

# Windmill Weekly (14)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for December - Appreciation

17 December 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Goggle Sprouts Premiere**

It was such a delight to attend the Year 2 world premiere of Goggle Sprouts - I have now watched it 3 times and it is just amazing. The sheer joy that you can see on the children's faces when they were filming is wonderful to see. A huge thanks to the very talented Year 2 team who wrote the script and produced the film.

## **Christmas Singing**

I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas singing event yesterday. It felt particularly special as we haven't had the opportunity to have live performances for the last couple of years. The children did brilliantly! A very big thank you to Mrs Dwyer who taught the children all of the songs without having any opportunity to practise them together.

## **Year 4 Protest March**

It was a great pleasure to join Year 4 when they went on a protest march around Headington on Thursday morning. The march was a response to a litter survey that Turtle Class carried out. They were horrified by the amount of litter they found between school and Rock Edge. Most of this litter was made up of items which are single use plastic products. The march was aimed at raising awareness of the need to replace disposable items with reusable ones. Not only did they march with their banners, singing the Twisted Sister song *We're Not Going To Take It*: but they also collected litter on their route. I was incredibly proud of them all as they were demonstrating that we can all fight for what we believe in.

## **Penguin Class**

A very big thank you for the lovely gift that I was given this week! It is very much appreciated. I hope that you all have a lovely holiday and enjoy some family time together.

Merry Christmas to all of you who will be celebrating, and I wish you all a very Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday 5 January at 8:45am.

We know that there could be some tricky months ahead, but we will make sure that your children's education and well-being is our highest priority.



## **Key Dates**

17 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term @ 2.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Start of term 3

### School Dinners / Packed Lunch

The cost of school dinners for term 3 (Weds 5 Jan - Fri 18 Feb) is **£72.60**. 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>

A reminder that pupils must have either school meals all term or packed lunches all term, we cannot cater for children having meals on odd days.

**IMPORTANT** - If your child would like to switch their meal preference, please email Christine in the school office on [cmeeson@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:cmeeson@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) on or before the first day of term. If we are unaware that your child has switched from packed lunch to school dinner, a dinner will not have been ordered for them and if your child switches from school dinner to packed lunch and you have not informed the office, you will be charged for the meal that has been prepared.

We would like to remind you that all children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) qualify for free school dinners under the Government Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme. If your child is not already having school dinners, you will also need to request them through the office.

### 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 a school club. Many have limited places available. Children not on the club register will not be accepted.

Please note the classrooms for some indoor clubs have changed.

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.

### Chess Club

We have a few spaces available at Chess Club, Tuesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm, £25.00 per term. Please email [njohnson@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:njohnson@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) if your child is interested. Children in years 3-6 will be given priority.

### 100 Club

The winning numbers are for the December draws are

	1st - £25	2nd - £15	3rd - £10
December	92	59	86
December bonus draw	27	112	36

Congratulations to the winners - you should have received an email this week about claiming your prizes. The club is currently full, but we will most likely have spaces again in March. Thanks to everyone for your support and have a great Christmas break.

### **Girls Open 7s Football**

In our second group game we welcomed John Hampden Primary from near Thame. It was a tight game, remaining 0-0 for a long period until near half time when John Hampden scored a goal on the break. Windmill replied excellently, scoring 4 in the second half to claim a 4-1 victory. Well done Maya, Orla, Alex, Isla, Tobi, Alice, and Mercy.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher

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

# HEADINGTON SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP : extended learning for all ages



16.12.21 every good wish for a

happy, safe, healthy festive season

**HEADINGTON MARKET** is back on London Road 9.00-2.00 every Saturday with a Christmas extra :  
Wednesday 22 December 9.00-2.00 an additional market with seasonal treats  
the market will be closed on Saturdays 25 December and 1 January <https://www.headingtonmarket.org/>

**SCIENCE OXFORD** *The Science Oxford Centre, Stansfeld Park, Quarry Rd, OX3 8SB*  
**FAMILY DAYS** 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!  
*selling our fast – very few places left – book quickly*  
Holiday Tech Tuesday 21 December 10.00-12.00, 1.00-3.00, 2.00-4.00 Winter Wonderland  
for ages 9-12 sorry – all sessions sold out  
Book now for 2022 sessions, starting on Saturday 15 January : Family days every Saturday, Creative Computing Club for age 9-12, Saturday Science Club for age 5-9  
booking essential for all events [www.scienceoxford.com](http://www.scienceoxford.com) 01865 810 000 [info@scienceoxford.com](mailto:info@scienceoxford.com)

**COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES – SHINE A LIGHT** *St James Church, Beauchamp Lane, OX4 3LF*  
Saturday 18 December 10.00-4.00 Sunday 19 December 2.00-4.00  
40+ community decorated Christmas trees - refreshments free entry - donations to ROSY and SeeSaw  
Thursday 16 December 7.00-8.30 FREE  
An evening with Rising Voices choir led by Rose Martin and the Gospel Jazz Project  
Friday 17 December 7.30-8.30 £10 - free for children and students  
Light up Cowley – a concert with Jubilee Brass and singer Doug Loveridge  
Sunday 19 December 4:30 torchlit carol service in the churchyard  
[ctf@cowleyteamministry.co.uk](mailto:ctf@cowleyteamministry.co.uk) [www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/Festival-of-Christmas-Trees](http://www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/Festival-of-Christmas-Trees)

