

Windmill Weekly (14)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for December - Appreciation

15 December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

This is our final newsletter of the term and I want to say what a lovely term it has been. It has been great to get to know all of the new children who joined us in September and to see the other children settle so well into their new classes.

Mid- Year Reports

If your child is in Year 1 to Year 6 you should have received a mid-year report for your child today.

Performances

What a busy week this has been with performances from children across the school. A huge well done to the children in Key Stage 2 who performed a memorable Christmas concert on Tuesday morning and also to the children and staff in Year 2 who performed "Children of the World" with such enthusiasm. The children were brilliant!

As I am writing this, we haven't yet had the Year 1 and Orchestra performance but I am sure that it is going to be just as special.

I apologise for the key stage 2 concert being so jammed, we will definitely be splitting into 2 performances next year!

A reminder that school finishes for the holiday at **2:30pm on Wednesday 20 December**. The school reopens on **Tuesday 9 January at 8:45am**.

Oxford Hygiene Bank Co-ordinator (volunteer role)

A thank you message from Andrea who coordinates The Hygiene Bank in Oxford.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to children, families and staff for every single hygiene product that was generously donated to us recently. You did an incredible job, donating products weighing 37 kg!

Every donation is appreciated whether it's a pack of nappies or a toothbrush, and we never take for granted the support we receive.

Our volunteers have been busy distributing products over the past few weeks to our Community Partners, every item making a real difference to people who need them most in the local community.

Facebook [@TheHygieneBankOxford](#)

Ways to Support [thehygienebankoxford | Linktree](#)

End of the Autumn Term

The school closes for the Christmas Holiday on **Wednesday 20 December at 2:30pm**.

Start of the Spring Term

The school reopens for the children on **Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 8:45am**.

Christmas Jumper Day - The total so far on our Just Giving page is £555 and still rising.



Key Dates

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| 18 December | IRock Assembly 9.15am |
| 20 December | House Christmas Quiz - whole school |
| 20 December | Last day of term 2 - FINISH AT 2.30pm |
| 9 January 2024 (Tues) | First day of term 3 8.45am |
| 18 January | Winter Lights 4.30pm |

It is disco time!

Doors open at 6.30pm. Please enter through the side gate leading to the middle playground and entrance to the hall.

You do not need to bring a physical ticket with you, instead please check in by giving your name and class on the door. All children need to be supervised by an adult.

You will be able to buy drinks and snacks at the tuck shop. The bar is an adult only area and is also serving drinks and snacks. You can pay on the night by cash, card or disco token. You can save yourself some queue time by buying your disco tokens after school today in the middle playground. (Cash or card accepted).

There will be 2 raffles running on the night. Adults can buy tickets in the bar for £2 each to win a champagne hamper. Children can buy raffle tickets in the tuck shop for 50p / 1 token to win an extra playtime and popcorn for their class next week. Both Raffles will be drawn at 8.15pm. If you are leaving before then and cannot find someone to look after your ticket numbers for you, please leave your name and ticket numbers with the bar / tuck shop before you go so we can make sure your prize gets to you.

The event finishes at 8.30pm. We hope you have a great time.

If you have a ticket that you will not be using tonight, please remember to let us know so that someone else can use it. windmillpta@gmail.com

Extra-Curricular Clubs

CHESS Club has now finished for this term.

MULTI-SKILLS has now finished for the term.

MAGICAL MATHS has now finished for the term.

TENNIS club on Friday has now finished for the term.

OXFORD UTD GIRLS FOOTBALL on Mondays has now finished for the term.

LITTLE MASTERS has now finished for the term.

TAG RUGBY on Tuesday has now finished for the term.

TENNIS club on Tuesday has now finished for the term.

CERAMICS club has now finished for the term.

OXFORD UTD BOYS FOOTBALL on Wednesday has now finished for the term.

FRENCH club has now finished for the term.

The club list is available on the extra-curricular activities section of the school website:

<https://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=19>

A list for next term will be posted in the next few days. Please book your child a place with the club leader before sending them to a school club. Many have limited places available. Children not on the club register will not be accepted.

