



NEWSLETTER | 24/04/21



Headmaster's message

Hello everyone,

After the tribulations of an anxious return to school, I am very excited that we seem to be settling so well into the busy routine of life at Windlesham.

Nevertheless, one lesson we have all learnt is to appreciate and take advantage of opportunities when they are available as they may not always be there. With this in mind, please look carefully at the calendar released this week and encourage your children to be involved, whether they are considering a music lesson, club or camp out at school.

Best wishes.

'When I grow up ...'

The Owlets have been finding out about 'Jobs people do' and have enjoyed several visits from members of staff who have shared their areas of expertise, from Mrs Derby and her amazing knowledge of animal care, to Mrs Onyett and her super gardening skills, Mr Burrows with his skills in mending and using tools, and Mrs Stewart and her fantastic nursing and first aid skills.

The children have been inspired by our visitors to make flowers, role play working at the vets and doctors, and to design and build objects.

We are looking forward to a few more visits and to our theme day at the end of this half term when the children are invited to dress up to reflect the idea 'When I grow up...'



Reporter: Mrs Older

Windlesham's Harry Potter theme day

A great time was had by all, including at lunch time! The caterers served a delightful menu with a range of tasty Harry Potter treats, from Gryffindor's Hot Wings and Olivander's Wands to Butter Beer Blondies and Golden Snitch Muffins!



WBD: The Masked Reader

Apologies for failing to include news of the winner of the WBD Masked Reader competition in the last newsletter.

The competition was won by Year 5 pupil, Genie, who correctly identified every single member of staff hiding behind their masks.

Congratulations, detective!



Windlesham School & Nursery

Preparing children for life

GENERAL NEWS

School Counsellors

2S	Max
3DJ	Isabella
3MS	Matthew
4C	Ata
4CM	Freddie
5FG	Jesse
5CS	Esther and Nicolas
6O	Molly
6T	Matilda

Prefects for this part of the term

2S	Heidi and Max
3DJ	Becky and Ben
3SM	Kaine and Max
4C	Milo and William
4CM	Freddie and Teddy
5FG	Genie and Subhan
5CS	Nic and Primrose

A big Windlesham welcome

We extend a big welcome to children who joined Windlesham this half term: Samuel, Tom, Indi-Violet, Freya, Archie, Jaiden, Luay, William and Kaine.

Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at 21 April 2021):

Lower School

Nicole, Jaiden, Ethan, Oscar, Elyas, Zoe, Theo, Mia, Luay, Diego, Akira, Carla, Jack, Eleanor, Jing Shuen, Anastasia, Zachary, Malu, Sophia, Mark, Lottie and Reuben.

Upper School

Matilda, Jackson, Otis, Ores, Khadeeja, Scarlett, Jamie, Matthew, Aram, William (4C), Joshi, Subhan, Kaine, Maisie, Ata, Kai Jing, Fawn, Esther, Alexei, Belle, Jayden, Elias, Belle, Rosa, Sophie, Hugo, Kai, Joel, Oscar, Jesse and Primrose.

A tale of two sprouting spring flowers

Below is a note from Daniel and Heidi's mum:

'At the end of term, the kids came out with their FOW pots - Daniel was a bit sad as the soil had accidentally fallen out of his pot so he'd had to scabble around and repot it. He thought his wouldn't sprout. As the weeks went by, he watched his sister's pot abundantly sprouting with shoot after shoot, whilst his little pot just had one tiny shoot. We kept saying, "Don't worry, this little shoot's a fighter, it'll do incredible things!" Well, imagine how he felt when his little shoot found its feet! Believe and Achieve!'



GENERAL NEWS

A message from Miss Bates, peripatetic violin teacher

I am writing to let you know of a great opportunity to see some live music - I know, it's been a long time! I am excited to be playing with Opera Brava this summer and there are some local performances you could come to. You'll need to bring along a picnic and a blanket!



