

Windmill Weekly (08)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for November - freedom

05 November 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Black History Month

Although October is officially Black History Month we have decided to move our focus on celebrating the achievements of black Britain's to November. October is a short month due to half term and can be dominated by Harvest which leaves less time for classes to think about this important part of our social history.

A gallery of black men and women who have made a significant contribution to British society will be put up on the outside wall of the school for you to see as you come into and leave school. We will be learning about many of these people in our assemblies, linking to the value of the month which is Freedom.

Autumn Fayre Dances

Many of your children worked with me prior to half term to learn dances that were to be performed at the Autumn Fayre, which as you know got postponed. I would really like the children to have an opportunity to perform the dances for you and have decided that on Friday 12 November at 2:30pm you can come to watch the dances. They will be performed outside and should it rain, the event will be postponed until the following Friday. I can't promise that the dances will be polished performances, but I know you will enjoy them anyway. They will all have the opportunity for one practise in the week.

Dance / Yoga / Stage Club

We are looking to start a club linked to performance and there is a link to a google form that we would like you to complete if you are interested to see what type of club your children would like most. It is likely to be a Friday evening when the hall is free.

Rattle & Roll Performance - After School Club questionnaire

Following on from our taster sessions before half term please see the below link to a quick questionnaire for parents to fill in regarding our after school club provision.

Please could parents complete the questionnaire so we can get an idea about which club would work best for everyone.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScs-kqUMPDnijNUBpx2OO4sNVbeQRw1Eif8gNDDO8n2YxPWUg/viewform>

We will get back to you with the results after a week or so.

Action Required - Flu Consent Form for all year groups - Deadline Mon 8th November

The yearly flu vaccination will be given to all children at Windmill this year. This will take place on **Thursday 11th November 2021**. A letter about the vaccination programme was sent electronically on the 19th of October and will be available on the Latest News page of the school website:

<https://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1>. The letter includes a link to further information and a link to the consent form. The school code for Windmill is OX123047. **Please**

complete the online consent form by 5pm on Monday 8th November 2021. It is important that you complete the consent form to accept or to decline the vaccination.



Key Dates (please note the date for 11 million takeover day has changed)

11 th November	Flu immunisations - whole school
18 th November	Vision Screening - Reception children only
26 th November	11 Million Takeover Day
27 th November	Big Xmas Sing for choir
3 rd December	9.15am - 10.00 am Reception Xmas Play
6 th December	Whole School Pantomime
8 th December	KS2 Xmas singing
17 th December	End of term @ 2.30pm
5 th January 2022	Start of term 3

School Street Closure

We are short of volunteers to man the street closures. If any of you are able to volunteer for one off shifts, or more, please email Christine Meeson - cmeeson@windmill.oxon.sch.uk and she will send you the details.

School Photo

Please note the deadline for handing in school photo orders is Monday 8th November.

Boys Open 7s Football

In our opening group game we were visited on a chilly Tuesday by Tetsworth Primary. The boys were fantastic and romped home to a 7-0 victory. Well done Caleb, Walter, Ethan, Patrick, Joel, Sami, Yasin, Jamal and Liam.

School Dinners / Packed Lunch

The cost of school dinners for term 2 (Mon 1 Nov - Fri 17 Dec) is **£77.00**. Please note that school meals must be ordered and paid for in advance.

If you pay weekly, payments (£11.00) 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>

After School Clubs

The updated club list is now available to view on the extra-curricular activities section of the school website. Please book your child a place with the club leader before sending them to an after school club. Many have limited places available. Children not on the club register will not be accepted.

The timetable for Mrs Knapp's lunchtime dance and football clubs will be circulated in school. You do not need to book a place for your child for lunchtime clubs.

****Second Hand Uniform & Christmas Jumpers****

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS now accepted for donation to PTA Second-Hand website

<http://tinyurl.com/WindmillOx>

Please drop off at 46 Margaret Road- just leave your donation in the front porch.

Also needed:
Windmill school bags
Windmill PE bags
PE shirts
Normal school uniform items

So far, you have helped us recycle/re-home 170 items of clothing! Pretty amazing :)

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

(If any images below are missing please view the Newsletter on the School Website - www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk)

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

Primary school place - you must apply now

If your child was born on or between **1 September 2017** and **31 August 2018**, you need to apply for a primary school place now.

You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2022**.

Apply online at

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/
primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

- it's quick, easy and secure.

You can get free access to the internet at many of our libraries and children's centres - ask for details at your local facility.



For help and information:

Web: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Email: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Tel: **0345 241 2487**

Bike Donation Day!

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and Active Oxfordshire are working in partnership with charity partners and local authorities to provide bicycles for young people and their families across Oxford & Oxfordshire.

On Saturday 6th November they are hosting a Bike Donation event from 10.00am – Midday at:
Slade Park fire station
Horspath Driftway
Headington
OX3 7JG

They are requesting bikes of **reasonable condition** to be donated that will then be refurbished, safety checked, and provided to young people and their families who are facing financial barriers to cycling

If you have a bike that is no longer used and is still serviceable, please consider donating it!

If you would like to donate a bike, all you need to do is:

- Come along with the bike(s) to the Slade Park fire station on Horspath Driftway on **Saturday 6th November, between 10.00am – Midday**
- Members of Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service will be on hand to receive your donation – it's as simple as that!

Your bike could make a big difference to a local family, here is what other families have had to say about their bikes:

"it gets me to A to B and gets the kids out as well so I'm happy"

"it's opened up a whole new Oxford to us"

"it has really brought us together as a family"

We hope to see you on Saturday 6th November

NB: Please do not leave any donated bikes at the fire station, outside the 10.00am – 12.00pm on Saturday 6th November.

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SCIENCE BAZAAR BEYOND



Saturday 6 November 2021
11 am – 12 pm



Science Bazaar Saturdays presents Mission Nutrition!

Join us for an interactive session to explore how scientist assess body composition and learn more about the food we eat!

This virtual event is FREE and open to all.

Fun for all the family and most suitable for 5 – 12 years.

Register at:

<https://brookes.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAscuusrTojHNaXIQthvFGwbagOp5I2kgV7>



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First OXFORD INDIE BOOK FAIR

Opening by the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Cllr. Mark Lygo



SATURDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2021

Wesley Memorial Hall, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford, OX1 2DH

OUR EVENT AND ITS AIMS

Oxford is a major city of arts and letters, renowned for writing and publishing, and it is time for the ever-growing indie sector to have a voice. Writers not tied to agents and major publishers find difficulty in participating in prestigious literary festivals, one of which takes place in Oxford each year.

This is an exciting opportunity for new and established independent talent to showcase their work.

KEY INFORMATION

- From 10.30am to 5pm on Saturday 6th November.
- Admission is FREE for the general public.
- 50 exhibitors are already signed up.
- An engaging programme of performances to attract people of all ages taking place alongside the sale of published works. (See programme on website: www.oxfordindiebookfair.co.uk)

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