



NEWSLETTER | 16/03/20

Headmaster's message

As we all know, information is key to maintaining composure and calm.

We have tried very hard in these testing circumstances to provide you with any information which we think you may find helpful and are committed to continue to do this at all times.

However, if you still have any questions, please let us know.

In the meantime, thank you for your support of the decisions taken so far.

World Book Day

By Year 6 Librarian, Buckley

I'm sure you'll agree that this year's World Book Day was one of the best as the Library reps, Art reps, Miss Thompsett and Mrs Croucher put a lot of time and effort into organising the fun packed events.

It all started with secret meetings in the library and soon developed into a collaboration of the librarians and art reps. They were working together in the English room, from the day they got back from half term holidays, to create a giant 'Cat in the Hat' book cover, sorry, gate cover!

The library reps were involved in our guess the teacher hiding behind the book quiz. Another competition was the potato challenge where you had to turn a potato into one of your favourite book characters.

The best bit of the day was the fashion/costume show which took place in the morning after every one was at school. I was introducing all the



classes with a microphone. After the fashion show, Mrs Croucher read out our Travelling Story. Every class wrote one paragraph as it travelled round the whole school (hence the name).

At around 11:00 am the whole school Dropped Everything And Read, which I really enjoyed.



Catering presentation

You are warmly invited to a presentation by our newly appointed catering company, IFG Independent, tomorrow at 7pm.

These photos were taken when IFG prepared a range of fresh dishes in school as part of the bidding process.

We do hope you can join us and meet the catering team.



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GENERAL NEWS



A balanced healthy lunchbox

Please remember we are a nut-free school when preparing lunchboxes and snacks. It is important to check labels as many products may contain traces of nuts, such as pesto and nutella.

Also, please could we ask you to check the Portal to ensure you have informed the school about any allergies and dietary requirements your child might have.

Please do not include any sweets in your child's lunchbox; a balanced, healthy lunchbox is really important. Thank you for your help in this matter.

The Prefects for this part of the term are:

3DJ	Stratos Bobby
3M	Sophie Joshi
4C	Genie Ores
4M	Raphael Rosa
5C	Claudia Gus
5G	Molly Lola

Pied Piper Easter and Summer holiday camps

Following last year's successful holiday activity camp run at Windlesham School by Pied Piper, there will be an Easter camp running from 6th to 17th April (excluding the Easter bank holiday weekends).

There will also be another Summer camp running from 27th July to 14th August.

Full details on dates and booking can be found at:

https://piedpiperactivities.co.uk/locations_windlesham.html



Parking

Please continue to help us by parking responsibly along Dyke Road and the surrounding areas when you pick-up and drop-off children. Please pay particular attention to parking restrictions on zig zag lines, disabled bays, the Fairways Estate and the bus stop. This is much appreciated by the school and by our neighbours.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia



The Rags and the Riches - Brighton divided!

Year 5 performed their play about Victorian Brighton with great confidence to parents and carers this week. They really enjoyed bringing their learning to life and the cast worked extremely hard to learn their lines and to perform so well. Well done to everyone involved.

Reporter: Mrs Carvey



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Year 3 trip to Montefiore Hospital

On Tuesday 25th February, Year 3 visited Montefiore Hospital in Hove to support their learning about the body.

Thank you to Mrs Clarke who arranged for Year 3 to enjoy this wonderful opportunity.

We took part in three exciting hands-on activities; learning about different operations in the operating theatre, about germs and handwashing in the ward, and examining MRI scans and X-ray scans of different parts of the body in the radiology department. We were also very interested to meet nurses, surgeons and radiologists. This was a really inspiring visit for our children.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



Year 2 visit the Sealife Centre

Last Friday, Year 2 took a trip to the Sealife Centre. Blessed with a whole day of sunshine, we stopped off at the beach to eat our snacks and to enjoy a pebble balancing competition. At the Sealife Centre, we visited all the exhibits, including Lulu The Turtle, touched sea anemones in the shallow tank and sailed in a glass bottom boat. Our classroom session in the afternoon was based on lifecycles to support our science work this term.
Reporter: Mrs Slater



Windlesham School Term Dates

Spring Term 2020

Term ends

Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2020

Staff Inset day

Monday 20th April

Term starts

Tuesday 21st April

Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May

Half term holiday

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May inclusive

Term ends: Friday 10th July

Autumn Term 2020

Staff Inset days

Tuesday 1st September & Wednesday 2nd September

Term starts:

Thursday 3rd September

Autumn Term 2020

Staff Inset days

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September

Term starts

Tuesday 3rd September

Half term holiday

Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October inclusive

Term ends

Friday 11th December

Spring Term 2021

Staff Inset day

Monday 4th January

Term starts: Tuesday

5th January

Staff Inset day

Friday 12th February

Half term holiday

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February inclusive

Term ends: Friday 26th March

Summer Term 2021

Staff Inset day

Monday 19th April

Term starts

Tuesday 20th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May

Half term holiday

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June inclusive

Term ends: Friday 9th July



Year 5 residential trip this week

PGL Windmill Hill, Sussex

We hope all our Year 5's have a wonderful time at Windmill Hill from Wednesday to Friday this week. You can catch up with their news and photos on Facebook while they're away.