Leatherhead Theatre: 12th June, TOSCA
Borde Hill Garden - Haywards Heath: 23rd July, TOSCA and 24th July: THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO
Hever Castle: 14th August, TOSCA and 15th August, THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

If you have never been to an opera before, this is a really relaxed atmosphere and all of these operas offer fantastic tunes and interesting story lines. For more details, please visit: www.operabrava.com/

Pied Piper Activities...
...creating wonderful childhood memories

EASTER & SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN
For 4-11 year olds at
Windlesham School

- Roller racers & pedal go karts
- Forest school activities
- Camp Film
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Challenge Room
- Mini Olympics
- Swimming/water slides
- Zorb Football/Tag Archery
- Art & Crafts

Places available for w/c 16th August
Or join our waiting list for w/c 2nd and 9th August
www.PiedPiperActivities.co.uk

I just wanted to say how much they had enjoyed themselves. It was their third year of spending a week at Pied Piper and it gets better every year!

Windlesham School equestrian success

On Monday 3rd May, Arabella, representing the Windlesham School Equestrian Team, was delighted to be back in the saddle competing for the School and jumped a beautiful clear round coming 4th individually in the 50-55 National Schools Equestrian Association Eventers Challenge at Combelands. By being placed, Arabella and Star have qualified for the grassroots final.

It was a long course with a mix of show jumps and natural fences and Arabella was first to go which is always difficult and set the standard with a clear in a good time. A huge well done to Arabella and Star we look forward to hearing about their future success.

Requests for help

Charity Afternoon Friday June 11th

If any parent or friend is willing to donate a raffle prize, all prizes will be greatly appreciated. Maybe a voucher, tickets to a concert, pass for admission to an attraction, or a hair voucher are a few suggestions.

Thank you very much.
The Charity Reps

Appeal from Mr Hall

Please could your child bring any old newspapers and colour supplement magazines to the Art Studio. Thank you.

Bass guitar

If anyone happens to have a junior-sized bass guitar they would like to donate, we are keen to hear from you.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Year 1 are keeping busy!

Year 1 have been learning about Ramadan and Eid as part of their studies about religious celebrations. After finding out about all the traditions, including from first-hand experience from a member of the class, we followed a recipe to create Eid biscuits to share with our families.

Year 1 have also been learning and improving their understanding of what is meant by weather. They became meteorologists for the day, wrote weather reports and presented them to the class.

Reporters: Mrs Mack and Mrs Mills



News from our Charity Reps

On Friday 14th May, we had a Zoom call with Oaklands Care Home. I really enjoyed it and loved talking to the residents about some of their jobs when they were younger. I remember one of them used to go around selling newspapers. Another resident sold jewellery. It was also lovely to celebrate one of their birthdays. They produced a cake and some Year 1 children joined us to sing 'Happy Birthday'. I can't wait until I can talk to them again.

Reporter: Lola, Year 6 Charity Rep.

Following the Zoom call I have received some lovely feedback from the events organiser at Oaklands. The residents thoroughly enjoyed talking to Lola, Lila and Bonnie. They were impressed with how they engaged with them and kept the conversation flowing. They also commented on their confidence. The girls particularly enjoyed talking about different genres of music with the residents who were aged between early 60's to 102!

Reporter: Ms Groves

Extra-curricular clubs are back!

We are delighted to see children enjoying clubs again.

There are no less than 22 clubs on offer, covering Reception to Year 6, and there are a number of new ones underway, including:

Sports acro/cheerleading

Robotics club

School Magazine

An introduction to WaterPolo



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Year 3 WOW day - Life at the Extremes

Year 3 had a wonderful day immersing themselves into their new topic; Life at the Extremes. We spent the day building dens, taking part in mindfulness in nature and developing trust by directing our partners around an obstacle course while blindfolded.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper





British Science Week poster competition

Six posters from Windlesham School have been entered into the British Science Week poster competition. The theme was 'Innovating for the Future' and below you can see the posters created by:

- Penny - Year 6
- Eya - Year 2
- Elodie - Year 2
- Maisie - Year 2
- Max - Year 2

Congratulations and fingers crossed! Also, a big well done to all the entrants.

