

Windmill Weekly (12)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for December - appreciation

03 December 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Covid Update

We are delighted that there has been a substantial drop in the number of children self-isolating with Covid-19 this week. We have only had 4 newly confirmed cases this week; 1 teacher and 3 children. However, we will be continuing with the current class group restrictions to prevent a further outbreak.

Thank you to you all for making sure that children have been tested before they come to school as I am sure that this has helped to reduce numbers of children coming into school with the virus. I would also like to thank the school staff team who have all had to overcome many issues in order to keep the children in their class bubbles including Key Stage 2 teachers supervising children eating their lunches, thereby losing a section of their own lunchbreak.

Pantomime

On Monday afternoon the pantomime *Beauty and the Beast* will be coming to school as planned. However, as we can't pack the children into the school hall to watch it, as we would have done in previous years, due to Covid restrictions, the pantomime will be live streamed from the hall to each of the classrooms.

Christmas Singing 16 December 9:15am

We are still planning that you will all be invited to our Christmas singing on 16 December at 9:15am so please keep that time free if you can. You will need your thermals as it will be held outside in the playground!

Big Christmas Sing

I was very proud to be at The Town Hall on Tuesday evening and to hear our school choir performing in the Big Christmas Sing. They were brilliant! A huge thank you to Mrs Dwyer who rehearsed the children under very challenging restrictions because they couldn't mix together until the evening before the performance.



Key Dates

16 th December	KS2 Xmas singing @ 9.15am
17 th December	End of term @ 2.30pm
5 th January 2022	Start of term 3

Boys' 7-a-side football

On a chilly but dry Friday we travelled to Church Cowley St. James Primary School for a group game in the 'Open 7s' competition. The boys responded very well to a strange pitch with a pair of almost impossibly small goalposts, managing to carve the opposition open again and again through clever and intricate passing, scoring 8 and conceding 1. Well done Patrick, Ethan, Walter, Jamal, Sammy, Liam, Joel and Guy.

Girls Open 7s Group Match

We visited St Nicholas Primary on a chilly Thursday afternoon for the first of our group games in this tournament. The girls dominated the match, heading into an early lead which they comprehensively built on to eventually win 10-0! Well done Eva, Ines, Isla, Alice, Tobi, Orla, Alex, Mercy, and Tobi - a magnificent performance!

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

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



CHRISTMAS HOCKEY PROGRAM DECEMBER 16th to DECEMBER 23rd

FOR: Players of all abilities and experience from under 6's to under 18's
LOCATION: Oxford Hawks Hockey Club, Banbury Road OX2 8EQ.
TIMES & COST: From 10:00am – 4:00pm. From £10 per 55 minute session
COACHES: International, Premier League & National League players
STRUCTURE:

- **FULL DAY MULTISPORT MINI CAMP** – Monday 20th. 10-4pm. Ages 5-10. **£35 ONLY**
- **Mini Camps** Friday 17th / Wednesday 22nd 10-1pm (£30 – aged 5-10)
- **Defensive Workshop** Tuesday 21st 10-1pm (£30)
- **Attacking Workshop** Wednesday 22nd 10-1pm (£30)
- **Penalty corner workshop** Monday 20th 10-12pm (£20)
- **Normal small group sessions** offered outside of the above workshops

NB: GK's are welcome to join the hockey sessions above at half the price!

ALL PRICES SHOWN INCLUDE VAT

BOOKING:

Email drew@williamshockeycoaching.com with preferred days, times and type of session and we'll come back to you with a list of what's available.

PAYMENT:

Invoices will be raised prior to the sessions and are expected to be settled before attending. We will be adapting a 'No pay No play' policy.

BURSARY

We understand the financial pressures on many families at this time and are continuing to offer the bursary fund for players that require it. Please email drew@williamshockeycoaching.com for more information on this.

