

Windmill Weekly (09)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for November - freedom

12 November 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Covid Cases

Just to inform you that we have had 2 positive cases of Covid in the school this week. Both are in Year 6. These have all been picked up through lateral flow testing. We will be monitoring the situation carefully.

Please can I remind you that if your child has a confirmed PCR test you need to call the school as soon as possible or if school is closed, send an email to the office on office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk and the head teacher on head.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk. Please put COVID as the subject header.

Christmas Performances

We are watching the number of Covid cases very carefully to decide whether we have limited numbers of parents at some of our Christmas performances or whether we film them and send them to you via your online learning platform; Seesaw, Tapestry or Google Classroom. Currently we are hoping that we will have some Christmas singing outside that you can come to and join us for. Reception and Year 2 will inform you of their plans directly. As this is a changing picture I apologise if it's still all indecisive. We will confirm dates for these events next week.

Clerk to Governors

We need to recruit a new Clerk to Governors. If you think you would like to know more about this position, please email me or go to the OCC job vacancy site to find the details.

Parents in Red Squirrel Class

Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness this week. We have all been overwhelmed by it!

Takeover Day

Takeover Day will be taking place on 25 November. Nationally it takes place today, but we feel it works better towards the end of November for the school.

Black History Month

I hope you have had a chance to look at the gallery of pictures which have been put down the side of the school where you come in. I will be putting names and reasons for their fame up next week and adding some more pictures to the gallery. It has been lovely to have a couple of parents suggesting other people who should be there, and their lives being celebrated and held up as role models.



Key Dates (please note the date for Big Xmas Sing has changed)

18 th November	Vision Screening - Reception children only
25 th November	11 Million Takeover Day
30 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

100 Club

The winning numbers are for the October draw are

	1st - £25	2nd - £15	3rd - £10
October	66	25	91

Congratulations to the winners - you should have received an email about claiming your winnings. The club is currently full, but we will most likely have spaces again in the new year.

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

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.

Deadline for applications is 15 January 2022.

Apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Manor Cup (Year 6 knockout cup) Football

Huge congratulations to our brilliant team of year six girls and boys for beating New Marston 2-0 on Tuesday 8th November. We dominated the match, and it could easily have been a more comfortable victory on a less congested pitch - 18 year sixes are quite large, even for our generously-sized field and pitch! The first goal came from patient passing at the back, which developed into a quick counter-attack; great vision for the through ball by Joel and a calm, toed finish from Liam. The second was an absolute screamer, as Liam curled it in the top corner from a significant distance. Well done Walter, Caleb, Pat, Will, Ethan, Sammy, Joel, Felo, Liam, Guy, Maya, Eva and Grayson. The quarter-finals are next and take place in the new year.

Winter Lights Parade - 19th NOVEMBER 2021

Please come to watch our parade!

Please let your neighbours know to help spread the word!

This year, Year 5 children will be making lanterns from empty, plastic milk cartons for our Winter Lights Parade in keeping with our eco-ethos of recycling and reusing. Our parade will be along local streets - please come along and watch us pass by!

Date: 19th November 2021

Time: Setting off at 5pm from Windmill School

Route: The streets along our route include (in order) Margaret Road, Quarry Road, Wayland Road, York Road, Mark Road, Quarry Road (again), York Avenue, York Road (again), the start of Rock Edge and back to school via St Anne's Road. (See map.)

We look forward to seeing you there!



Christmas Card Project

If you want to order, the deadline for online orders is midnight on Friday 12th November. After you have placed your order, the artwork needs to be returned to school by **TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER** please in order to get it to the company by 18th November. We only need to send them the artwork if you have placed an online order. You can visit <http://www.apfs.org.uk> for details of how much money each item purchased raises for the school PTA.

Oxford United FC Courses.

Bookings for January - March 2022 will be available to book online this week from Wednesday, 10th November from 11am. For bookings, please use this website: [Oxford United FC Courses | Official Soccer Schools](#) (from Wednesday 11am).

We have limited spaces for each after school club and we often have more parents interested in reserving the spot than the capacity we can offer due to the venue at school or short of the coaching staff. If you have a space at the afterschool club now, we cannot guarantee the space from January. Once the website status is **SOLD OUT** we have no more spaces available. If this happens, you can email community@oufc.co.uk to be added to the waiting list.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Knapp'.

Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

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

Dear chess players and parents / guardians

Please find attached information and entry forms for the Oxfordshire Junior Chess Championships, which will take place over the weekend of 8th and 9th Jan 2022, at Cumnor Primary School, OX2 9PQ.

The link to the online entry form is: <https://forms.gle/3yqzvbS9wfYfevWv5>

The Under 9s competition is on Saturday 8th January, Under 11s is on Sunday 9th January and Under 13/15/18s on both 8th and 9th January. Note that this is a 'closed' competition, with only Oxfordshire children eligible to enter. For the U9 / 11 sections, this means children living and/or attending school in Oxfordshire. For the U13 / 15 / 18 section, this means children affiliated to Oxfordshire by any of birth, residence, school / college or attendance at an Oxfordshire chess club.

Payment details (PayPal or BACS) will be sent upon receipt of entry. Please get entries and payment in by Thursday 6th January 2022 to avoid late payment fees.

Any questions, please email Oxfordshirejuniorchess@gmail.com, where we will be happy to help.

Best wishes
Oxfordshire Junior Chess



Swan Craft Fair 2021

Saturday 20th November

10am - 5pm

The Swan School, Marston Ferry Road, Oxford, OX2
7WP

We're delighted to present the inaugural Swan Craft Fair in the fantastic new premises of the Swan School in North Oxford. Dozens of stallholders selling unique creations. Take part in craft workshops and enjoy refreshments in the piazza.

All profits from the event will go to SwanComm - the Swan School's PTA. SwanComm works with the school to create a sense of community and support learning, raising funds to pay for activities and equipment to enhance our young people's school experience.