is located by the office doors and front garden of the school.

A feature of the board is our wildlife photography competition. The theme for our second competition is **back garden wildlife**.

As Spring arrives you may start to notice more wildlife around you - a patch of sunny daffodils, the first humble bee or even some frogs and frogspawn. Capture a photo of whatever you notice in your own back garden, I would love to see it!

If you would like to enter the photography competition, please send your entry to the office. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 24th April.

Our expert panel will then judge your entries and the winning entry will be displayed for all passers-by to see on our notice board until the next competition.

Good Luck!

Mrs Gomez, Wildlife Coordinator



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.

Tuesday 2 – Friday 5 April
10am – 12.30pm each day
Monday 4 – Thursday 11 April
Course 1 - 10am – 12.30pm each day
Course 2 – 13.15 – 15.45 each day
Ages 9 – 15
Levels 1 & 2 together is £40 per person.

Level 1 – Riders must be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers.
Progression to Level 2 training is dependent on meeting all level 1 modules to National Standards Level.
Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis. To book your place visit: www.windleshamcitycouncil.gov.uk or contact Emily Tester on 01273 293847 or email: emily.tester@windleshamcitycouncil.gov.uk

Level 3 CYCLE TRAINING at Preston Park and Hove Park

Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads without the city.

Tuesday 2 – Thursday 4 April
1.15pm – 3.15pm each day
Ages 11 – 15

All children must have attended a Level 2 course and allow 3 months practice between levels.
All trainees will be assessed on Level 2 outcomes before progressing further.

Training includes: roadworthy, traffic lights and theory, fluoro high-visibility jersey 1 and 2.
Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.
Level 3 training costs £45 per person.
To book your place visit: www.windleshamcitycouncil.gov.uk or contact Emily Tester on 01273 293847 or email: emily.tester@windleshamcitycouncil.gov.uk

Windlesham School Holiday Camp (Brighton)

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Mrs Farnell in the office will be attempting the Isle of Wight Ultra Hike on the 4th May. This will be a leg-busting, blister-building mental and physical challenge to complete the full course of 106km (66 miles) in one continuous incredible effort!

She will be walking in aid of The Martlets Hospice, in memory of Nathan Banks. The Martlets is a charity that cares for people living through a terminal illness in and around Brighton and Hove, the care they give is free only thanks to the generosity of donors. If you would like to donate to this amazing charity and help Mrs Farnell raise much needed funds, please click on this link!

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/lucy-bowden-rowan-farnell-1711109241017?newPage=true>

Can you help??

We would like to ask for help from parents to transport our (flatpack) Big Make for the Children's Parade on Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th May.

We ideally need van so please contact info@windleshamschool.co.uk if you can help.





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Owlets Countries Day

On our Countries Day the Owlets dressed up to represent various countries around the world. They joined in Hawaiian dancing in PE, made globes, talking about green for the land and blue for the water.

The children also found out about the different climates around the world and which animals live there.

Reporter: Mrs Older



Science in Reception

The Reception children have been very busy bees immersing themselves in to the Learning Journey 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. They particularly enjoyed the Science week focus on Bees!

They loved discovering about the life cycle of a bee. Year 6 Science Reps presented a very informative PowerPoint they designed especially for the Reception children.

They tasted different types of honey and discovered that may have a different opinions from their friend about which was the most delicious. They discovered that honey can taste like the flower that the pollen is collected from. The children were inspired to write their creative poems about a bee and enjoyed exploring hexagons as we learned about the structure of a hive. They loved creating bubble wrap print pictures to produce honeycomb pictures and decorated them with bees.

The highlight of the week was a group collaboration to make a Tesco delivery truck delivering honey to the Windlesham community.

Reporter: Mrs Mills



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Year 1 WOW Day

Year 1 had their VIP afternoon on Friday 1st March. The children invited an adult who was very important to them.

The afternoon began by the children sharing a book with their VIP. They then moved round the hall working on a carousel of activities which included a game of snakes and ladders, message writing, wellbeing colouring and a tea and chat.

The afternoon concluded with a scavenger hunt. So much fun was had by all!

Thank you to all the adults that attended.

Reporter: Miss Jarman



Maths in Year 2

Year 2 have been enjoying their recent unit on Shape in Maths. The children are becoming wonderful problem solvers, taking ownership of their learning and developing collaborative skills.