We hope to have a hockey club and a pop lacrosse club starting in the new year. Details to follow.

Chess Club – Parent volunteer required

The Chess Club runs for ten Mondays every term, from 3.05 – 4.05pm. The club leader is looking for a parent volunteer to help with the club. Chess knowledge is helpful but not essential. If you are able to help, please contact Nicky Johnson in the first instance njohnson@windmill.oxon.sch.uk

School Dinners / Packed Lunch

The cost of school dinners for term 3 (Tues 9 Jan – Fri 9 Feb) is £57.60. Please note that school meals must be ordered and paid for in advance. If you pay weekly (£12.00), payments must be paid by Monday morning for the week ahead. Please use the School Gateway App to make lunch money payments.

Download the free app. Search School Gateway in your app store and download.

Apple iPhone users <http://schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload>

Android phone users <http://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload>

A reminder that pupils must have either school meals all term or packed lunches all term, we cannot cater for children having meals on odd days.

IMPORTANT – If your child would like to switch their meal preference, please email the school office on office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk on or before the first day of term. If we are unaware that your child has switched from packed lunch to school dinner, a dinner will not have been ordered for them and if your child switches from school dinner to packed lunch and you have not informed the office, you will be charged for the meal that has been prepared.

If you are in receipt of any income related benefits you may still be able to claim free school meals, please check with the office if you think you may be eligible. The office email address is office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Pastoral and SEN coffee morning

Our next coffee morning will take place in the new year on Friday 19th January in the after-school club room, 8.45 – 10am.

Please email Spainter@windmill.oxon.sch.uk if you would like to come.

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Vacancies on our website:- www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk

- Morning (2 hours between 5.00am and 9.00am) or Evening (3.00pm – 5pm) Cleaner

If you are interested in any of these positions please complete the OCC Support Application Form (downloaded from our website) and return to office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Clerk to Governors Advert

Windmill is seeking to appoint a Clerk to Governors who is reliable, organised and flexible to provide support to the board of governors.

You will have the flexibility to attend evening and early morning meetings as required, and will be experienced in the organisation of meetings, including the preparation of agendas, collation of supporting papers and the production and circulation of accurate minutes.

You will have the opportunity to make a real contribution to our school and the work of the governing board. No prior experience of clerking is required, providing you have the motivation and skills to learn on the job and develop in the role. Training will be available.

The postholder will:

- Work with the Chair(s) and other governors to prepare agendas for all meetings in accordance with the annual schedule and needs of the board
- Ensure all papers for meetings are produced on time and circulated to the board at least seven days prior to the meeting.
- Attend and accurately minute all formal meetings of the full governing board and committees (typically 3 meetings per term).

Contract terms and duties

This is a permanent part-time post (16 hours per term) which offers some flexibility to work from home. Evening meetings attendance is required (approximately 6 evening meetings across each academic year). The post is remunerated at Grade 7 (scp 22 - 25) on a pro-rata basis and depending on the number of hours worked.

For any questions about this post, to receive a full job description or to apply, please contact Nick Hunter, Chair of Governors at nhunter@windmill.oxon.sch.uk. Applicants should send a CV and covering letter.

Closing date for applications is Monday 8th January.

Athletic Football Club

Our club is wrapping up training this week before we break up for the holidays and we are holding taster sessions for new players to join our club!

We have FREE SESSIONS taking place this week:

Skills Centre Training- Tuesday 12th December: <https://www.athleticfootball.co.uk/skills-centres>

Grassroots Training- Monday 11th and Wednesday

13th December: <https://www.athleticfootball.co.uk/oafc-info>

Academy Training- Thursday 14th December: <https://www.athleticfootball.co.uk/about>



ON THE STAGE: Trolls!

For children in Reception – Year 6

We are delighted to be running our **Trolls** themed 'On the Stage' club in the Spring Term. This club is a combination of dancing, drama and singing with a specific focus on building confidence, taking inspiration from the **Trolls Band Together** movie.

