

# Windmill Weekly (27)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for April - Selflessness

26 April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Car Park- After School Club**

We have noticed that there are quite often children running around the car park at the end of the day when parents and carers are picking up at the end of After School Club. This is a time when staff are leaving school to go home, and they are concerned that there could be an accident. Please can you keep children with you and ideally on the pavement area. Also, if you do drive to collect your children from After School Club and you use the car park please can you make sure that you use a parking space to park your car while you wait to collect your child. We would very much appreciate your cooperation with this.

## **Smart Free Phone Childhood**

A number of parents and carers within our school community have signed up to this movement to reduce the amount of time that children are using smart phones. This is the link to the website if you want to know more. <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/about>

I will be meeting with some reps from this group in the near future to see what we can do to support this.



## **Key Dates**

All of April	Physical Challenge Month
2 May	Year 2 & 4 Cake Sale
6 May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
7 May	Class Photos
7 May	Year 5 Assembly - 2.30pm
8 May	Year 5 Assembly - 6.00pm
10 May	Quiz & Curry night
13 - 16 May	Year 6 SATs
13 - 16 May	Year 5 Dorset Trip
16 May	Year 3 Performance - 2.00pm
20 May	Windmill Bake Off
22 May	Open Morning 8.30am - 9.10pm
23 May	Year 6 Enterprise Day
24 May	End of Term 5

## **Year 2 / 4 Cake Sale - Thursday 2 May**

Don't forget the year 2 and year 4 cake sale on Thursday May 2nd in the hall from 3pm" Loads of delicious treats and bakes. Depending on the weather, we will try queuing outside in the back playground. Cash only please!

## **Windmill Bake Off 2024**

The Windmill Bake Off will be taking place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May this year. We are of course after loads of entrants as usual! Please find more details and sign up using this link: <https://forms.gle/9hj3QChwQBmtftW19>

### **If your Child is Absent from School**

A reminder that if you email the class teacher about your child's absence please also remember to call the school on 01865 762509 and select Option 1. This allows you to leave a recorded message on our dedicated absence line. Emails are not always picked up very early by teachers and the message may not reach the school office who need this information to record on the attendance register. It is school policy that if a message has not reached the office by 9.15am then a first day response call will be made to parents.

### **Vomiting and Sickness bugs**

If children have vomited or have diarrhoea, they must stay off school for the following 48 hours. These bugs spread quickly through classes.

### **Magazine Donations for Windmill Library**

If you have any children's magazines at home that you no longer need, the library would love to have them for our new magazine section. **Issues dated within the last year and in excellent condition would be ideal** (no rips, folds, missing staples or scribbles). Please drop off any donations at the main school office during normal office opening hours (there will be a cardboard box labelled "magazine donations" from Monday). Thanks to Helen Mastrantone for generously providing magazine box files and Sarah Millette for kick-starting this new library feature.

### **Curry and Quiz - Friday 10 May**

Another reminder to get your bookings in for the CURRY AND QUIZ Friday May 10, 7-11pm.

The Parents', Carers' & Staff Curry and Quiz returns, giving you another opportunity to meet, chat, share food and drink, and pit your wits against the mighty Quizmasters Knapp!

This year, two ticket options are available: you can choose to attend the quiz for just £5 (which includes your first drink), or for a further £10 you can add on a curry/rice/salad (vegetarian/halal options available).

Food will be provided by the Oxford Community Kitchen, who reinvest all their profits into their community initiatives, including a Food Bank (see here: <https://oxfordcommunityaction.org/kitchen/>)

Attendees are asked to bring their own plates and cutlery. A bar (including bar snacks) will also be available. All parents, carers and staff are welcome.

We will organise teams/tables closer to the time, but if you have a preference for your team members (6-8 per table), please indicate their names on your booking form.

Please book by Friday 26th April at this link: <https://bit.ly/windmillquiz2024>

Please also transfer the correct amount to the Windmill PTA account either via bank transfer (20-65-21 00978604, reference CURRY) or by using this link: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q5OK962B>.

### **Physical Challenge Month**

Last chance to complete a challenge to raise funds for the school! Once the challenge is completed send all sponsorship money to the PTA account by **Friday 3rd May** - that's next Friday so don't delay! Here's how to do it:

- Transfer to the PTA bank account, using this link:  
<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QCW187AR>

- Send by bank transfer to:

Barclays  
Sort code: 20-65-21  
Account no: 00978604  
Reference: PhysChal

We raised £840 last year, can we get to £1,000 this year?! Any challenge at all is suitable - and any amount of money gratefully received £5...£10...£20...?!

### **Oxford United Girls Football - Fridays**

Oxford United run a girl's football club for girls in years 4 - 6, on Fridays 3.15 - 4.15pm. Sadly not many girls have signed up this term and it may have to be cancelled. **They are now opening the club up to girls in years 1-6.** Please encourage any budding footballers to sign up and keep the club going. Bookings can be made here -

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/oxfordunited/courses.html>

Any questions please contact [community@oufc.co.uk](mailto:community@oufc.co.uk)

### **Tag Rugby for Reception Children**

Tag Rugby on Tuesdays is now open for children in reception, boys and girls. Tag rugby is great for teaching the Core Values of Rugby Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship as well as individual movement and hand-eye coordination.

Children can come along and try a couple of sessions before signing up. We also have a number of spaces available free for children in receipt of Free School meals or those on a low-income.

Gavin Allinson has been coaching Tag Rugby at Windmill for 12 years, starting when his son was in Year 3. Keni Fisilau is a Tongan International whose son Greg plays for the Exeter Chiefs and England U20.

If you have any questions please contact Gavin Allinson WhatsApp 07403 379977  
or [sportgavin@gmail.com](mailto:sportgavin@gmail.com)

Please fill out the form here <https://bit.ly/windmill-rugby> so that Gavin can expect you on Tuesday and has a way of contacting you.

### **\*\*\*Lost Property \*\*\***

Photos taken on 25<sup>th</sup> April of unnamed items in lost property (coats, shoes, hats, PE kits, water bottles etc.) can be viewed here:

<https://share.icloud.com/photos/0df-7of9ONDGxq6CD1WkeMJnA>

Please come and claim your items between **8:30am-8.45am** and **3:05pm-3:30pm** or email [coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) . We regret we can't accommodate parents at other times during the school day.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher



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Thursday  
2 May

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



**Anxiety Explained**

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising. This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Monday  
13 May

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



**Autism: Improving Communication**

Small changes can lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Monday  
20 May

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



**Understanding the Teenage Brain**

Improve your understanding and communication with your teen. Why they think, feel and behave very differently from adults.

Tuesday  
21 May

19:00 - 21:00  
£24



**Raising Self-Esteem**

How to support healthy self-esteem in your children and yourself. Easy to apply interventions shared.

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