The children have really enjoyed the hands on activities, which included:

Determining how to sort shapes based on their properties

Building regular polygons

Drawing 2D shapes and thinking about faces on a 3D shape

Looking at patterns in shapes

Looking at symmetry in shapes and how there are examples of symmetry in nature.

Reporter: Miss DJ





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Year 3 & 4 Easter Performance

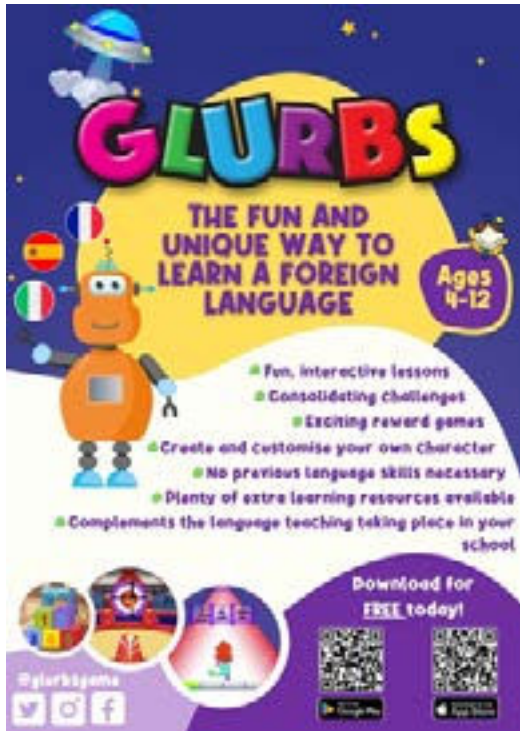
Year 3 and 4 have been busy rehearsing and preparing for their Easter performance of The Donkey's tale. This performance, which is all about the very first Palm Sunday, tells the story from the viewpoint of the donkey! Little Donkey has never let anyone have a donkey ride on his back before and he's worried because very soon he will have to carry an actual person for the first time! And not just anyone either, it's Jesus!

A fun mini-musical, told entirely through narrators with catchy songs. All the songs have been practised, lines rehearsed and stage directions sorted. The children cannot wait to share their performance and we look forward to seeing you there!

Reporter: Mrs Gomez



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Message from Mme Flynn.

During parents' evening many parents informed me that their children are really excited about languages and are investigating language through Duolingo. I wanted to bring to your attention another language app, which the school is subscribed to called Glurbs.

This app is specifically designed for children in Primary School. The language they will encounter here is the language they will see and hear in our French lessons.

Glurbs has been designed by specialist language teachers targeting Primary aged children. There are fun, interactive games and songs and they will earn points and open up new planets as they move through the app.

Have fun!

Primary Maths Challenge

A super well done to Abraham 5FL and Cyrus 5O who qualified for and participated in the Bonus Round of the Primary Maths Challenge 2024. It was no easy feat to qualify for this UK Mathematical Bonus Round Challenge.

Reporter: Miss O' Dowd



Fabulous Fiver Challenge

Wow- what a success!

The Heritage Hall was a hive of activity at lunch time, with our Year 6s running their mini businesses. Staff were blown away by the creativity, commitment, team work and initiative demonstrated by our pupils.

Their ideas ranged from magic wands, friendship bracelets, plants, slime and fidget toys to painted models, rock characters, shooting challenges, promises of car washes and hook a duck!

Pupils from the rest of the school seemed to thoroughly enjoy visiting each of the different offerings and deciding what to purchase or try out with their money.

A huge thanks to our Windlesham families for supporting this event so generously. Just over £600 was raised and has been donated to charities chosen by the Year 6s- Cancer Research, Macmillan and Touchbase.

Reporter: Mrs Mack





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Science Week

Windlesham School took part in British Science Week with the theme of Time affording the children many different and exciting opportunities to experiment and investigate.

Activities ranged from Blackholes and Wormholes, Straw Pan Pipes to Magnet investigations. The activities for our younger students were delivered and executed by our excellent Science Prefects - Hermione and Hugo- who demonstrated great maturity, flexibility and enthusiasm.

As is customary, we are aiming to send 5 entries to the British Science Week Poster Competition and are currently collecting entries from Year 2 to Year 6.

