

Windmill Weekly (15)

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Value for January - Hope

12 January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year to you all! Hope that you had a lovely break! It is lovely to see you all back in school for the start of our Spring Term.

Winter Lights Exhibition

The children have been making their lanterns in time for next week's Winter Lights event which will be taking place on Thursday 18th January. Currently we are unsure where it will take place as the weather forecast suggests it may be raining or even snowing, but it will take place regardless even if we have to move it inside.

Time- 4:30pm to 6:00pm

We will be serving drinks refreshments and would really appreciate you **bringing your own mugs / cups** as we are trying not to use paper cups etc to be more environmentally friendly. We will be asking for financial contributions to these refreshments which will help to fund the event if you are able to contribute. The darker it is outside the more effective the event will be.

Second Hand Book Sale - Friday 19 January

Next Friday the LAW group will be running a secondhand book sale. All of the books will cost 20p and the sale will be open before school, at lunchtime and again at 3:05pm. If you have books to donate we would be very grateful. Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy new books and to brighten up classroom book corners.

Snow Closures

At this time of year there is a chance of snow in the forecast which has on occasion closed schools. If we do have a significant amount of snow, please look out on the school app, email and county council website for any updates. We will of course make a decision as early as possible but if you have not heard otherwise, please presume school is open.

Weights and Measures for Reception and Year 6

The Weights and Measures assessments for Reception and Year 6 are due to take place on Thursday 25 January 2024. This is just to remind you that you do have the right to withdraw your child from the process. The Governors have recently been discussing the purpose of these measures and whether they can have a negative impact on children's self-body image. They do also appreciate that the data collected can be useful for national statistics.

National Children's Commissioner - The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner is trying to get as many people as possible to take part in a national survey. The closing date is next week on Friday 19th January. If you haven't completed and would like to, here is the link.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Revlon Lipcolour - Found

After one of the Christmas performances last term, Revlon Lipstick was handed to me as it has been found on the floor. If you know you have lost one, I have it in my office.



Key Dates

18 January	Winter Lights 4.30pm
19 January	Pastoral and SEND coffee morning 08.45am
25 January	Weights & Measures for Reception / Year 6
30 January	Open Morning 08.30am - 09.10am
1 February	Cake Sale - Reception and Year 5
8 February	Year 1 sharing assembly
9 February	End of Term 3 - 3.05pm
19 February	Start of Term 4 - 08.45pm
27 February - 1 st March	Book Fair

Pastoral and SEND coffee morning

Just to remind you that on Friday 19th January at 8.45am is the Pastoral and SEND coffee morning. Please contact Spainter@windmill.oxon.sch.uk if you would like to come, but if anyone wishes to turn up on the day, you will be most welcome.

Y5 Dorset and Y6 Kilvrough residentials

You are now able to make payments via the School Gateway App. The deposit for Dorset is due by Fri 19 Jan and the deposit for Kilvrough is due by Fri 26 Jan.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have a **NEW** Girls' Touch Rugby Club available on Fridays. This club is **FREE**.

The **NEW** Hockey club and Pop lacrosse club will be starting in the next few weeks. Details to follow.

The Mandarin club is not running this term due to not meeting the minimum number of sign-ups. Do contact them if you would like to register your interest for next term - jenn@mandoschool.com

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>

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.

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 can 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>

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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.

PTA Fundraising

Last term many of you helped to raise funds for the PTA by buying Christmas cards and gifts featuring your children's artwork. This raised a huge £1,343 for the PTA. Thanks to everyone who bought cards and a particular thanks to those who organised this and made it such a success; Cailah, Oriana, Angie & Maria.

The Christmas disco was another successful event, raising £1100 for the PTA. Thanks to all who came and danced, Mrs Knapp and Year 6 DJs, and to all those who helped out with the event in the run up and on the night. We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

As always the PTA Committee are grateful for all the support from our school community, special mention to Julie and Caroline in the office for all their help.

Our next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm online. We have more events happening this term and lots to discuss, including how we best spend our funds to benefit our children. Put the date in your diary and do join us if you can.

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.

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OXFORD BROOKES SCIENCE BAZAAR 2024

The [Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar](#) will be back at our Headington campus (OX3 0BP) on **Saturday 3rd February 2024!** This **FREE** event is most suitable for 5-16yrs and is fun for all the family!

We will be running a relaxed, **autism-friendly**, **early-opening 9:30am-11:30am** for those who prefer a quieter festival experience. We will then be **open to all from 11:30am-4pm**.