**MINDGROWING : OXFORD UNIVERSITY'S MUSEUMS** have you been back since the lockdowns?  
**OXFORD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY** *Parks Road, OX1 3PW*  
Festive Favourites Get in the mood for Christmas by exploring the museum for some festive favourites.  
Will you be able to find all 7?  
for ages 5+ the trail starts at the reindeer skeleton  
available during opening hours from Saturday 18 December – Monday 3 January – no booking needed  
Intergenerational HOPE Explorers group in collaboration with Flo's – the place in the park  
*Florence Park, Rymers Lane, OX4 3JZ*  
starting Friday 7 January 10.30-12.00 - then the first Friday of each month FREE  
<https://oumnh.ox.ac.uk/event/grandparent-and-mature-carer-group> <https://oumnh.ox.ac.uk/events>

**WHAT ELSE IS OPEN TO VISIT IN OXFORD?** You have to pre-book a time slot for some but they are all open!  
Oxford University Museum of Natural History Pitt Rivers Museum  
Ashmolean Museum History of Science Museum  
Botanic Garden Weston Library  
University Parks <https://www.ox.ac.uk/visitors/visiting-oxford/visiting-museums-libraries-places>  
Story Museum <https://www.storymuseum.org.uk/> with live performances

**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

**GET OUTDOORS** for your physical & mental wellbeing <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/goactiveoutdoors>  
**'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

**CAP MONEY COURSE** online, FREE with Zoom  
Over three sessions, participants are taught simple money management skills – budgeting, spending and saving wisely.  
Thursdays 25 January, 1, 8 February 7.30 Liz Roberts 07745 802 030  
<https://capuk.org/i-want-help/courses/cap-money-course/find-your-local-course?postcode=OXFORD>

Lesley Williams – Headington Partnership Coordinator [lesley.williams@headingtonpartnership.co.uk](mailto:lesley.williams@headingtonpartnership.co.uk) 07982 439 828

# YOUR CHILD CAN NOW JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND!



Dear Parent / Guardian,

**Rock and Pop band lessons** are available at your child's school through a visiting iRock band coach. This letter will tell you how your child can experience iRock at school and soon become the highlight of their week!

Playing in a band is not only fun, it can massively help develop your child's life skills. Boosting **confidence**, supporting **wellbeing**, developing their **social skills** and even help their **academic progress**.

WATCH OUR VIDEO



ENROL ONLINE



## How it works

- No experience needed to join. Our lessons are **inclusive and accessible** to everyone!
- **Choose their role in the band** and play either the **drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals**.
- **30 minute weekly lessons** that take place **during school time**. Lessons are led by one of our experienced band coaches who will guide your child through every lesson.
- Lesson available from **foundation to Year 6** with children grouped by age. Children choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- Watch how your child has progressed live at our **end of term concerts**.
- Your child can experience iRock every week for a monthly subscription of **£32.49 per month** (no payment in August). No long term contracts, you can cancel at anytime.

Book today by visiting [www.irockschool.com](http://www.irockschool.com), email [info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com) or call 0330 174 2655. Places are booked on a first come first serve basis.

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin  
Co-Founder & CEO



## Any Questions? Get in touch

Visit: [www.irockschool.com](http://www.irockschool.com)

Call: 0330 174 2655

Email: [info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com)

*I havent seen our child this inspired for a long time. His dad and I are very impressed and this is really helping his confidence*

PROUD PARENT



## Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club

Ewa Bogacz, [cbogartoxford@gmail.com](mailto:cbogartoxford@gmail.com), 07834671850

Dear Parents / Carers,

15.12.21

We are pleased to announce that we are running a **Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club** for KS1 (years 1,2,3) and KS2 (years 4,5,6). Because of the popularity and huge demand of places there are **TWO GROUPS** in spring term. This will allow smaller number of children in each group and better quality interaction/help from the teacher.

The aim of the club is to enable our children to express their natural artistic skills, unleash their imagination as well as to relax after school tasks. Children just love it!

In the club the young artists create decorative and sculptural projects out of clay and other materials as well as develop their skills in painting. The club is run by a local artist and teacher Ewa Bogacz.

**Wednesdays** between 5 January and 6 April inclusive (3:10 to 4:30, Classroom 1 Ladybirds)

**Thursdays** between 6 January and 7 April inclusive (3:10 to 4:30, Classroom 4 Chameleon)

To enrol, simply would you please send me an email or a text message with your child details (name, year group and class) Thank you. Payment ways - complete the cut off slip and return it to Ewa Bogacz with your payment in a marked envelope before / after the first workshop. Please make the cheques payable to **Ewa Bogacz**. If you prefer a bank transfer please let me know.

**TOTAL COST OF BEING PART OF THE CLUB - £104 (13 workshops - £8 each).**

**Discount for your second child - £90.**

Those parents whose children where signed in for the Autumn term please pay **£16 less for your first child and £10 less for your second child** ( because of covid situation I was asked not to run ceramics for two weeks). Thank you.

**Ceramics and Art After School Club: WEDNESDAY(KS1,KS2) THURSDAY(KS1,KS2)** (please circle the day you prefer).

Pupil's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

My child requires an inhaler   
Other medical needs to be aware of \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

My child will be picked up at 4.30 by \_\_\_\_\_

My child is in year 5 or 6 and is allowed to go home alone after the club \_\_\_\_\_ (tick if necessary)

Signature of Parent / Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the form and make the cheques payable to Ewa Bogacz.**