Reporter: Mrs Colley

World Book Day

Our World Book Day event certainly was well received and celebrated during our 'reading actual books focus week' this term. Our librarians hosted the Scholastic Book Fair with Mrs Groves. Thank you to all parents and carers who supported and encouraged children to read broadly - and because of this, we have a whopping £500 to spend on books for our school library!

We celebrated WBD on Thursday 7th March where, as we opened the school gates, children bounded in wearing impressive costumes representing a whole host of books and characters. The Costume Parade was a huge success as each child had the chance to strut down the cat walk to show off their fabulous creations. Our judges had a tough time selecting a winner for each year group!

We welcomed Laura Ellen Anderson, the renowned author and illustrator, who had the children captivated during our workshop assembly. Laura told the story of how her doodles, inspired by nature trails and her love of reading, culminated into a series of beautifully illustrated books with engaging plots; an inspiration to say the least. Children got to spend time with Laura as she visited all classes and was bowled over by the creativity our children exhibited in their work.

At the end of the day, parents and children met with Laura where she patiently chatted to each child and signed their books with an original illustration - just for them!

We thoroughly enjoyed our WBD and are proud to say how the Eco awareness theme resonated across the school!

Reporter: Miss Thompsett





SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Beach School

Most year groups have been lucky enough to miss the relentless rain we have encountered this half term and escaped to the beach to enjoy their beach school learning. The children have enjoyed a range of activities from building 2D and 3D sculptures, beach art, scavenger hunts and creating museum exhibitions. The firm favourite activity, of building the tallest pebble tower competition, was carried out by all children with 13 pebbles high still being the number to beat!!

When rock pooling, the children explored the different fauna and flora found in the sea and discussed what they had discovered. The children love their Beach School days and are excited about their next visit in the Summer Term, when hopefully the sun will be shining!!

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery



Special Interest Assembly with Ranger Mike

Thank you so much to Ranger Mike who came and delivered a Special Interest Assembly all about our wonderful South Downs.

We learnt all about the fascinating landscape and Ranger Mike explained how the South Downs is the best place to see butterflies in the whole UK.

He spoke to us about the importance of conservation and sparked enthusiasm amongst our children.

Reporter: Miss DJ



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PARTNERSHIPS & CHARITIES

You may recall that our Christmas charity collections last year were to purchase a projector for the charity Home for Life, a school and orphanage in Paralekamundi, India.

We are pleased that this projector has been purchased and in a recent assembly, we were able to link up with them. All the children waved enthusiastically to each other and through their leader David, the children asked each other questions. This was the first time that the children in Paralekamundi had seen children on a live link from another country and they commented on how pale they looked! They also wanted to know how cold it was over here, as they were experiencing a temperature of 18 degrees! We were treated to a traditional Indian dance from the children which we all thoroughly enjoyed watching.

We were joined by Aram's Dad, who introduced us to the charity and was instrumental in securing the link between the children. Therefore thank you to him for his support.

We hope that we can connect again in the near future and cement a valuable link with the Home for Life.

Reporter: Ms Groves



Red Nose Day

We had great fun looking at all the 'Wacky Hair Styles' that came into school today. They were so creative! One girl in Y3 came in with a recyclable bottle in her hair carrying on the recycling theme from World Book Day.

Money is still coming in but so far we have raised £400 for Comic Relief. This charity is 39 years old and when it was founded in 1985 its vision was to 'free the world of poverty'. It helps charitable causes both in the UK and abroad.

Thank you for the donations and for helping create the designs with your children.

Reporter: Ms Groves



MEET THE TEAM

Meet The Team – Mrs Mills, Reception Class Teacher

Q: How long have you been working here?

A: I have been working here for 4 years.

Q: When did you start teaching?

A: 31 years ago, a long time ago when the world was in black & white.

Q: How would you describe your teaching style?

A: It is fun, creative and exciting because we go on a learning journey each term.

Q: What is your favourite hobby?

A: Long walks, spending time with my family and going on holiday to faraway places.

Q: What is the funniest thing a child has said to you?

A: Someone said something very funny today when we were in the Planetarium Dome. The song Rocket Man was playing and the child said, "Mrs Mills, do you know Elton Presley is singing this song?"

A long time ago, at Christmas a child excitedly said, "Mrs Mills, Ho, Ho, Ho, Jesus!"

Q: What is your favourite book to read to the children?

