

Windmill Weekly (23)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for March - Thoughtfulness

10 March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Strike Action - Wednesday and Thursday

The NEU have called a two day strike next week. For teachers on strike their classes will be closed on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March**. Where the class has 2 teachers you may find that your child can come to school on one of the days but not the other.

Message from the NEU members

Thanks for overwhelming support of our strike action. It was heart-warming to talk to so many of you on the picket line and great to receive treats that helped to sustain us. A member of the press reported that having visited many picket lines over the years, ours was incredibly positive. In addition, thank you to all those parents who felt strongly enough to talk to the press on our behalf.

However, as you are probably aware our aims have not as yet been met, so for this reason we will be joining together for a second strike on Thursday. The teachers and TAs who will be striking are taking this step because they feel they must let the public know about their concern about the future of the profession. They are worried that they cannot provide the quality of education that children deserve. They do not believe that the government has a strategy to sort out the workforce crisis - a crisis which will only get worse if nothing is done to pay teachers and support staff properly for the essential work they do. They want to solve this dispute.

As a school, we have chosen to support those staff who are taking strike action by not covering their classes. This means that there will be a partial school closure. If your child's class is marked as closed your child will be unable to come to school.

This is the plan for Wednesday and Thursday:-

Class	WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH Open / Closed	THURSDAY 16 MARCH Open / Closed
Explorers	Open	Open
Hedgehogs	Open	Open
Penguins	Open	Open
Cherry	Open	Open
Ladybirds	Open	Open
Strawberry	Open	Open
Mandarin	Open	Closed
Starfish	Open	Open
Tigers	Open	Open
Sunflowers	Closed	Closed
Dandelions	Closed	Open
Daffodils	Closed	Closed
Geckos	Closed	Closed
Chameleons	Open	Closed
Turtles	Open	Open
Blue Jays	Open	Open
Peacocks	Open	Open
Kingfishers	Open	Open

Lilac	Open	Open
Lavender	Open	Open
Violet	Open	Open

Green Club

Green Club was a gardening club that used to run 3 lunchtimes a week for children across the school. It was coordinated by a small group of parents / carers and then other parents offered to support gardening sessions maybe once a week, maybe once a month so that a rota of volunteers was created. This club stopped in 2020 because of Covid and I would love to get it up and running again. We have a purpose-built gardening area and lots of tools and resources already in place.

I have two parents who have offered to support in getting this club up and running again and I would love it if there were a couple more of you interested in helping.

If you think you could offer a little bit of time please can you let me know by email on head.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk. I am going to plan a meeting with the 2 parents who have already offered help in the next couple of weeks.

SENDCo - Clare Hanchet Leaving

We are very sorry that Miss Hanchet will be leaving us at Easter to take up a role as a Lead Officer in the SEND strategic team with the Local Authority. We have appointed a new SENDCo but she won't be starting until September. In the meantime, we will continue to meet the needs of all of our SEND children through some staff reorganisation.

Syria / Turkey Appeal and Fundraiser

A huge congratulations to the Year 6 children who raised £2931.05 through a sponsored event that they all took part in. This brings our joint fundraising total to £4055.74.

Parents Evening

Please could you read the letter which also went out with the Newsletter on the School App.

Caretaker Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a full time, all year round Caretaker. If you know anyone who may be interested, please visit our website for full details under the vacancies section. www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk.



Key Dates

17 th March	Comic Relief
Week commencing 20 th March	Parent Interviews
28 th March	Year 4 Performance @2.00pm
29 th March	Year 4 Performance @6.00pm
30 th March	Year 3 Cake Sale
31 st March	End of Term 4 - finish at 2.30pm
18 th April	Start of Term 5
9 th - 12 th May	SATs week
9 th - 12 th May	Year 5 Dorset trip
18 th May	Year 3 Performance at 2.00pm
18 th May	Class group photos

Seesaw Update

One of our parents has stumbled across a new feature on Seesaw that allows you to set up multiple accounts on one device. It's been a parent/carers frustration for a while as those with more than one

child have to find a workaround like log out and in for each child or set up different accounts on separate devices etc.

- Tap on child's name top left
- Go to settings cog
- Select Add Account, 'I'm a Student' and scan next code.

Boys 'Open 7s' Finals

On Tuesday 7th March the team and Mr Habbershaw went to Oxford Academy with 7 other finalists to find the overall winner of Oxfordshire. We were knocked out in the group stage after playing John Hampden, Our Lady's and Tyndale and recording two defeats and a draw. The boys gave their all and enjoyed the morning - well done: Jo R, Josiah, James, Ehsan, Jamal, Jack, Matteo, Yasin and Noam.

Year 3 Cake Sale

The date for the Year 3 cake sale has been confirmed for Thursday 30th March. This is in the last week of term so a perfect chance to indulge in some goodies before the holidays. Please put a note in your diaries to come and buy some delicious bakes. Year 3 we hope you will be able to bring in some cakes to sell. More details to follow.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

FREE

The Wild Escape Family Day

Monday 3rd April. 11am-3pm

Take part in free crafts and learn about Oxford's wonderful natural world with our drop-in family fun day!



Zoolab at MOX!

Monday 3rd April. £10 per child. Ages 6+.
10-11am/11am-12pm/12-1pm
Get up close and hands-on with Zoolab's menagerie of real live animals!



Creating Art Family Workshop!

Thursday 6th April. 2-3pm
£4 per child.



Join us for our eco-friendly art workshop with local artist Emily Cooling!



FREE

Earth Day at MOX!

Saturday 22nd April. 11-2pm
Celebrate Earth Day with free crafts, activities

Up, Up & Away! Family Science Workshop

Tuesday 11th April.
10.30-11.30am/12.30-1.30pm/2-3pm
£6 per child. Age 5+.

Unravel the science behind James Sadler's marvellous hot air balloon with this family-friendly science workshop!



Leeds Art Fund



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Football!

Cricket!

Gymnastics!

NERF Wars!

Bouncy Castle!

Dodgeball!

Basketball!



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MARCH

APRIL

Week 1 = 3rd - 6th

Week 2 = 11th - 14th

OXFORD CAMP

SWAN SCHOOL, Marston
Ferry Road,
Headington, OX2 7WP

ABINGDON CAMP

ST EDMUNDS SCHOOL
Radley Road
OX14 3PP

9am-3pm

extended option= 8.30am - 5pm

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Real Kingdoms

eventbrite



EASTER WARRIOR CAMP

A collage of four photographs showing children in medieval costumes. Top left: children in green and brown costumes holding shields. Top right: a boy in a red and blue costume giving a thumbs up. Bottom left: a child in a green hooded costume holding a spear. Bottom right: a boy in a brown and blue costume holding a long wooden staff.

**Holiday club
at
Hill End**

**Role Play adventures
for
children aged 7 to 14 years old
3rd to 5th
April
9.00 am to 3.30 pm**

**for more details text
07830084877**

**tickets at
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/558659635007**