

Windmill Weekly (19)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for February - Courage

04 February 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Covid-19

Thankfully, it feels like we are finally over the worst of the recent wave of covid and we are starting to get staff and children back who have been off with the infection. I know that some you are still at home isolating, and we hope that you feel better soon, and we look forward to seeing you back.

Mid-Year Reports

By the end of the day, you should all have received a mid-year report for your child / children. There will be parent interviews in March which will be an opportunity for you to discuss it.

Indoor Clubs

As the situation is now improving, we will be resuming our indoor clubs next week. Thank you for your understanding of them being cancelled as I know it will have impacted on your childcare plans.



Key Dates

18 th February	Half Term - break up 3.05pm
28 th February	Start of term 4 - 8.45am
28 th February - 4 th March	World Book Week
3 rd March	Dress as your favourite book character

100 Club

The winning numbers are for the January draw are:

	1st - £25	2nd - £15	3rd - £10
January	31	68	56

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 and I will share more information later this month. Thanks to everyone for your support.

Football this coming week

Good luck to the boys and girls from years five and six, representing Windmill at football matches and tournaments this coming week. Due to the girls playing after school on Tuesday there will be no Mr Habbershaw's Y5/6 football club that day. A new day and time are still being found to replace girls' Thursday football club; all of the survey forms have recently been filled in and collected, so there will be news soon.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

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

Oxford Brookes University Research Project

Dear Parents,

My name is Megan Agnew and I am currently completing a research project as part of the final year of my undergraduate Psychology degree at Oxford Brookes University. The project will run from the start of December 2021 for a couple of months. My project is looking at the possible differences in the vocabulary of children born in summer and those born in winter and possible factors that can affect these differences. If you take part, you will be asked the month of birth of your child as well as some questions about their reading habits and the words that you think they know.

If you are a parent of a child aged between 4 and 7 I invite you to take part in my questionnaire. The questionnaire will take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

Please click the link below if you wish to participate.

https://brookeshls.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b8iqvKfnFiUqv5Q

Many thanks in advance,

Megan Agnew



Booking Essential. Email/Call:
Headington.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk / 01865762867



OXFORD BABY BANK DONATION MORNING

We will be holding a donation morning on **Saturday 12th March 2022 from 9am till 1pm** at our storage facility at the Cowley Methodist Church on the corner of Jeune Street and Cowley Road (opp. the Ultimate Picture Palace). The postcode is OX4 1BN.

Our recipients are all referred by frontline professionals and we give required items free of charge. As we pride ourselves on giving our recipients the best that we can, we should be very grateful to receive good quality:

- Moses baskets
- Cots and cot –beds (we can only accept new mattresses)
- Buggies that are less than 5 years old (we are responsible for safety, so cannot take older machines. We also cannot store bassinets, so unfortunately cannot accept travel systems)
- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Slings
- Microwave sterilisers, breast pumps and new bottles
- Babygros and vests up to 1 year
- Clothing 2-5 years
- Coats and snow suits new-born to 5 years
- IKEA high chairs (the ones which have detachable legs)
- Pressure fitted stair gates
- Bouncy chairs
- Play mats and changing mats

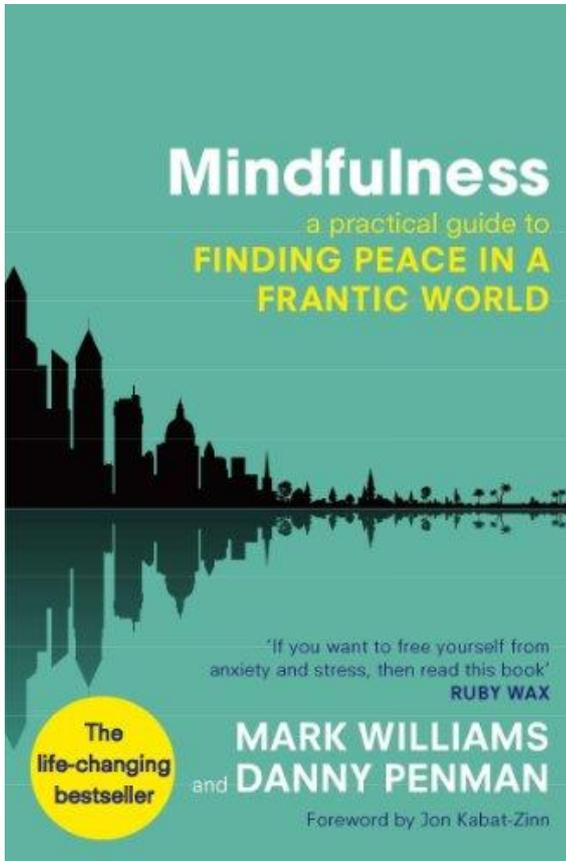
Unfortunately owing to lack of space, we cannot accommodate any other items at present. A BIG BIG THANK YOU to everyone in advance.