On the Stage will run after school 3:15pm-5:15pm on **Fridays for Reception – Year 6**. Each session costs £11.50 and the club starts on 12th January and the final lesson on 22nd March (Full details can be found on our website). **We accept all childcare vouchers and payments can be made in instalments. No payment is due until January.**

To sign up please visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com (you will need to register first if you haven't previously). To go straight to the class, use code OSWMPS1.

If you have any questions, please contact us on enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com or call 07722 014301.

Thank you and best wishes,

Katy Emmerson
Rattle and Roll

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND?



Book now online

Visit www.irockschool.com/enrol

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Bookings are now open for your child to join their own rock and pop band at school! Enrolling is straightforward, and iRock offers a **first lesson money-back guarantee!**

Discover the benefits of band lessons: not only are they fun, but they also play a significant role in enhancing children's life skills. Lessons focus on boosting confidence, supporting well-being, developing social skills, and even improving academic performance.

How it works:

- Children don't need music experience to join, and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar, or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their bandmates in 30-minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches, who will guide your child through every session. *Some sessions may take place straight after school.*
- Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6, with children grouped by age. Children can choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- Band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, providing a great way to showcase just how far they have come.
- Children in Years 2, 4, and 6 will be enrolled in a Group Performance qualification by RSL.
- Access the iRock parent portal to view your child's band memories, song choices, manage your subscription and much more!

You can subscribe to iRock through our monthly subscription plan, which spans 11 months with no payment required in August. We offer full flexibility, allowing parents to cancel their subscription at any time. By subscribing, you're guaranteed a minimum of 33 lessons throughout a full academic year.

For availability and cost please visit: www.irockschool.com/enrol and search for your school. For any helps please call 0330 174 2655

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin
Founder
iRock School of Music

Proudly supporting



“ My daughter is so excited when it's iRock day at school! She loves playing in the band ”
Google Review





OURFC Men's Blues v England U20s
Saturday 13th January 2024 | 2:00pm kick off



All School Children come free. For every 10 school children one supervising adult also gains free entrance. This is your chance to watch England Rugby's future stars at an iconic sporting venue. To take advantage of this offer. Scan the QR Code and sign up. Your digital tickets will then be sent to you.

OURFC Men's Blues v England
U20s | Schools tickets



**A Creative Project with
Oxford Youth Dance Company
and Joëlle Pappas**

**Calling
dancers
aged 14+**



The News

- *Develop Contemporary Dance techniques**
- *Co-create an original new work**
- *Perform at the Pegasus Theatre on 23 March 2024**

**Rehearsals on Mondays 5.15 - 6.45 pm
St Matthew's Church Hall, OX1 4LW
8 January - 18 March not on 12 February (half-term)
Cost: £125**

**For more information and enrolment,
please contact Claire Thompson
cthompson@oxford.gov.uk**





**SIGN UP THIS
HOLIDAY**

AGES: 8-16

£30 PER DAY

OXFORD QUINS RFC RUGBY CAMP: CHRISTMAS HALF TERM

TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY TO THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY 2024

We are excited to invite you to join us for our upcoming January rugby camp, designed specifically for aspiring rugby players between the ages of 8 and 16.

This immersive experience will take place over 3 exciting and action-packed days at Oxford Quins RFC. Participants will have the opportunity to develop their skills, learn from experienced coaches, and engage in a variety of drills and activities aimed at enhancing their rugby abilities. Whether you are a novice eager to learn the fundamentals of the game or more experienced, our camp promises to provide a supportive and dynamic environment for all participants to grow and excel in the sport of rugby.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to be a part of an exhilarating rugby experience at Oxford Quins RFC.



Any enquiries please contact
community@oxfordharlequins.org



OXFORDQUINSRFC

Location: Horspath Sports Ground, Oxford Road,
Horspath, Oxford, OX4 2RR



CHRISTMAS TECH CAMP



3D FESTIVE DECORATIONS

VIRTUAL REALITY

ELF ENGINEERING

ROCKING ROBOTS

Ofsted Registered

HAF PLACES AVAILABLE

SEE REVERSE FOR MORE ACTIVITIES

AGES 5-11 | ONLY £49 PER DAY
9AM - 4PM DAILY

Find your nearest location on our website:
www.nextthing.education

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2023

What else is on?