SPORTS NEWS

English Channel Challenge

It gives me great pride to announce that the pupils and staff swam an incredible 69, 511m in total in the month of January! This means we swam more than double the width of the English Channel. I am also very pleased to report that we raised a grand total of £435.00 for the charity Level Water. This is a fantastic amount of money that will contribute to swimming lessons for disabled children all over the UK. Thank you for all your support and generosity, and a massive well done to everyone involved.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



U11 Football, Rugby & Netball vs Our Lady of Sion

We had a great afternoon at Our Lady of Sion where the Year 5's and 6's played mixed games of tag-rugby and football.

The rugby was a fiercely contested match and it was neck and neck throughout with only one try separating both teams at the end, as Windlesham lost 10-9. All pupils involved ran forwards brilliantly, moved into space and highlighted how much the accuracy of their passing has improved this term.

Meanwhile, the football was also highly competitive and played in tough conditions due to the rain. Windlesham ran out 2-0 winners with goals from Isaac and Ollie D whilst James made some fantastic saves to stop any threat of an equaliser.

Unfortunately, the rain made it difficult to take any photos during these matches!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

The U11 netball team were hosted by Sion last week to a tight match. We went 2-0 up in the first quarter after some superb centre court play creating space for our shooters. Sion came back with a goal in the second quarter and we responded with another quick goal. The third quarter was nail biting as both sides worked hard but neither saw their efforts convert into further goals. However, in the final quarter, with two minutes left on the clock, we scored another goal and went 4-2 up and that remained the final score. Well done to both sides, it's been a pleasure to see how the teams have progressed over the season.

Reporter: Mrs Fox



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



Lower School's carousel afternoon

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 participated in a carousel of activities in groups together. The theme was Science to coincide with British Science Week. In groups, they found natural objects that match colours, observed rainbow paper towels and made slime. They enjoyed working together and helping one another - and of course, getting messy!

Reporter: Mrs Older



Year 4 busy in the allotment

Year 4 planted a variety of seeds this week, including stocks, daisies and dahlias to encourage biodiversity in our school allotment.

They had superb support from our STEM club member, Gus, and from our Science Prefects, Fiontan and Finn.

Reporter: Mrs Colley



Poster competition

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>

Please click on the above link to find out about this year's poster competition.

The competition is open to all pupils in Years 2 to 6 and the theme is Our Diverse Planet.

Please submit your entries to Mrs Colley by Wednesday 25th March.

The top 5 entries will be sent to the British Science Association for judging.

Prizes to be announced.

Good luck!

FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

Farewell to Claire

This month, the Friends of Windlesham committee are saying a sad goodbye to Claire Colquhoun. Claire joined the committee back when Althea was our Chair and so she had a tonne of experience to pass on to the new team. We'll miss you Claire but still look forward to your bakes!



Friends of Windlesham are also delighted to welcome Sarah Auld to our committee. Sarah's four boys, Theodore (Reception), Barnaby (Year 2), Zachary (Year 4) and Joshua (Year 5) joined the school at the beginning of the year. Sarah has already been a big help with our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt - we're so glad she can join us.

Come and join the fun, meet other parents and help the Windlesham community

FOW meets once a month in a local pub at 8pm to discuss fundraising priorities, ideas and events. If you'd like to join the committee, Jenny would love to hear from you. Please do get in touch by emailing chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk



Noticeboard

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

Mother's Day cake and book sale

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

Easter Egg Hunt

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

Father's Day cake and book sale

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE

Sports Day

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE

Sports fayre

Please help us raise money for SMART Boards

Next Friday, Friends of Windlesham will be holding a cake and book sale to celebrate Mother's Day. Now is the perfect time to clear out any unwanted books that you think other adults might like to read. We'll be collecting books at drop off on the 18th and 19th March and your cake donations on the 20th. This month we're raising money for new SMART Boards.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at 13th March 2020):

Dylan M, Ariana, Sophie, Daniel, Ores, Jesse, Emily, Kai, Ollie D, Kareem, Josh L, Louis, Khadeeja, Matilda, Diego, Katie, Ellie, Nicolas, Alex C and Raz.

Owls Awards

The following children have been congratulated for good work (as at 13th March 2020):

Max F, Reid, Theo T, Scarlett R-T, Maria, Alaska, Tamara, Alexei, Katie, Dylan Q, Mark, Zach H-T, Sulaiman, Theo M, Eden, George F, Eya, Nathaniel, Reuben, Elodie, Ollie H, Kai Jing, Arthur, Elias, Emily, Josh L, Sophia C, Isabella, Khadeeja and Solon.

House Points and Awards

Totals for this term, as at 13th March 2020:

Arundel 876

Bodiam 857

Lewes 672



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