The Baby Bank Team
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MINDFULNESS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

A practical guide to looking after yourself in the midst of parenting



6 WEEK ON-LINE COURSE

Adapted from the bestselling book "Finding Peace in a Frantic World" by Mark Williams & Danny Penman. Also including informal meditations that you can share with your child/children.

STARTS MARCH 3rd 2022

Subsidised Cost: £70

FREE TASTER SESSIONS

Find out more

Thursday 10th Feb - 8-9pm

Thursday 17th Feb - 8-9pm

Mindfulness offers many benefits: it helps our mental and physical well-being and has been shown to alleviate anxiety, depression, stress and chronic pain.



COURSE GUIDE

Susie Stead is a freelance mindfulness teacher based in Oxford. She was trained and competency assessed by the Oxford Mindfulness Centre (OMC) and is an OMC teacher. She also has 3 now adult children. www.susiestead.com/mindfulness-teacher, <https://www.facebook.com/mindfulnessinoxfordshire>

For an application form or further information, please contact:

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HEADINGTON SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP : extended learning for all ages



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN KS3 & KS4

CODE CLUB _ BARTON

for students in Y7 & Y8

Mondays 4.00-5.00, February – June

Learn computer coding through challenges and games – free tablet if you complete the course

www.hertford.ox.ac.uk/codeclub

BARTON CO-LAB YOUNG PRODUCERS *for students in Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11* February – June

design - direct – create – explore with Brookes University

www.bit.ly/bartoncolab

both at Barton Neighbourhood Centre, Underhill Circus, OX3 9LS

01865 761 987

info@bartoncommunityassociation.com

ARTI-TECHS *for ages 11-14 – Y7-Y9* Tuesdays after school, 3.30-5.30 – formal activity starts at 4.00

Learn new arts and tech skills! The **FREE** after school club for young people aged 11-14 runs every Tuesday from **18 January – 29 March – it's not too late to join.** Code, craft and create – work on cool projects and designs including creative coding and micro:bits, 3d / computer design using a Cricut machine, laser-cutting, soldering and circuits, bird nest-box making, animation with Tinkercad and story board and film making with our green screen.

<https://scienceoxford.com/events/arti-techs-ages-11-14-after-school-club/>

CALLOUT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE : GROW YOUR CREATIVITY & MAKE NEW CONNECTIONS!

with Fusion Arts, East Oxford Community Centre, Princes Street, OX4 1DD

For those aged 14-20 years old who are interested in creative writing and connecting with others.

Join Fusion Arts for the upcoming project *Save the Last Dance for Me!*

Save the Last Dance for Me is a three month project (February to April 2022) in collaboration with the [Creative Dementia Arts Network](#) that uses art, creative writing and music as a focus for younger and older people to share memories and experiences; showcase these in a Zine and help plan and organise a dissemination event.

Fusion is looking for **young people** who would like to **talk about being young in 2022** and find out what it's like being older.

All young people who participate will be compensated for their time with a £10 Amazon voucher per session (on completion of the whole course).

The project aims to promote social connections, enhance wellbeing and to increase confidence and the feeling of self worth through group work and interaction with like-minded young people while gaining new skills.

To express your interest in joining Save the Last Dance for Me, please email info@fusion-arts.org

<https://www.fusion-arts.org/callout-for-young-people-grow-your-creativity-make-intergenerational-connections/>

FOR FAMILIES

THE STORY MUSEUM

42 Pembroke Street, OX1 1BP

Visit the website for news about the Crick Crack Club = adult story telling sessions, children's and family clubs; workshops and performances on Saturdays and at half term

<https://www.storymuseum.org.uk/whats-on>

SCIENCE OXFORD

The Science Oxford Centre, Stansfeld Park, Quarry Rd, OX3 8SB

check out the website for details of all events – every Saturday, weekdays during half term

book early for half term sessions

FAMILY DAYS - sessions every Saturday at 10.00-12.00, 12.30-2.30, 3.00-5.00

£6 per person or £20 for a family ticket (4 people, must include 1 adult) under 3s free

CREATIVE COMPUTING CLUB

occasional Saturdays for ages 9-12

10.00 - 11.30, 12.30 – 2.00, 3.00-4.30 £8 + booking fee per child – accompanying adult free

SATURDAY SCIENCE CLUBS

monthly Saturdays for ages 5-9 very popular – plan ahead

10.00 - 11.30, 12.30 – 2.00, 3.00-4.30 £8 + booking fee per child – accompanying adult free

NEW! ARTI-TECHS *for ages 11-14 – Y7-Y9* Tuesdays after school, 3.30-5.30 – formal activity starts at 4.00

see above

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

join the mailing list for early notification of events!

MINDGROWING : OXFORD UNIVERSITY'S MUSEUMS

<http://mindgrowing.org/>

OXFORD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY <https://www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/>

Parks Road, OX1 3PW

check <https://oumnh.ox.ac.uk/events> for dates – lots happening during the half term week