 **Festive Filming**
 **Cosmic Crackers**
 **Ingenius Inventions**
 **Magical Minecraft**
 **Light-Up Cards**

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your camp activities

WHAT TO BRING...

 **Packed Lunch and Snacks**
(NUT-FREE)
  **Water Bottle**
 **Medication**
If Required
  **Weather Appropriate Clothing**

HOW TO BOOK

VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.nextthing.education

FIND YOUR LOCATION 

GET £5 OFF! USE CODE **CF5** AT CHECKOUT

The BEST camp around!

My daughter is fully inspired and will not stop talking about the amazing time she had. The Staff were experienced, welcoming and encouraging.."

- Happy Parent 😊



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FREE FAMILY MATCH DAY EXPERIENCE

**SAT
23 DEC
2023**



VS



Oxford City FC, The Raw Charging Stadium, Marston OX3 0NQ

FUN FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES • SANTAS GROTTO • FACE PAINTER



**BOOK
HERE**

1pm: Arrival and 3G Community Pitch fun football activities for all the family (adults optional!)

2pm: Time to grab some food, browse the matchday programme and watch the teams warm up

3pm: Kick off!

5pm: Player meet and greet and photo opportunities



**We are pleased to offer this exciting, match day experience for all the family:
FREE for families in receipt of benefits-related free school meals**

TERMS & CONDITIONS: 1. These fully funded places are funded via the Holiday Activity Fun (HAF) via Oxfordshire County Council. 2. Eligible children are aged 4-16 who attend school and receive benefits related Free School Meals. 3. Children must be accompanied by an adult aged 18+. 4. Each child who attends this experience must be pre-booked online via the Ignite Sport website or via Oxfordshire County Councils HAF portal. 5. One adult can accompany up to 4 children. 6. A maximum of 2 adults per one child can be included in this experience. 7. Additional tickets to the match can be purchased via the Oxford City FC website. 8. Accompanying adults are encouraged to participate in the arranged 'Community Pitch' Activities, will be issued with a voucher for a food item and a hot or soft drink and will be permitted complimentary access to the game. 9. Children and adults are not permitted to enter the 'Stadium Pitch', before, during or after the match. 10. Booking closes midday December 22nd or sooner if fully booked.





FESTIVE FUN DAYS!

Countdown to Christmas with 2 Festive Fun Days!

Join us for a FUNtastic mixture of winter sports, Christmas crafts, party games, face painting, Santa vs Elves competitions and more!

Ages
4-12



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

OXFORD CITY FC

THE COMMUNITY ARENA, MARSH LANE, MARSTON OX3 0NQ

21-22 DEC 2023 & JAN 3-5 2024

Ages
4-12



Includes
a daily craft
activity

MULTISPORT

Join us for non-stop sport and fun activities all day!

Including curling, tennis, hockey, football, rounders, dodgeball, archery, yoga, tag rugby, athletics and much more!



Ages
7-14



ART SMASH!

Enter a winter wonderland of art and create decorations and gifts galore.

Explore a variety of techniques and methods whilst enjoying festive fun along the way!



DANCE FUSION

A collaborative camp where dance and the mastery of face painting are combined!

Enjoy creative choreography all morning with 'Mini Professionals Dance Academy' followed by a face painting workshop from 'The Witch and The Wolfe' where you'll learn how to apply face paints!



Ages
7-12



JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Junior Football camp is all about fun, exploration, working on new and existing skills and enjoying the social aspect of the game by making new friends.

This camp is for all playing abilities and is suitable for both boys and girls.

**Ages
5-8**



**Ages
5-15**

GIRLS ONLY! FOOTBALL

Learn new skills, play all day

Led by our female staff and supporting coaches, this camp is suitable for all levels and is fun and energetic!