[You can book your FREE tickets here.](#)

This year we will be exploring the theme of 'Curiosity', where you can discover something new in our five exciting zones:

1. **Happy and Healthy** - find out what it is like to be a paramedic, experiment with nutrition, meet our physiotherapy students, and try your hand at keyhole surgery
2. **Life Factory** - discover how vaccines are made, get curious about venomous mammals, find out where caterpillars go in the winter, and explore life up close with our microscopists
3. **Mind Your Brain** - learn about languages, and discover more about what we think
4. **Tech Zone** - get behind the wheel of our formula racing car, meet a robot dog, discover more about the power of the sun, become an astronaut
5. **Discovery Zone** - get creative with Chinese calligraphy, test yourself on your recycling knowhow, relax with a wellbeing crochet workshop

We have once again partnered up with:

- **The Brick People** - get stuck in with our *LEGO Cafe*, learning by building with our researchers to discover about: colour blindness in sport; growing food in unusual places; and parasites!
- **Bright Sparks Science** - experiment, get messy and learn something new with the Bright Sparks team
- **Neill Cameron** - join author of *MEGA ROBO BROS*, and some of our researchers in one of our awesome comic book workshops to draw your own story about: caterpillars, volunteering, or nursing
- **Beyond Blocks** - use *LEGO* and coding to solve problems with robots!

We have also newly partnered with:

- **The Royal Institution** - explore the different types of energy that exist around us in this spectacular science show. Two of these shows will have BSL interpretation.
- **Science Oxford** - join us inside a planetarium, to discover how satellites have taught us some spectacular things about planet Earth and to understand how space science can actually be, very close to home!

New this year:

- See if you have what it takes to be a researcher at Brookes! Can you solve the puzzles to complete our **Bazaar Escape Rooms**? Take on a range of fun challenges, learn something new, and win a prize!
- **Meet Brooky** - our Science Bazaar mascot!

Facilities and extra info:

- Competitions and gifts
- **Cafes** - serving hot and cold food and drinks
- Picnic areas - if you would like to bring your own food
- Toilets and baby changing facilities

All of this and much, much, more! There is plenty to be curious about, at the Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar 2024!

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We look forward to seeing you there!
All the best,
The Science Bazaar Team

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Monday	9.30 - 10.30am	Adult Intermediate	Alexandra Park
Monday	10.30 - 11.30am	Adult Beginner	Alexandra Park
Monday	4.00 - 4.45pm	Mini Red 4-6 yrs	Florence Park
Monday	4.45 - 5.30pm	Mini Red 6-8 yrs	Florence Park
Monday	5.30 - 6.30pm	Adult Beginner	Florence Park
Monday	6.30 - 7.30pm	Adult Intermediate	Florence Park
Monday	7.30 - 9.00pm	Adult Invitational	Florence Park
Tuesday	9.30 - 10.30am	Adult Beginner	Florence Park
Tuesday	10.30 - 11.30am	Adult Intermediate	Florence Park
Wednesday	9.00 - 10.00am	Adult Beginner	Bury Knowle Park
Wednesday	10.00 - 11.00am	Adult Intermediate	Bury Knowle Park
Wednesday	10.30 - 11.30am	Adult Intermediate	Hinksey Park
Thursday	9.30 - 10.30am	Adult Intermediate	Alexandra Park
Thursday	10.30 - 11.30am	Adult Beginner	Alexandra Park
Thursday	4.00 - 5.00pm	Mini Orange/Green	Florence Park
Thursday	5.00 - 6.00pm	Junior Invitational	Florence Park
Thursday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Adult Beginner	Florence Park
Thursday	7.00 - 8.00pm	Adult Intermediate	Florence Park
Thursday	8.00 - 9.00pm	Adult Advanced	Florence Park

DAY	TIME	COURSE	PARK
Friday	1.00 - 1.45pm	Home School Group, Minis 6-9yrs	Bury Knowle Park
Friday	1.45 - 2.30pm	Home School Group, Juniors 9+	Bury Knowle Park
Friday	2.30 - 3.15pm	Home School Group, Juniors 12+	Bury Knowle Park
Friday	4.00 - 5.00pm	Mini Red 4-8 yrs	Florence Park
Friday	5.00 - 6.00pm	Mini Orange/Green	Florence Park
Friday	6.00 - 7.00pm	Adult Intermediate	Florence Park
Friday	7.00 - 8.00pm	Adult Matchplay	Florence Park
Saturday	9.00 - 10.00am	Mini Red 5-8 yrs	Botley Park
Saturday	10.00 - 11.00am	Adult & Junior Free Play	Botley Park
Saturday	10.00 - 11.00am	Adult, Junior & Mini Free Play	Hinksey Park
Saturday	11.00 - 12.00pm	Adult Beginner	Hinksey Park
Saturday	11.00 - 12.00pm	Junior Coaching 10-13yrs	Hinksey Park
Sunday	9.00 - 10.00am	Mini Red 4-8 yrs	Bury Knowle Park
Sunday	10.00 - 11.00am	Junior 11-16 yrs	Bury Knowle Park
Sunday	11.00 - 12.00pm	Adult Beginner	Bury Knowle Park

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