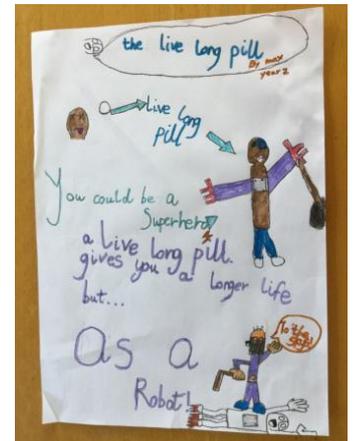
Reporter: Mrs Colley



Penny



Eya



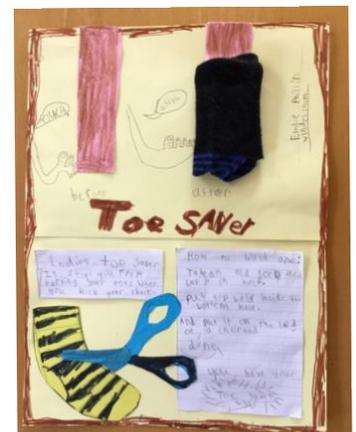
Max



Max



Maisie



Elodie

Windlesham School Term Dates

Summer Term 2021

Half term holiday

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June inclusive

Term ends: Friday 9th July (half day)

Autumn Term 2021

Staff Inset days

Tuesday 31st August & Wednesday 1st September

Term starts

Thursday 2nd September

Half term holiday

Monday 18th October – Friday 29th October inclusive

Term ends

Friday 10th December

Summer Term 2022

Staff Inset day

Monday 25th April

Term starts

Tuesday 26th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 2nd May

Half term holiday

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June inclusive

Term ends: Friday 8th July

Spring Term 2022

Staff Inset day

Tuesday 4th January

Term starts

Wednesday 5th January

Staff Inset day

Friday 11th February

Half term holiday

Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February inclusive

Term ends: Friday 1st April



Featured Event: Summer camp outs with BBQ

Year 6: Friday 11th June

Year 4: Friday 18th June

Year 5: Friday 25th June



SPORTS NEWS

House sporting events

During the past two weeks we have had some incredible House competitions that have been closely competed.

Year 1 and Year 2 competed in our crazy races competition with various races including egg and spoon and space hoppers, whilst wearing their favourite crazy hat! It was a fantastic event with everyone trying their best and it was great to see so many smiling faces. It was a very close contest with only 4 points separating all 3 Houses. Lewes came in first place, whilst Arundel and Bodium came joint second!

Years 3 to 6 also competed for their houses in a rounders competition. There was great sportsmanship and rounders on show throughout the afternoon.

The games were all very close across all year groups, but Lewes managed to win the Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 competition whilst Bodium won the Year 5 tournament.

It was so pleasing to see everyone working well as a team and showing off what they have learnt in their rounders lessons so far, with some great batting, fielding and bowling from everyone involved. Well done to each house.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

The wonderful Wonder Project

Friends of Windlesham (FOW) are proud to fund the Wonder Project. Abi and her team of fellow parents have transformed the Lower School play areas and we are amazed at what they have achieved.

FOW has financed the materials and equipment, but all the creative ideas, the mobilising of parents and much of the the hard graft is down to Abi. We can't thank her enough.



The Wonder Team have now turned their attention to creating an outdoor classroom for the Upper School. Parents have repaired the roof outside the library and are preparing the area for artificial grass and a wooden seating area.

The Wonder Team also continues to maintain and improve the Lower School play areas. Most recently, they have replaced the play bark around the Owlets sensory path and installed a new sun canopy ready for summer. Abi is always looking for Wonder Project volunteers so if you'd like to get involved, please let me know!



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Uniform

If you are looking for good quality uniform at second hand prices then do join our Windlesham Uniform Exchange Facebook group. This Facebook group is an easy way to sell your uniform and/or get the next size up.

Come and join the fun!

This summer, FOW hopes to return to meeting once a month at 8pm in a local pub.

We'll discuss fundraising priorities, ideas and events. If you'd like to join the committee, we'd love to hear from you.

Please email Jenny:

chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk