

NEWSLETTER | 11/07/24

Strictly Come Dancing at Windlesham

Well done to everyone for a fun packed 'Strictly Come Dancing ' charity afternoon.

The afternoon started with a good luck message from Strictly Judge, Anton Du Beke where he mentioned the Charity Reps (and me) by name!

We welcomed Natasha from Parable Dance Uk who told us about why she founded the company and we saw a film featuring 2 of her students, one has Down's syndrome and she has lived her dream by becoming a dance teacher herself.

We all joined in with several dances and had a lot of fun. The final total is not ready yet, but so far, the donations exceed £350.

Well done to the Charity Reps, Amelia and Becky who worked hard this afternoon. Also, to Aram and Lex who were unable to be with us in person but were here is spirit.

They have done an amazing job this year, helping to raise over £2300 for various charities. Good luck to you all as you leave Windlesham to continue your educational journey.

Reporter: Ms Groves





Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The pace of life in a school can feel dizzyingly fast. Before you know it, a week has passed and then a month and then a term. Suddenly it is July and time to say goodbye to another school year. In this whirlwind, it can be easy to forget quite how much has been achieved.

This term has alone been packed full and it has been wonderful to see the school community joining together for so many events. The summer fair was an enormous success thanks to the hard work and efforts of the Friends of Windlesham team. This was swiftly followed by our upper school and lower school sports days, and it was great to see so many parents and carers in attendance cheering on the children who gave it their all.

Supported by Year 5, the Year 6 production of 'Olivia!' was another highlight – an impressive finale to mark the end of the Year 6 pupils' time at Windlesham. It's very difficult to say goodbye to such a wonderful year group but as they leave, we wish them and their families every success and happiness.

We will now look forward to September and all the new and exciting opportunities that will bring. Until then, I wish you a relaxing and happy summer holiday.

Katherine Croucher

Acting Headteacher

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 Windle-sham 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!





Preparing children for life

GENERAL NEWS

Prefects for this part of the term

- 2DJ Toby P & Afie
- 3S Jack & Annie
- 3G Thomas & Sophia
- 4S Olive & Rosie
- 4JP Eleanor & Carla
- 50D Max & Henry
- 5FL Rebecca & Timothy

Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Wednesday 10th July):

Lower School

Ethan, Matilda, Toby H, Jessica, Edward, Finn, Zayn, Lewis

Upper School

Nicole, Darcey, Archer, Michael C, Carla, Timothy, Guin L, Phoebe, Maisie H, Jack SL, Essi, William J, Akira, Letty, Olly, Eli, Seb, Zane, Max M, Marvel, Diego, Zachary, Abe, Connor, Phoebe, Jamie, Max P, Lois, Cyrus, Selin, Benicio

Summer Term Owls

Aidan, Mona, Aurelia, Ayda, Rudy, Nico M, Will, Halle, Archie W, Rosa, Nico B, Kitty G, Eddie, Reuben, Finn, Aina, Edward, Ariana, Jude, Etta, Matilda, Nicole, Sophia, Justin, Taigh, Thomas, Archer, Amos, Diego, Annie, Jack SL, Anastasia, Lucas, Seb H, Zachary, Mia, Eleanor, Simona, Tia, Joe, Isabella WR, Rumi, Michael O, Ethan J, Theo T, Guin, Max F, Louis H, Abe, William, Selin, Connor, Florence, Max P



First 4 Football Summer Holiday Camp

SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP DATES

Week 1: 24th,25th,26th July. Week 3: 5th,6th,7th August. Week 5: 19th,20th,21st August. Week 7: 2nd,3rd September. Week 2: 29th,30th,31st July. Week 4: 12th,13th,14th August. Week 6: 27th,28th,29th August.

- 10am-3pm.
- £65 for 3-day camp or £25 per day drop in.
- Football class is in centre of Hove Park (near the kids play area).
- Year 1 to Year 8 boys & girls of all abilities welcome.
- Coach is Level 2 FA coach, first aid certified & DBS checked.

Please book your place by phone or text by Monday 22nd July. Matt 07748 399 347.

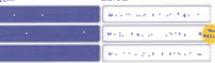




We were delighted to hear about Jing Shuen's recent violin achievement. She passed her ABRSM Grade 7 violin exam with Distinction.

This is an incredible accomplishment. Well done, Jing Shuen!

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Colouring Club

The children have really enjoyed developing their fine motor skills and getting creative in Colouring Club this term. We have used a variety of mixed media to produce some really great masterpieces.

Colouring lollies with cotton buds and paint was extremely popular on a summer day!

Reporter: Mrs Mills

The Great Windlesham Beach Clean

Windlesham celebrated World Ocean Day by cleaning our local coastline.

Thank you so much to everyone who joined and dedicated their time. It was so wonderful to see so many young conservationists among our pupil body!

