

Windmill Weekly (26)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for April - Selflessness

01 April 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

UK Parliament Assembly

On Tuesday 29th March all of the Key Stage 2 children attended an assembly led by Kerrie Carpenter whose role is to talk in schools about parliament. We were very lucky to get this opportunity as she only gets to visit about 40 schools in the country each year. It was a really good assembly and as a follow up all of the children who were there will receive a free book.

School Football Team

I would like to wish our school football team lots of luck for a very big tournament that they are playing in tomorrow. Following a series of matches since September the team are now representing Oxfordshire at a South West region tournament that is taking place in Bristol tomorrow. This is a fantastic achievement for them. A big thank you to Mr Habbershaw who will be going with the team tomorrow. I am really sorry that I can't be there.

Changes to Covid Related Procedures

As I am sure you all know, from today there are changes being made to guidance relating to the need to self-isolate if you have covid. Although we are waiting for the up-to-date guidance to come from the DFE which will relate specifically to education settings the Local Authority have advised us that the government are saying that:-

- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

We will adopt these procedures after the Easter break.

Easter Break

A reminder that we break for Easter on Friday 8th April at 2.30pm and return to school on Tuesday 26th April at 8.45am.



Key Dates

4 th April	Year 4 performance 2pm - 3pm
6 th April	Year 4 performance 6pm
8 th April	9.00am Choir and Orchestra Performance
8 th April	Break up for Easter @ 2.30pm
26 th April	Start term 5 - 8.45am
29 th April	Weights & Measures - Reception & Year 6 children
29 th April	Online Family Quiz

Choir and Orchestra Performance

9am FRIDAY 8TH APRIL

The choir and orchestra will be performing in an assembly for their families at 9am on Friday 8th April-the last day of term.

This is the first time that either group has performed live in school for over two years, so please come and support them if you can.

Penny Dwyer

Drumkit Lessons

Mr Griffiths has space to start a beginner drumkit group next term. If your child would like to start drumkit, you need to sign up with the County Music Service on www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest

National League Football Tournament

Last Friday we took a squad of boys to Oxford City's first team pitch at Court Place Farm for the city round of the National League football tournament. We topped our group, winning all matches but one, then made our way through the knockout stages to the final where we faced Phil & Jim's. Despite going a goal down we dug in and found two in reply, to win 2-1. The regional stage is next. Well done Walter, Ethan, Joel, Sammy, Liam, Jamal, Yasin and Grayson.

Windmill Breakfast Club and Windmill After School Club

Just a reminder that when you are paying for either of these clubs by childcare vouchers, please check which club you are paying for. The After School Club is a separate company from school and therefore if you select the wrong club it is not straight forward to transfer the payment.

Ukrainian Fundraiser

I'm Klara (Zak's mum) and I'm running a fundraising project to support Ukrainian women and children seeking shelter in my home village Kuty in Slovakia, where Zak's grandparents live. We are their neighbours, and we try to offer as much help as we possibly can, but the village alone is not able to sustain the ongoing provision of food and necessities. That's why I set up a fundraising project here in UK, hoping to get donations to help provide food, shelter and medicines.

My project even got picked up by BBC and was aired a couple of days ago on the BBC News.

I am sending the link to the Crowdfunding page which includes a lot more information, and the link to the BBC report.

Many thanks

Klara

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/feeding-families-fleeing-ukraine/donate/20>

<https://www.facebook.com/906950153/videos/322750823177319/>

PTA

The PTA needs a new treasurer..... could it be you? Our current treasurer, Mary Lacy will be leaving Windmill at the end of the year so her role on the PTA will be up for grabs. If you think it is something that you might be interested in, or you would like to know more then please get in touch windmillpta@gmail.com. This is a role that can be shared, and Mary can handover over to you next term so you know exactly what is involved. We would love to hear from you if you think you might be able to help.

Summer Fayre

The postponed Autumn Fayre is now rebranded as the Summer Fayre and is taking place on 25th June. Our first (online) meeting is happening next week on Thursday 7th April. There are already a lot of plans in place, and it promises to be bigger and better than before. Help is needed! If you are able to be involved in some organising either beforehand or on the day then please join this WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LC0CcqzuTLiEQbTd05ql6g> or email Martin at windmillautumnfayre@gmail.com

Family Quiz

Who will be crowned Windmill Quiz Champions 2022?

To be in with a chance, enter the Family Quiz. This is happening online on 29th April and is suitable for all ages.

Join quizmasters Mr & Mrs Knapp for an evening of family fun. There is an optional entry fee of £5 to go to the PTA. Register your interest here.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAB5HHkxjsI4I9CLHREFUdIDlcQA8Ct44ArHPBG3Xm-e2vww/viewform?usp=sf_link

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

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

Are you a carer in Oxfordshire? Would you like to do some creative writing? Join us for 'Occupations & Interruptions', a series of free online workshops for carers, inspired by the work and life of Victorian poet and carer Christina Rossetti. Workshops will be led by poet [Dr Sarah Hesketh](#) and Rossetti expert [Dr Dinah Roe](#).

They are organized in collaboration with [Carers Oxfordshire](#) and the [Oxford Brookes Poetry Centre](#). The workshops are designed to be flexible, and you can work with us during online sessions, or offline in your own time. Attend as few or as many sessions as you can! Access is provided to all resources for the duration of the workshops.

The workshops will take place online on four Wednesdays in April and May 2022.

Workshop 1: 27 April 2022, 10.30am-12pm

Workshop 2: 4 May 2022, 10.30am-12pm

Workshop 3: 11 May 2022, 10.30am-12pm

Workshop 4: 18 May 2022, 10.30am-12pm.

Please contact Dinah Roe for more information about the workshop or to book a place.

Email: d.roe@brookes.ac.uk

More information can be found on the [Webpage HERE](#)

