

Windmill Weekly (19)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for January - Co-operation

31 January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Chinese New Year

Happy New Year to all of our families who have been celebrating Chinese New Year this week!

LGBTQ History Month

February is LGBTQ History Month. To mark the month, we are going to create a gallery of famous people who are gay, some of whom got no recognition for their achievements due to their sexuality. The galleries will be on both sides of the school so that you can see it whichever side you enter the school. If you want to contribute to the gallery please do let me know. The faces you will see have been chosen by the LGBTQ working party but we are happy to have more.

Year 2 Dance

On Monday evening I took 30 Year 2 children to The New Theatre to take part in a Dance festival. They performed a dance about the Moon Landing and they were brilliant. We have filmed the performance and any parents / carers who would like to see it can come to a showing at 2:50pm in the school hall next Friday (7th February).

Strictly Junior Dance

All children who have been practicing the dances in preparation for the Strictly Dance competition taking place on 1st March should have brought a letter home on Tuesday. Please can response slips be back with me by Monday as I need to confirm numbers.



Key Dates

6 February	Weights & Measures Reception & Year 6 - 9.00am
7 February	Year 1 sharing assembly
14 February	Last day of term - 3.10pm
25 - 28 February	Scholastic Book Fair
24 February	First day of term 4 - 8.40am
6 March	World Book Day
21 March	Vision Screening - Reception children only
21 March	Comic Relief
19 March	Parent Interviews for whole school
1 April	Year 4 performance 2.00pm
2 April	Year 4 performance 6.00pm
4 April	House Cross Country
4 April	Last day of term - finish at 2.30pm
Tuesday 22 April	First day of term 5 8.40am

****Lost Property****

Please check these photos to view if your child's unlabelled item has made it to the Lost Property area: <https://share.icloud.com/photos/0165nE3-WfIw6mALa2j2Pw2qg>

Please come **before school** (8:30am-8:40am) or **after school** (3:10pm-3:30pm) to claim your child's lost property, or email coliveira@windmill.oxon.sch.uk to claim your item or to ask that the item is returned to your child in their class.

Any unclaimed unlabelled items left at the end of term (14th Feb) will be donated to charity.

Please label all items for fast return to your child once the item arrives into the Lost Property area.

PTA Update

Thanks to everyone who came to the PTA meeting this week, it was great to hear different views of screen time use and to hear from Mrs Knapp about the school approach to screen time as well as lots more updates including the OFSTED process. Meeting minutes are published on Classlist so please read them there if you would like any more details. (Not on Classlist? -Join here <https://classlist.page.link/xGQXbkzHtcx7ts3y8>)

The PTA has a number of social & fundraising events coming up.

Next week (Friday 7th February) is our online family quiz. This is a fun and easy event and you do not even need to leave your sofa to take part. Mrs & Mr Knapp are our entertaining quizmasters leading a family quiz suitable for all ages. We hope the ever popular 'float or sink' round will be back this year.

REGISTER HERE by completing the following

form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1W55UyxfabuJPK75a-20zb3gTpUv9X0OEloHgTU2S3A/edit?pli=1&zx=9163642665990171054&i=1>

There's a voluntary donation of £5 per team to support the PTA suggested (Windmill PTA account via bank transfer 20-65-21 00978604, reference "Family Quiz").

Also coming up we are once again running our Physical Challenge month in April. This is a chance for children to pick a challenge or activity to keep them active over the Easter holidays and ideally raise a bit of sponsorship too. More details coming soon.

And some upcoming dates for your diary:

Family Quiz - Friday 7th Feb

Next PTA Meeting - Wednesday 13th March

Physical Challenge Month - April

Curry & Quiz evening - Friday 9th May

INSET Day Chessington Trip - Friday 20th June

Barn Dance - June, Date TBC

Summer Disco - Friday 11th July

As ever, we are always looking out for anyone who is able to help with the running of events, or anyone potentially willing to take on a committee role. We particularly want to encourage some more representation from families new to our school community, so please reach out if you would like to find out more. No experience needed, just a little enthusiasm. windmillpta@gmail.com

Thanks for all your support of PTA events. We really do appreciate it.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Clerk to Governors Vacancies

Clerks (Governance Professionals) are sought for school governing boards across Oxfordshire.

Might you be interested in working flexible part-time hours as a Clerk to Governors?

Please refer to the [Oxfordshire County Council jobs website](#) for full details and to submit an online application.

Alternatively, for an informal chat, contact Ruth Pangu, Clerk to Governors Team Lead, at Ruth.Pangu@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

The proximity of new recruits to schools is a factor in considering which schools new governance professionals are allocated to and so if a new member of our team is found from within your school community, this increases the likelihood of them becoming the new permanent governance professional to your governing body.

Care on the move



How can we better understand everyday journeys for children with SEND?

Are you a family in Oxford or Swindon with children aged 4-11 who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND)?

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Choose your preferred involvement from:

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- Keeping a diary
- Group workshop

[Find out More](#)

Contact:
careonthemove@ouce.ox.ac.uk
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Sundays | 6-18 years
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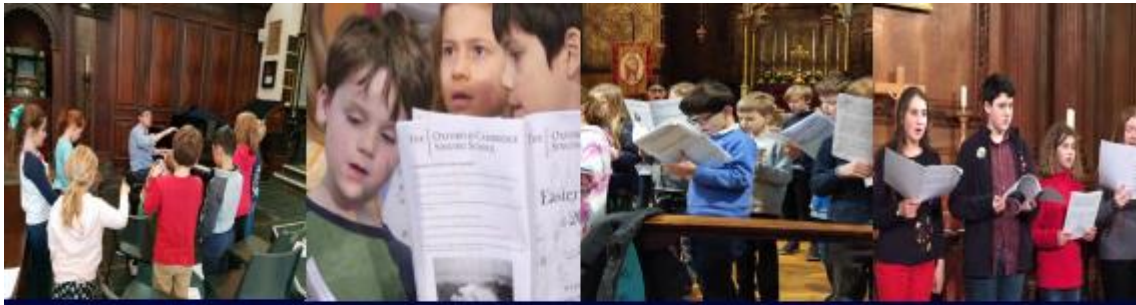
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