A special thanks to Miss DJ for coordinating the event. We hope this will become an annual event at Windlesham School.





Mr Hall would like to replace the old magazines and newspapers in the Art room.

Please save any supplements or other magazines for next term. We use magazines for collage work and newspapers for covering tables when painting.

Thank you for your help.









Reading Celebration & Adam Stower Visit

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in school for our RWI reading celebration. The children were eager to demonstrate the different activities that a daily lesson involves, from Fred Fingers, Fred Rhythms to the actual reading.

The children have worked extremely hard throughout the year and we are all very proud of them and their progress.

Everyone said how much they enjoyed it and from the demonstrations, comments the children make now makes sense to their adults!

Reporter: Ms Groves

What a memorable experience to get to meet Adam Stower, our visiting author and illustrator. We loved being his chaperone for the day and getting to spend time with him to talk about the career path to follow for young writers and illustrators!

Cyrus, Lois, Max – School Librarians and Reporters

Our librarians certainly did enjoy working with Adam as well as being part of the Reading Celebration for our younger years. How wonderful it is that Adam will be back to visit us in the Autumn Term!

Miss Thompsett











Disability Awareness Workshop

Year 3 and 4 were fortunate enough to participate in a Disability Awareness Workshop run by Brighton and Hove Albion.

They participated in games such as Blind Football, Boccia and Wheelchair Basketball. It was great to see how engaged the pupils were and how respectful they treated each activity

Reporter: Mrs Smallwood



Gardening Club

During our last Gardening Club of the year we had a special visitor. Mrs J Griffiths-Lee who works at Kew Gardens with a specialism in pollinators, habitat management and urban ecology came to speak to us about bees.

She shared some really interesting information with us on the many different kinds of bees and what we can do at school and home to help them to thrive.

Mrs Griffiths-Lee kindly shared a bee hotel with us and we were so excited to hear how it works. We've put it up in our school grounds and can't wait to see what it attracts. We then had the opportunity to have a go at making our own Bee Hotel.

We now know to put them about a meter from the ground, in a sunny spot where there are flowers nearby. We hope we will get some visitors!

Reporter: Mrs Gomez











Teddy Bears Picnic in Owlets

The Owlets had a lovely day for their Teddy Bears Picnic, starting the morning with some fun songs and dancing in music.

We continued our activities with craft and rhymes before enjoying a delicious picnic lunch prepared by Chef Rob and his team.

We finished the day with some relaxing yoga around the theme of The Bear Hunt with Oli from Balance Kids yoga.

Reporter: Mrs Older





Maths in Reception

The Reception children have really enjoyed exploring activities inspired by the book 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. The children have learned to double numbers and record number stories by creating their own number bond ladybirds. They have also learned about symmetry and extended doubling knowledge by building Numicon butterflies.

We discovered the anatomy of an insect through designing and labelling beautiful ladybird leaves. The children worked with partners to recreate the map of the farm in the story.

They dressed up and acted out the story sequence using their amazing storyteller voices learned in Read Write Inc.

Finally the children composed their first ever story, changing the story characters and using adjectives. The children have amazed me with their creativity and enthusiasm.

Look out Year 1 here they come!

Reporter: Mrs Mills





Year 1 Bread Making with Chef Rob

As part of our topic about the Great Fire of London, Year 1 stepped back in time to 1666 and arrived at Pudding Lane - Windlesham Hall.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The children met Chef Rob and followed instructions to add the correct ingredients to make a sticky dough. The children added a little flour and learnt how to mix the dough, let it rest then stretch it, fold it and knead it. Chef Rob then explained the dough needed to sit in a warm oven to rise. After that the children were each given their own ball of dough to knead again and fold into neat little bun shapes. Poppy seeds, cheese and flour were sprinkled on top and our creations looked wonderful.

Chef Rob baked our bread, the smell was fabulous. The children reminded Chef Rob to be very careful when turning the oven completely off as we did not want a Great Fire of Windlesham starting in the kitchens!



Reporter: Mrs Derby

Paddington Bear Adventures in Year 2

In Year 2 we have thoroughly enjoyed learning through a familiar text, Paddington Bear. Over the past few weeks we have:

• Been inspired by Paddington's love of sandwiches and designed our own sandwich. We wrote instructions how to make them. Next, children followed these instructions to create the sandwich and enjoyed eating it!

• We have been receiving exciting letters and postcards from Aunt Lucy all the way from deepest, darkest Peru. We looked at these letters and learnt about the different features that letters have. Next, we wrote our own letters back including these features.

• We have made cross curricular links: in Art children designed their backgrounds for the letters they are writing back to Aunt Lucy. Children were given the chance to express themselves creatively and have full ownership of the design.

Reporter: Miss DJ



















Maths in Year 3

Year 3 have had lots of fun and challenging topics in maths this half term. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about fractions, time and in particular money.

