

Windmill Weekly (19)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for February - Courage

09 February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Year 2 Protest

It was lovely to see the Year 2 children talking passionately about saving the seas from plastic pollution on Wednesday afternoon. They did some great speeches.

Year 1 We Can Be Heroes Assembly

It was lovely to be at the Year 1 sharing assembly yesterday and to see how much the children care about their world. It was a lovely example of how we like to live out our school values. Well done to them all!

Year 6 Movers and Shakers Living Museum

The Living Museum that the Year 6 children created was also a treat to visit. The children talked so eloquently about a person who they had researched, and considered to be a mover or shaker in the world. The children came into school dressed as that person and went into role as that person for the Living Museum.

Thank you to everyone who came in non-uniform today and have donated to our OxTrail project and Sobell House Hospice. If you need the link or have not had the chance to donate the link is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/windmilloxtrail2024>

Toilet Usage

Can parents please not use the children's toilets when they are on site. For safeguarding purposes, this is not allowed. Parents can use any disabled toilet around the school site.



Key Dates

19 February	Start of Term 4 - 08.45am
27 February - 1 st March	Book Fair
7 March	World Book Day
15 March	Comic Relief
21 March	Parent Interviews
22 March	Year 3 Cake Sale
25 March	Year 4 Performance 1.30pm
27 March	Year 4 Performance 6pm
28 March	End of Term 4 - 2.30pm finish
16 April	First day of Term 5

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 4 (Mon 19 Feb - Thurs 28 March) is £69.60. 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.

Lost Property- Final Call for unnamed coats and clothing - will be donated on 9th February 2024

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/0294Pz9CVQsmRWk2oCIUcnZuQ>

Any unnamed clothing, coats and shoes that are uncollected will be donated to charity.

Come to school by 3:30pm on Friday 9th February to collect OR email Cathy on coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk to claim.

I hope that you have a lovely half term break!

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Damira Dental Oxford (Brookes University) is currently taking on **NEW NHS** patients, adults and children and have extra slots available for children through the half term.

We have a very user-friendly online booking system which can be accessed via the below link to book in new patient appointments.

<https://damiradental.co.uk/location/oxford/>

Alternatively you can also call us on 01865 689997 or email on oxford.reception@damiradental.co.uk

Become a Clerk to Governors

A flexible position which can fit around other commitments, working mainly from home.

The OCC Clerking Service provides professional clerks to local schools throughout the county and is currently seeking new clerks to meet demand. Our professional clerks are vital to the success of Oxfordshire governing boards in their strategic leadership of schools.

School Clerks have a key role to play in:

- organising meetings
- building relationships
- recording minutes
- and providing professional advice to the board.

Each LA Clerk looks after two or more schools, with each school usually having 6 meetings every year. All new Clerks receive a comprehensive induction to the role, regular training opportunities throughout the year and ongoing support from the Governor Services Team.

In return, Clerks receive pay starting from £15.17 per hour plus holiday pay, access to the Local Government Pension Scheme and many other benefits.

For an informal discussion, please contact Ruth.Pangu@Oxfordshire.gov.uk or apply through the Oxfordshire County Council website.

The closing date for applications is Sunday 18th February.

Contact us

For **governance** queries
email: governorservices@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Phone: 0330 0249 046
For **clerking** queries
email: clerking.service@oxfordshire.gov.uk



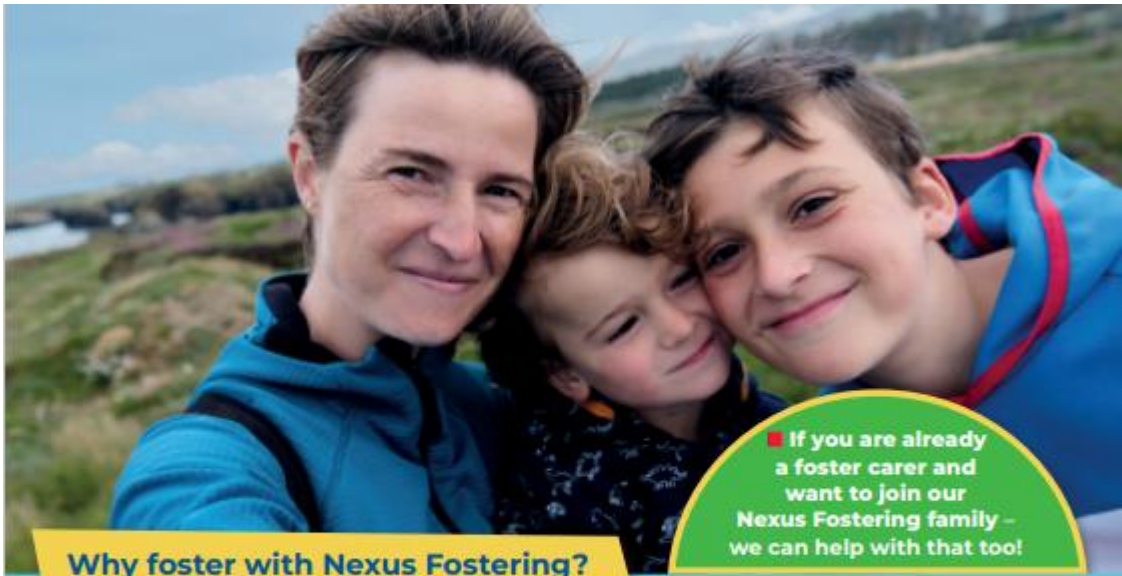
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February Holiday Clubs

St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford

These clubs are open to children aged 3-11

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



Cost: £35 per day
All childcare vouchers accepted

Timings: 8am-5pm

To find out more or to book visit
www.rattleandrollperformance.com
or call 07722 014301



Dear Parent / Carer

Finally, the days are getting longer and the weather is beginning to improve, so hopefully in next week's half term you and your children will be able to spend some time outdoors.

Half term would be a great chance for you to use our **Footsteps** programme to begin to support your children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.

Our **Footsteps** guide will give you some ideas of how to begin to support your child in developing the decision-making skills that will help them become a pedestrian able to keep themselves safer when they eventually walk to school or a friend's home independently.

If they are ill-prepared, children are more likely to be killed or injured in a road traffic incident, as seen by the fact that the number of child pedestrians injured rises significantly around 10 - 12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, you are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely, while in the company of a supporting adult, will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which can't be learnt in the classroom. As parents / carers, you are the best people to help your child develop this knowledge as you spend the most time out and about with them.

It is never too early to start talking to your child about road safety as, having a good understanding of road safety skills, could one day save their life.

Please follow the link to the **Footsteps** guide [Walking with children | 365Alive](#) and start giving your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

Oxfordshire Fire & Resue Service Road Safety Team
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