

Windmill Weekly (08)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for October - Generosity

25 October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

As we finish the first half term of the year I would like to say how well the Reception children and children who have joined the school in other year groups have settled. I hope that if you are a new family to our school that you have felt welcomed into the school community.

Sustainability Exhibition

I hope that you all enjoyed seeing the work that your child / children have done on Sustainability this week. I thought the children had done some great learning and it was a pleasure to hear them talking about what they had learnt. It is reassuring that the children feel so passionately about taking care of their world - it is their future!

Donations to Asylum Welcome

Thank you to everyone who has contributed items of food to Asylum Welcome. The food will be collected on Monday 4 November. If you have forgotten to send any food in, and you would like to, we can accept food items first thing on Monday 4th November but please send them straight to Reception.

Diwali

I hope that all of you who will be celebrating Diwali today have a very Happy and Safe Diwali!

Homophobic Language and The Windmill Way

We have a working party of parents and staff who are working to ensure that homophobia in school is considered by our school community to be as unacceptable as racism is. This is the Windmill Way! We have discovered that children don't report the inappropriate use of homophobic language, in particular the word gay in the same way that they would if it was racist language. After the holiday we will be talking to the children about the use of homophobic language, especially the word "gay" being used in a derogatory way. It is completely unacceptable, and we will be encouraging children to be reporting it. We would really appreciate you reiterating this at home if you hear the word being used inappropriately.

Happy Half Term!

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break. This is the longest term of the year and many of the children (and staff) are very tired. I look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 4 November ready for an 8:40am start.



Key Dates

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| 4 November | Start of Term 2 |
| 11 - 15 November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| 15 November | Takeover day |
| 21 November | 8.30am - 9.10am Open Morning for whole school |

Parents Questionnaire 2024

The school governors and staff would like to hear your opinions on the questionnaire linked below about Windmill. If you have not done so already then please could you take a moment to complete.

<https://forms.gle/EUd5j3eN3ui8jXaZA>

Reporting a child's absence

If your child is off school please report the absence on our dedicated absence line by calling 01865 762509 and selecting Option 1. These messages are picked up by 9.00am each day. We are getting more and more people sending emails which is not the correct way to report absences as emails are not seen until much later in the day and could result in you getting a phone call home asking why your child is absent.

My Clothing - Uniform Shop

We're excited to offer free delivery on all school uniform orders at MyClothing this weekend only! Please share the code FREESHIP with your school community so parents can enjoy the savings. Offer runs from 6am Saturday 26 Oct until 11:59pm Sunday 27 Oct.

Pupil individual and sibling photos

Your child will be bringing home their photos taken at school last week by Tempest. Please order within the next 14 days for free delivery to school. After this, Tempest will delivery to your house for a £5 charge.

School Lunches

As requested in last week's newsletter, please pre-order your child's meal on School Grid on Friday for the following week. This will help our kitchen plan better for the 400 children who have school lunches. Children whose dinners have not been ordered in advance will be offered a sandwich with salad and a yogurt or fruit for pudding. The cost for next term's meals is £94.50 if your child is having a meal every school day.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Vacancies

School Cleaner

Windmill Primary School are seeking a cleaner to work 10 hours per week, 2 hours per day, Monday to Friday, 2 hours between 5.00am and 9.00am **or** 3.00pm – 5.00pm.

The rate of pay is £11.59 an hour (a pay increase is currently being negotiated).

This is an all year round contract so you will need to work during the school holidays, although hours can be blocked during the holidays if desired so you would not need to work every day. All annual leave must be taken during the school holidays and cannot be taken during term time.

This could be a term time only plus 3 week contract by request. This would be all 5 inset days plus 2 weeks in the Summer holidays.

Please email office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk to ask for an application form or visit our website www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk for further information and to download the OCC Support Staff (August 2022) application form.

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October Half Term- Crash Course at Barton Pool

Do you want to give your child's swimming ability a quick boost over the summer holidays?

We have a 5-day crash course available to help!

£35 for the week.

New children welcomed.

4.5 years and above

28th of October-1st of November

10:00-10.30am stage 3&4

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All the events, activities and days
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Here is the link for my guide: littleexplorers.com/oxford-family-half-term-guide



Magical Maths is returning to Windmill Primary!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Professor Poopenstinken and his friends will be returning to **Windmill Primary** with all new and exciting session content, designed to remind your children just how much fun can be had with numbers!

Our fantastic after school clubs will help to boost your child's engagement and enjoyment in maths through really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities.

This **Term 2, 5 week club** begins **Wednesday 6th November** and is priced at just **£42.00**. So if you haven't signed up already, simply go to our website www.magicalmathsclub.com or call us on **07960411706** but hurry as places are limited!

*We look forward to welcoming your children
for lots of Mathematical fun!*



Brand New This Year:

Magical Maths Online is now **FREE** with every booking! Don't miss out on over 260 hours of interactive content designed to compliment our after school clubs and continue the fun and learning from home!