We started our week on money with an introduction, where we talked about the different coins, notes and their values. We then learnt how to add money in pence and pounds. We used the expanded column method to add together money learning about the decimal point and when to use it. We also learnt about how we can pay for items in a shop with more money than their value and receive change. We practised all of our new learning with word problems and during our Friday Maths lesson when we had a go of role-playing shop keepers and customers.

The children really enjoyed embedding their learning through the opportunities to seriously act out their roles! It was engaging and challenging to work out how much customers owed when they brought several items and also how much change they were due when they used notes to pay.

Reporter: Mrs Gomez





Poetry in Year 4

This half term, Year 4 has immersed themselves in the world of poetry from different cultures, exploring a variety of poetic forms and styles. The students began by studying Haiku, a traditional Japanese form of poetry. Next, the pupils explored Tanka poems, another form of Japanese poetry. Tanka poems extend the Haiku structure with two additional lines, following a 5-7-5-7-7 syllabic pattern. Here's a delightful example by Dorothy and Delilah:

My Sandwich I like bread and cheese With mustard, ham and butter Then I got angry And I dropped it I the sand Now I am Devastated

Limericks, known for their humorous and whimsical nature, were another form the pupils enjoyed. These five-line poems follow an aabba rhyme scheme. Here's a playful limerick by Alex:

There once was an old hairy wizard,

Who was stuck in a terrible blizzard,

He tried to run fast,

But he ran straight past,

His small pet giggling lizard.

Year 4 has shown remarkable creativity and enthusiasm in exploring these diverse poetic forms, making this half term a truly enriching experience!

Reporter: Mrs Slater









Year 6 Biathlon

During Sports Week, we held another fantastic biathlon, which has been running for three years now.

The Year 6 children ran around the school grounds multiple times, running just over 1km before completing up to 10 lengths of our swimming pool.

Everyone showed such great determination and spirit throughout, whilst also giving each other so much support, which was lovely to see.

Well done to all the pupils involved on the day!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



Year 5 Trip to Yellowave

On the Friday, Year 5 travelled to Yellowave to try their hand at volleyball.

They started with a coaching session, where they learned how to pass, serve, dig, tip and assist. This involved lots of paired and group activities and it was great to see many children exhibiting our co-operation and resilient learning powers. The children, and Madame Flynn who joined in, soon realised how tricky and tiring it was to play on sand. There was a team challenge for the highest number of consecutive passes and the chance to have a go at passing and returning the ball over the net.

At the end of the coaching session the children learned more about the rules then played some small sided games. We finished with an hour of free play, which for some included entertaining Mrs Lilley's son, who came along to watch! A great day out, to try something new!

Reporter: Mrs Mack













Year 6 present 'Olivia'

On the 4th July, Year 6 performed 'Olivia' the Musical, supported by the Year 5 chorus.

The children were magnificent. They worked incredibly hard over many months and produced a superb show where every child shone brightly. The rehearsal process was long and very hard work for all involved, with a difficult script and many songs to learn.

These are a special group of children who made this an unforgettable experience. We hope they will take their confidence with them to their next schools and continue to enjoy making music and drama in the future.

Year 6, we are so proud and we will miss you all!

Mrs Gallant and Mrs Britton





















SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 5 trip to Carroty Woods

Year 5 embarked on an unforgettable adventure to the magical Carroty Wood! The trip was filled with fantastic team building activities which challenged the children to swing like trapeze artists high in front of the silhouette of the grey Kent skies; put their heads together and work collaboratively to build a bridge or fall deep into a crevice; build momentum on the tyre swing to avoid a pit of soggy mud (some were not so lucky). All of this and a joyous evening around the fire singing songs and working out riddles.

The sense of adventure of all the pupils was a delight to witness as they embraced all the challenges of scaling and leaping off The Leap of Faith, making their way across muddy terrain in the Great Escape and exercising superb leadership skills as they followed the clues to find hidden treasures in the Geocaching experience.

To see the children pull together, be cooperative and fully supportive of each other was really special. This ranged from helping make beds, clearing tables, doing the washing up and tidying the dorms.

The camaraderie and cooperative spirit embodied by the pupils in Carroty Wood meant that the residential was a truly relaxing and memorable experience for pupils and teachers alike.

Well done Year Five, it was a pleasure to take you away.

Reporters: Mrs Lilley, Mrs O'Dowd & Mme Flynn

At Carroty Woods there was a beautiful camp with lots of activities like high ropes, and low rope. The low ropes was a lot of fun because I like getting muddy. In our dorms I fell asleep as soon as I touched the pillow.

