

# Windmill Weekly (20)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for February - Happiness

10 February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Mid- Year Reports**

You should receive your child's mid-year report today which we hope will let you know your child is getting on with their learning.

## **Fundraiser for the Turkey / Syrian Earthquake Disaster**

I have no doubt that you will all have seen the terrible disaster that has struck parts of Syria and Turkey. We would like to support the rescue efforts through a fundraiser on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. On this day the children can pay £1 to come to school in non-uniform and I wondered if we could also have a cake sale if any of you are able to support in running it. I will also talk to the children about anything that they would like to do to raise money that day.

## **Year 1**

Congratulations to Year 1 on their wonderful performance on Thursday morning, the children were brilliant.

## **Parking**

Now that we have the School Streets in operation I just wanted to remind you about safe parking if you do drive your child to school or bring the car to collect them. The RAC / Highway Code makes clear that to be safe, there are places you really mustn't park:-

- **A double yellow line**- either painted on the road or on the kerb - means parking and waiting are not permitted at any time.
- **A single yellow line**- either painted on the road or on the kerb - means no waiting, parking, loading or unloading at the times shown on the accompanying sign.
- **Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction**, except in an authorised parking space
- **On a bend**

Fines for parking incorrectly are between £50 - £70.

## **Development of the Front Lawn**

A number of you have asked me what we are doing with the front of the school at the moment. We are planting a meadow area to increase the biodiversity of the school. This has been our plan since before Covid, but the building issues we had, when we had to have portacabins on the front lawn delayed the project. We are also planning to extend the area around the pond so that classes can work out there.

## **Half Term Break**

I just want to wish you all a very happy half term break. If you are going away I hope that you have a lovely holiday. We look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on **Monday 20 February at 8:45am**.



## Key Dates

20 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4 – 08.45am
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Weights & Measures - Reception & Year 6 only
27 <sup>th</sup> February - 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Book Week
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day - dress as your favourite character
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Family Quiz
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent Interviews
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Performance @2.00pm
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Performance @6.00pm
31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term 4 - <b>finish at 2.30pm</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Dorset trip
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Performance at 2.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Class group photos

### Boys and girls Open 7s tournaments

On Thursday of last week, the boys visited Thame to play John Hampden. Despite a determined performance from our boys, the other team were more organised and took their chances well, finishing 4-0 winners.

Then on Thursday of this week the girls went to Marston to play the county champions, St Michael's. The girls battled well on a very, very muddy pitch, but St Michael's' star player shone and scored all 5 of their goals. Despite the results, both teams gave their best until the final whistle. We now wait to see if we have made the last stage of the tournament, and hope our earlier victories are enough to earn a spot.

### School Dinners / Packed Lunch

The cost of school dinners for term 4 (Mon 20 Feb - Fri 31 March) is £69.00. Please note that school meals must be ordered and paid for in advance. If you pay weekly, payments (£11.50) 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.

### After School Clubs

The updated club list for this term is on the school website. On the school website go to News & Other Information and then Extra Curricular Activities or copy and paste this link

<https://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=19>

### **NEW Girl's football Club**

Oxford United will be offering a girl's football club afterschool on Mondays with FA qualified Coaches. Oxford United in the Community's After School Clubs provide fun ways for children to play, learn new skills and gain fresh experiences at an affordable price.

For all abilities, this is a girl's only club for years 4-6. Running times 3.15 - 4.15pm. Total cost £25.00 for 6 weeks. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment -

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/oxfordunited/after-school-football-club-windmill-primary-school-monday-group-girls-only-year-4-year-6-february-march-2023.html>

Please go to their website for more information <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/>

Any Questions or Queries please contact [community@oufc.co.uk](mailto:community@oufc.co.uk)

**Oxfordshire Cricket** are running February half term indoor cricket sessions from Tuesday February 14th - Thursday 16th February. This is open for 5-11 year olds - (5-7 year olds, 10am - 12pm - 8-11 year olds, 1pm - 3pm.)

The sessions will take place at:

The Oxford Academy, Oxford, OX4 4JZ on 15th February

The cost will be £12 per session and the links to sign up can be found here:

[5-7 years old](#)

[8-11 years old](#)

I hope you find something of interest among these various opportunities.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher

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Oxford Brookes Cheer and Dance have an exciting opportunity for young people to become dancers for a morning. On Friday the 17th of February we are running a morning of learning routines, new skills, dance technique, games, crafts and a mini competition for you to experience what it is like to be a dancer.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/be-a-dancer-tickets-531848442007>

The [Oxford Brookes Science Bazaar 2023](#) is two weeks away. This FREE event will be held on Saturday 18th February at our Headington Campus (Just off of Gipsy Lane OX3 0BP) across our Clerici building and JHB building. Fun for all the family and most suitable for 5-12 years.

We will be running a relaxed autism-friendly early opening from 9:30am-11:30am (booking is required). The event will be open to all from 11:30am-4pm, followed by a film at 4pm-6pm (no need to book, simply turn up and explore!).

There are several timed activities that can be booked upon arrival including a visit from Science Bazaar regulars Crocodiles of the World, comic book drawing workshops with graphic artist Neill Cameron (author of MEGA ROBO BROS), Chinese Handcraft and Kung Fu workshops led by the Confucious institute at Oxford Brookes, and an interactive session exploring the Large Hadron Collider.

There will also be over 30 table top stalls to explore from Oxford Brookes staff and students as well as from friends of the Bazaar including: The University of Oxford, The Open University, UKAEA, UKCEH, Bright Sparks Science, The Brick People, and Beyond Blocks. With activities ranging from robots, LEGO, VR, and coding to wildlife, health, and forensic science there is sure to be something for everyone!

We will also be running an anagram trail and giving out prizes. There is a choice of two cafes where you can purchase hot and cold food and drinks.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oxford-brookes-science-bazaar-beyond-2023-relaxed-opening-send-learners-tickets-403417431397?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

### **Footsteps Programme**

Oxfordshire County Council have a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called **Footsteps**, aimed at parents and carers.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple for parents to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, parents are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely while in the company of a supporting adult will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

<http://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/walking-children>



**Christ Church Cathedral School**  
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# OPEN MORNING

**Tuesday 7th March, 9.30 - 12.00 noon**

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- Academic excellence, with over 65% of pupils receiving scholarships to their chosen senior school in 2022
- Class sizes of fewer than 12 pupils for English and Mathematics from Year 5
- Wide range of opportunities in Art, Drama, French, Music and Sport

**To register or for more information, please contact:**

[registrar@cccs.org.uk](mailto:registrar@cccs.org.uk) // 01865 242561

[www.cccs.org.uk](http://www.cccs.org.uk) // 3 Brewer Street, Oxford, OX1 1QW



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