A: My favourite book to read to the children is The Witches Kitchen by Nick Sharratt.

Q: What do you like to do outside of school?

A: Meet up with friends and go for brunch.

Q: What is your favourite food?

A: My favourite food of all time is Trifle or Rhubarb Crumble and custard.

Q: Why are you so passionate about working with younger children?

A: Because it is so extremely rewarding to see the enthusiasm on their faces as they get the most out of every new learning opportunity.

Q: Who inspires you?

A: My Mum.

Reporter: Hermione





SCHOOL TRIPS



Year 4 Trip to Arundel Wetlands



Year 4 had a marvellous trip to Arundel Wetland Centre where the children had the chance to interact with birds and other wildlife from the UK and across the world.

To start the day off, the children took on the challenge of being pond detectives. They had to find pond animals using their fishing nets and then try to identify and classify what animals they were. They found a wide range of different animals and had fun using the magnifying glasses to look at them in more detail.

In the afternoon, the children had a session about pollution. They learnt about the main sources of plastic pollution and the problems this is causing for wetlands. They now know about how long different types of plastic stay in the environment and what they can all do to help.

To the end of the day, the children explored the wetland habitats on board the electric boats. They were surrounded by wildlife on their boat trip – different species of ducks on the surface, fish below, water voles rustling in the reeds and birds in the skies above. What a fun way to end the day!

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery

Year 6 Safety in Action

On Tuesday 12th March, Year 6 attended East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service's "Safety in Action" event. Different organisations including Southern Rail, the Ambulance Service, Sussex Police and King Alfred Surf Life Saving Club, worked together to teach the children about safety and crime prevention.

Our pupils participated in different risk scenarios to learn about how to deal with dangerous situations, in a safe and controlled environment. Activities included practising CPR, talking about exploitation, learning key tips for water safety and identifying electrical risks. One of our pupils even got the opportunity to practise ringing 999!

A highlight, when learning about the dangers of alcohol, was trying out 'beer goggles' to help them understand the impact of alcohol on a person's reactions, perceptions and physical capabilities. The range of activities supported our PSHE curriculum and children learned so much.

Reporter: Mrs Mack





SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 3 Trip to Lewes Railway Land

Year 3 went on a Science trip to Lewes Railway Land this half term and although it was a rather gloomy day we managed to fit in lots of fun and learning!

The two learning sessions we took part in encouraged active, hand-on learning and fostered pupils' connection with the natural world.

We were fortunate enough to each get to hold something that lived 100 million years ago! We also enjoyed discover how fossils are made and studied the geology wall made of a variety of rocks spanning millennia.

Not only did we learn about rocks, we also took a deep dive into the wonderful world of soil! We learnt how vital soil really is, while becoming soil scientists. We took a soil sample, produced a soil diagram, and conducted simple tests on it.

We can't wait to use our new found knowledge in our science lessons!

Reporter: Mrs Gomez



Reception trip to Stanmer Woods

The Reception children have learned a lot about real bears this half term. We had a big surprise.....one morning the children discovered paw prints, sticks, leaves, poo and real fish on the classroom floor. They used their now excellent reading skills to research nonfiction topic books to find out what type of bear it could have been. They discovered that Grizzly bears live in woody habitats and salmon is their favourite food.

We went on a bear hunt around the school building reading clues until we found the bear! They produced factual posters about different bear species and used small world bears to recreate different habitats. The book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen inspired a visit to Stanmer Park Woods.

We had an amazing adventure exploring the woods, rein acting the story, building dens, looking for minibeasts and recreating them in clay and natural materials. It was a brilliant day out.

Reporter: Mrs Mills





SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 6 Take Shelter Visit

In Humanities, Year 6 have been learning about World War 2 and we recently visited and experienced a World War 2 air raid shelter at Down Junior School.

We met some incredible volunteers that experienced the war first hand and they shared some of their wonderful, real life stories. Lots of these were related events that happened in Brighton!

All of Year 6 dressed up in RAF uniforms and experienced what it felt like to fly a spitfire! The volunteers taught us about how the different varieties of gasmasks used in the war, how food was rationed and we learnt where the bombs dropped in Brighton.

The highlight of the trip was going down into the Air Raid Shelter, where we experienced a real life bomb attack! Safe to say, we made it out in once piece! It was amazing to think that children from the war spent hour of time down there!