Ernie

This year we went on a residential to Carroty Wood, where we faced many challenges: high ropes: where we had our heads in the clouds literally, The Great Escape; the muddiest place I've ever seen and sleeping in our dorms-Gosh! What a night! I fell asleep as soon as the adventures of the day ended. In summary, Carroty Woods was amazing, the best experience and I am excited for the next step into Year 6. Elodie











SPORTS NEWS

Softball Cricket at Shoreham College

Year 5 had an excellent double cricket fixture against two teams from Shoreham College.

There was plenty of superb bowling and batting on show throughout the matches, with Abraham, Dylan, Louis and Henry all showing particularly accurate bowling. Everyone contributed brilliantly to the batting with some fantastic shots, hitting multiple fours and sixes between them.

There were two great contests, and Windlesham won both superbly. Everyone performed well and showed great sportsmanship in both matches, which was great to see. Well done Windlesham for some very entertaining cricket.





Under 9 Softball Cricket at Shoreham College

Windlesham played their final cricket fixture of the year against Shoreham College. Year 3 and Year 4 demonstrated their fantastic cricket skills throughout with multiple fours and sixes in both games and some brilliant bowling on show.

Both competed really well and won their cricket matches. Year 4 won by a total of 28 runs, whilst Year 3 won by 14 runs.

Well done, everyone involved. You all performed superbly and showed great sportsmanship throughout.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

Under 11 Softball Cricket at Brighton Girls

On Wednesday 12th June, Year 6 had a cracking Cricket fixture against Brighton Girls.

Despite not getting the win, it was great to see lots of notable achievements and progress over the course of the matches.

In match two, the team worked well together when fielding to protect the boundary. The showed great perseverance with their bowling and their batting skills were a strength. Good communication saw many runs scored and several 4s and 6s were hit. We finished the match with a brilliant 266 runs.

Bowler of the game was awarded to Marvel and Batter of the game was awarded to Maisie E for hitting a 6!

Reporter: Mrs Mack









Geerts Shield

Windlesham had a fantastic day competing in a semi-final and final day at Lancing Hove.

Our semi-final was against Lancing Hove and proved to be an incredibly close game with both teams defending well and working hard to create chances. Windlesham dominated possession and with 3 minutes to go, Jack scored a fantastic first time finish to win the game 1-0 and reach the final.

We played St Bernadette's in the final and nerves quickly vanished as Dylan scored a tap in off a great assist from Jack to make it 1-0. Isaac doubled our lead with a superb touch and finish, whilst Abraham made two incredible saves to make it 2-0 at half-time. Great goals from Marley and Nathaniel secured the victory as we won the final 4-0. Windlesham are champions of the Geert Shield, making that the 5th trophy of this unbelievable season.

Well done to the whole team: Jamie, Isaac, Marley, Zane, Nathaniel, Theo, Dylan, Jack and Abraham. I am so proud of all of the players for a fantastic win and an epic season!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

Softball Cricket at Sompting Abbotts

In a thrilling cricket match held at the picturesque Sompting Abbott, the Year 4 team emerged victorious with an impressive 40-point win. The sunny day provided the perfect backdrop for a game filled with outstanding performances and team spirit.

The highlight of the match was our team's exceptional bowling and fielding. We hit the wicket three times, with Olive, Ethan, and William showcasing their precision and skill. Olive and William also demonstrated their prowess in the field with accurate catches that kept the opposition at bay.

Olive, serving as the team captain, led by example and inspired her teammates throughout the game. The combination of strategic play and seamless teamwork secured a memorable victory for the Year 4 team. The lovely surroundings and perfect weather made the win even more enjoyable, marking a splendid day of cricket at Sompting Abbott.

Reporter: Mrs Slater







FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM















A massive thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Fayre, whether it was donating to the stalls or auction, helping with preparations, running a stall, or coming with your family on the day. It was amazing to see the kids running around having fun, and the adults relaxing and enjoying a drink together. It was a fantastic atmosphere and we raised about £6000, which is phenomenal. Thank you!

We would like to extend a special thank you to the teachers for their help too. Mrs Mack works tirelessly in the planning of it all, and Miss Kidney, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Farnell and Mrs Slater are instrumental too. A shout out to Chef Rob for his hard work on the BBQ, and thank you to all the teachers who help on the day. Mrs Colley, Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Mack get extra brownie points for their stints on Splat the Teacher!

Next year we have lots of events lined up and we're open to running more! There has been a huge leap in FOW members this year, and next year we'd love to have more of you involved! It's a brilliant way to get to know more parents and see more of what goes on at the school.

We will be having our AGM in September and the committee positions will be open to everyone, so if you'd like more information or to get involved, even just on an event by event basis, then please get in touch. You can email fow@windleshamschool.co.uk, or speak to one of the existing team members.

We are talking to the school about initiatives that the FOW fundraising efforts can support next year and will keep you posted on this. If anyone has any suggestions of any projects they'd like to see then please let us know!

Have a fantastic summer,

The FOW Team Natasha, Clare, Wilson, Jaymi, Emily, George



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



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