Thanks

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HEADINGTON SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP : extended learning for all ages



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HEADINGTON ACTION'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT SWITCH ON Saturday 4 December 4.30-5.30
Switch on by the Lord Mayor of Oxford – mince pies, wine and soft drinks – community singing around the tree

HEADINGTON MARKET is back on London Road 9.00-2.00 every Saturday
Saturday 4 December Christmas crafts, foods and entertainment
Wednesday 22 December an additional Christmas treats market
Market will be closed on Saturdays 25 December and 1 January

SCIENCE OXFORD *The Science Oxford Centre, Stansfeld Park, Quarry Rd, OX3 8SB*
FAMILY DAYS 4, 11, 29, 30 December - sessions at 10.00, 12.30, 3.00 – up to two hours in the Exploration Zone and access to the 15 acres of woodland all day. Get brains buzzing in the Exploration Zone, wrap up for welly walks and spot our woodland wildlife, then warm up with gingerbread, mince pies and festive fayre at the [#Skogen](#) café!

Saturday 4 December : as of Thursday morning, spaces are available at all sessions but selling fast

Creative Computing Club Saturday 4 December Carnival of coding
for ages 9-12

Saturday Club Saturday 11 December *all sessions sold out* Trick of the light
for ages 5-9

Holiday Tech Tuesday 21 December 10.00-12.00, 1.00-3.00, 2.00-4.00 Winter Wonderland
for ages 9-12

booking essential for all events www.scienceoxford.com 01865 810 000 info@scienceoxford.com

MINDGROWING : OXFORD UNIVERSITY'S MUSEUMS have you been back since the lockdowns?

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

Beaumont Street, OX1 2PH

The Ashmolean Adventure – a new digital guide for families... for ages 7-11

featuring 10 objects and paintings, this new digital guide for families offers an interactive exploration of some of the Museum's most intriguing objects through a variety of multimedia activities.

On a multimedia device, rub away a mummy to reveal what's inside, hear musical instruments come to life, design an Islamic tile or have a go at matching weatherscapes to Impressionist paintings.

The Ashmolean Adventure digital guide is packed with games and quizzes, sounds and stories, as well as design and drawing activities – each activity is different because each object is different!

Museum entry free – booking and payment essential for the Ashmolean Adventure

<https://www.ashmolean.org/adventure#widget-id-3030691>

AFRICAN ARTEFACTS, DRUMMING AND POETRY EVENT *Rumble Museum, Cheney School, OX3 7QH*

Friday 10 December 3.30 – 5.00 pm listen to poems and drumming by **Natty Mark Samuels**, founder of the African School, Blackbird Leys; view and handle the artefacts in the museum's collection, collect a copy of our new booklet, and enjoy some African-themed refreshments. *to book places, please email info@irisproject.org.uk*

HOOP JAM free hula hooping for adults

Bury Knowle Park, London Road

Sundays 19 December, 30 January 1.00-3.00

outdoors – fresh air – great exercise! – hoops provided – no need to book – learn new skills

8th HEADINGTON RAINBOWS for girls aged 5-7

meeting in Old Headington

be active – be creative – learn new skills – make new friends – have adventures – and lots of fun

register your interest on www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or email 8thheadingtonrainbows@gmail.com

HEALTHY START VOUCHERS Are you or is someone you know missing out on extra money to

help you or them buy **fresh fruit and vegetables and milk**. The Healthy Start voucher scheme is

designed to support pregnant mothers and children up to the age of 4, to receive more of their 5 a day! Families are eligible if they are on low income or in receipt of certain benefits.

Vouchers are accessed on a pre-paid card just like a bank card using a pin and contactless.

There's a video explaining the scheme and how the process works : scan the QR code or see

<https://youtu.be/XbuQmwnitVU> OHIMP Team, Oxfordshire ohimp.oxfordshire@cds-cic.nhs.uk



'50 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE FIVE' FREE APP But actually it has useful ideas, free or low-cost places and resources for all ages <https://Oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org> *twitter: @50thingsB4five*

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