We really enjoyed this trip, it was a great experience.

Reporters: Matilda and Isabella
Humanities Prefects

Year 5 trip to Chichester Festival Theatre

Keen to make the most of local opportunities, Year 5 set off, by train, to Chichester Festival Theatre to watch 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'.

In PSHE, Year 5 have been learning about identity and belonging. The play, which shares the story of a Syrian refugee child called Ahmet who arrives in a school classroom, really supported our learning on this theme. The other children in his class strive to understand his experiences and reach out, despite prejudice from others, to make him feel welcome and become friends.

The visit led to follow up discussions in class, including thinking about the key message that kindness is more powerful than anything.

Reporter: Mrs Mack





SCHOOL TRIPS

Owlets trip to Woods Mill

The Owlets enjoyed a muddy yet fun trip to Woods Mill in Henfield. The children took part in pond dipping; they explored how to make compost, made dens for animals and found out about camouflage by matching natural objects to colours.

During our activities, the children used blindfolds to follow a route around the trees and imagine what it is like for a hedgehog or badger moving around at night. They also used mirrors to reflect the treetops and experience what it might be like to be a bird in the sky.

Reporter: Mrs Older

Pond building in Hollingdean Park

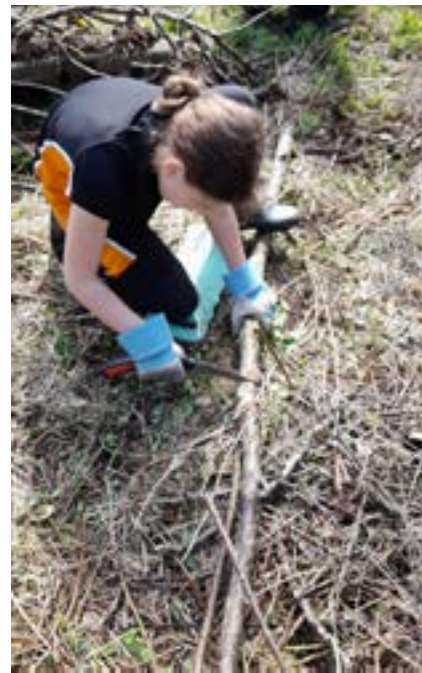
On Wednesday 20th March, the Spring Equinox, our Wildlife Reps went on a trip organised by the Wildlife Coordinator Mrs Gomez. The trip was to Hollingdean Park to meet the members of Growing Hollingdean - an ecological action project aiming to support and promote wildlife diversity in and around the area. The members of Growing Hollingdean are working together with Froglife (a wildlife conservation charity concerned with the conservation of reptile and amphibian species) to build a community pond in their orchard just behind the playground in the park.

Both wildlife reps were brilliant, really getting stuck into the tasks, and their enthusiasm was inspiring and greatly appreciated! Raf was brilliant at using special tool called an Adze and managed to create a whole bank in a sort space of time. Maisie used clippers and a small saw to cut dead hedging materials for a unique wildlife habitat on the bank of the pond called a hibernaculum.

We we're so fortunate to learn from the expertise of Will from Froglife and the Growing Hollingdean team helped us to spot a common lizard, our first butterfly sighting of the year and told us about the diverse wildlife that visits the site.

We hope to visit Hollingdean Park and orchard to see the final pond and all of the further wildlife it brings!

Reporter: Mrs Gomez





SPORTS NEWS

Indoor Athletics at Shoreham College

We enjoyed a fantastic event at Shoreham College this week where some of our Year 3 & 4's competed in an indoor athletics event. The event consisted of a variety of running races, as well as standing long jump, speed bounce, vertical jump and sitting throw.

Windlesham competed superbly throughout and had a great time in all the events involved.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

Albion Football Cup

Windlesham played fantastically in the Year 3 & 4 Albion Football Cup tournament recently.

The tournament consisted of a group stage of 5 teams and the top 2 teams went into the quarter finals knock-out stage.

Windlesham grew in confidence throughout the day and improved so much in their teamwork and positioning in every game. Overall, we gained 5 points in the group stage and came second in our group, which meant that we made the quarter finals and finished in the top 8 out of 20 teams playing the Albion Cup.