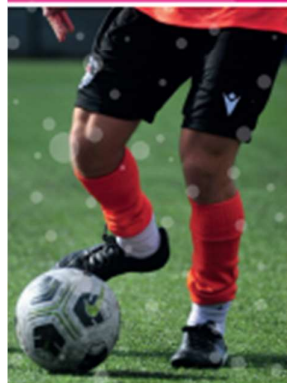


**Ages
9-11**

FOOTBALL SKILLS

Sessions to develop technique and take your football to the next level!

Enhance your game, develop your skills and train and play all day!



GAME TECH

Led by Oxford City FC first team players, coaching and analysis staff

Designed to provide players with high level coaching content and develop game understanding. Players are challenged to improve their individual skills and techniques through practical sessions/games and workshops as well as guest speaker master-classes and sessions linking to different systems of the game.

**Ages
12-16**



BOOK ONLINE – WWW.IGNITESPORTUK.COM

FUN ✓ | Established in 1999 ✓ | Childcare vouchers accepted ✓

OFSTED Registered ✓ | Professional staff ✓ | For ages 4 to 16 ✓

Holiday Activities & Food Programme (HAF) funded places available



Windmill Primary School



Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club

Ewa Bogacz, ebogartoxford@gmail.com, 07834671850

Dear Parents / Carers,

14.12.23

We are pleased to announce that we are running a **Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club** for KS1 and KS2 children.

The aim of the club is to enable our children to express their natural artistic skills, unleash their imagination as well as to relax after school tasks. Children just love it!

In the club the young artists create decorative and sculptural projects out of clay and other materials as well as develop their skills in painting. The club is run by a local artist and teacher Ewa Bogacz.

Wednesdays between 10 January and 27 March (3:10 to 4:30, Classroom 5 Blue Jay)

COST: 11 x £9 = £99

Thursdays between 11 January and 21 March (3:10 to 4:30, Classroom 1 Cherry)

COST: 10 x £9 = £90

To enrol, simply would you please send me an email or a text message with your child details (name, school, year group and class, parent phone number) Thank you. Payment via bank transfer please. After receiving your child details I will send you my bank information

THANK YOU!



AFTER SCHOOL MANDARIN CLUB AT WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR EYS, KS1 AND KS2

Dear Parents/Carers,

At MANDO SCHOOL, children learn day to day vocabulary they can use at School and at home through fun story-led adventures, themes, games, activities and songs. Using creative and visual multimedia, our classes encourage reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Our classes help develop children's problem-solving skills, creativity, empathy, confidence, academic performance and stimulates their curiosity!

Children love nothing more than play, imagination and learning how to be creative. MANDO SCHOOL's classes do just this.

The club will potentially run on Spring Term 2024 every Fridays, 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm for EYS, KS1 and KS2. The club will be £10 (exc VAT) per class and will require a minimum of 10 sign-ups to commence and a maximum of 15.

If you're interested in signing up for the Mandarin Class, please email jenn@mandoschool.com with your child's name, year group and contact number.

Best wishes,

MANDO SCHOOL

All MANDO SCHOOL Teachers are enhanced
DBS checked, insured, trained in first aid and
safeguarding



JOIN MANDO SCHOOL'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AND LEARN MANDARIN CHINESE at Windmill Primary School

Boosting confidence, developing empathy, open-mindedness, language skills, and creativity!

Interpersonal Skills

Memory Skills

Developing Motor Skills

Creativity

Cognitive Development

Cultural Awareness

Problem Solving Skills

FRIDAYS

3.15 pm to 4.15 pm | EYS, KS1 and KS2 Children
£10 + VAT per class

To book, please email jenn@mandoschool.com with your child's name, year group and contact number





EVERY MONDAY STARTS 15TH JANUARY 2024 - 25TH MARCH 2024 3.05PM-4.30PM
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH A SNACK & WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHING WE DO GET MESSY

HOW TO REGISTER TO JOIN LITTLE MASTERS ART CLUB AT WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Existing members your place is automatically renewed you do not need to register, email your interest.
New places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Email: gerri@littlemasters.co.uk.
Course fee £85.00 is payable in advance to secure place.
Transfer to LITTLE MASTERS Acc No: 57177482 Sort code: 09-01-56 Ref: child's name
All staff hold DBS certificates and are fully insured.

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