The whole team played superbly and I was very proud of how well they did throughout the day. A huge well done to Zachary, Rumi, William, Ethan, Alex, Micheal, Diego and Sophia!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



Trojan League

After winning the Trojan Hove league last term, Windlesham had the opportunity to play against the Trojan Brighton league winners in a play-off final to see who the overall winner of the Brighton & Hove Trojan league would be.

Windlesham were fantastic in every department as they blew their opponents away in a 11-0 victory. Isaac, Dylan and Theo all scored hat-tricks with Zane and Marley also getting on the scoresheet as well.

Special shout out to our goalkeeper Abraham who made 3 of the best saves I've seen at this level, ensuring a clean sheet throughout! The whole team should be very proud of their efforts with another great victory to add to this very successful year so far. Well done to: Jamie, Isaac, Marley, Jack, Theo, Dylan, Zane, Nathaniel and Abraham.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



SPORTS NEWS

Swim Gala against Brighton Girls

We had a terrific Year 5 & 6 swim gala with Brighton Girls School here at Windlesham this term where our pupils competed in individual and relay races involving all four strokes: Butterfly, Breaststroke, Front Crawl and Backstroke.

It was a great contest throughout where Windlesham ran out overall winners, winning 14 individual and team races to BGS' 8 victories. It is a fantastic result and it was superb seeing so many swimmers putting maximum effort into their races and demonstrating great technique throughout.

Well done Windlesham!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

Sussex County Tennis chose 6 girls to represent Sussex in the County Cup tennis championships in Bromley.

Eleanor and Sophia were placed in the top 3 and played brilliantly against some of the best Under 9 girls in the UK.

Well done girls!



Under 11 Football

Our Under 11 football team kickstarted our new term with a fantastic victory against Hove Juniors this first week back.

This was the first round of the Geerts Shield, which is knockout round competition involving numerous schools from Brighton & Hove. We knew the stakes were high as if we lost, we would immediately be out of the tournament.

Both teams started strong and it was an intense atmosphere as everyone was fiercely competing for the ball. Isaac was making his presence known as he dominated down his wing creating good chances for a himself and a number of his team mates, but Hove Juniors remained stubborn in defence.

Dylan broke the deadlock with a fantastic shot from distance that flew past their goalkeeper and nestled into the bottom left corner. It was a fully deserved lead but the game remained tight throughout. An own goal doubled our lead and then two moments of brilliance from Dylan, scoring from the corner kick, and Marley who dribbled past three players before slotting it in, secured a fantastic 4-0 win. Abraham again made fantastic saves ensuring that he still hasn't let a goal in during a tournament game this year.

Well done to everyone involved: Isaac, Marley, Dylan, Jamie, Zane, Theo, Nathaniel, Abraham and our assistant coach for the day - Jack.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

FOW are delighted to announce some events in the summer term.

Diary Dates

Friday 26th April, 7-10pm - Quiz night

Tickets include a welcome drink, a hearty meal cooked by chef Rob, and of course fierce competition to be crowned the Windlesham quiz supremos and take home the trophy!

We'd love to see as many of you there as possible - a team from each class would be great! So join us and show off your trivia prowess. If you don't have a team, but would like to come along, please email us and we'll find a team for you.

Tuesday 30th April, 8.30-9.15am - Coffee morning

Join us to enjoy a coffee and catch up. We'll also take this opportunity to give you a little update on the FOW and any opportunities to get involved.

Survey

The FOW is here to help build community and to raise funds to provide enrichment opportunities for the children. We'd love to hear your thoughts on what events you'd like and any feedback you may have. Please help us by completing this short survey below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdar2Y55qR55qsV-NQ_vdwyI6y95pIT0Hd60eznLSrGJeFs8g/viewform?pli=1

Join the FOW team

The FOW team depends on the skills and time of our amazing parents and carers. Helping out can come in many different forms:

- in school volunteering
- planning events
- providing your skills

If you're interested in contributing please email fow@windleshamschool.co.uk. We'd love to have you on board, whether it's helping at a one off event or more!



The Wonder Project would like to thank all the parents at Windlesham School who donated plant pots and to Jon Brunton at Old Barn Garden Centre, Tates Of Sussex who gave us a discount on the compost and plants.

We are very thankful to you all for supporting our outdoor projects!



FRIENDS
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Please let us know if you think you can make it by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/RnyW8Xpp0B>

TERM DATES

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

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



Polite Reminder

Please can we ask that no mobile phones are used on the school premises.

