

Windmill Weekly (25)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for March - Thoughtfulness

24 March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

SENDCo Arrangements Summer Term

As you know Miss Hanchet will be leaving the school next Friday to take up a new position with the Local Authority. We have now formalised arrangements for next term. Mrs Hannah Russell will be the named SENDCo and she works on Thursday and Fridays. She will be supported by Mrs Raphaele Rama and we will also be buying in additional provision from the Oxfordshire Inclusion Team to provide additional support where needed. Mrs Russell has been working alongside Miss Hanchet the last couple of weeks so that there is a transitioned handover.

SEND Parent Group

A group of parents have set up a Facebook page called Windmill SEND and they are also setting up a Whatsapp group. These are the links should you want to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/572627124585570/?ref=share>

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IQx3ZRQDVES6bZwTkbHvjI>

They also wanted me to let you know that they have started some regular meet ups at Costa in Headington. Details about when they are meeting are posted on the Facebook group.

Strictly Skirts and Tops

If your child took part in Strictly Oxford and still hasn't returned the skirt / top that they borrowed, please can I have them back by the end of term. I know I am 4 blue skirts short still.

Greece Goes to Pieces

Year 4 will be performing Greece Goes to Pieces on Tuesday at 2:00pm and again on Wednesday at 6:00pm. I am sure that it will be brilliant based on the little snippets I have seen and heard so far.



Easter Raffle

If you have not yet had a chance to buy your Easter Raffle tickets, I will be selling them on the gate every morning until next Thursday, 30th March.



Key Dates

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
1 st May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Bank Holiday - Coronation Day
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
19 th May	Quiz and Curry Night
23 rd May	Open Morning 8.30am - 9.10am
23 rd May	Year 5 performance 2.00pm
24 th May	Year 5 performance 6.00pm
26 th May	Last day of term 5
5 th June	First day of term 6
5 th - 9 th June	Year 6 Kilvrough Trip
5 th - 9 th June	Health Week for whole school
15 th June	Summer Dancing
16 th June	Friday 16 th June - INSET DAY, school CLOSED

Cleaning Vacancy

We now have a cleaning vacancy available to start after the Easter Holidays. This is for 10 hours per week, 2 hours a day to be worked between 5.00am - 9.00am preferably. The rate of pay is £10.60 per hour - pay rise pending. Please email office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk for a job description and application form.

iRock

Our **weekly 30 minute band sessions** happen within the school day. We look after everything and even supply all of the instruments. It could not be easier. Band members are grouped by similar ages and year groups. Band sizes are capped at nine to ensure everyone receives the very best learning experience. **We create an environment where every child can flourish.** Please visit our website to sign up - <https://www.irockschool.com/> - there is also an information leaflet at the end of this newsletter.

Magical Maths

The Magical Maths team visited the school on Tuesday to introduce their new after school club which will start in term 5. For more details and to book please see their website - <https://magicalmathsclub.com/>

PTA Fundraising

April is Physical Challenge Month!

We hope that lots of children will be excited to get involved to raise money for school. Children have been told all about the challenge in assembly today and will be bringing home a sponsorship form with more details. (Soft copy attached at the end of this newsletter). We hope that children will choose something active to do over the Easter holidays and that parents and carers are able to help by asking friends to sponsor their children.

Cake Sale Thursday 30th March

Please come along to our cake sale on Thursday. There will be lots of delicious bakes on offer as well as good quality second hand toys and books. This time we will be trialling a queuing system to try and make things less chaotic in the rush to get to the front of the cake queue. Please queue up outside the hall and we will let people in as space becomes available.

Curry and Quiz

After a covid hiatus, this popular event is back! This is an event for adults rather than children and as the name suggests involves delicious curry from Nawabi and a Quiz. Please save the date and book a babysitter FRIDAY 19th MAY. There will be more details to follow. At the moment we do not have a quizmaster. Could this be you? If you fancy helping to run the quiz, we would love to hear from you. WindmillPTA@gmail.com

Thank you for all your support of PTA events. We hope to raise lots of funds to benefit all of our children. The PTA

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Oxford Kidical Mass - Cyclox

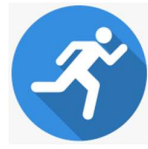
Sunday 26th March - 11.00am

Please follow the link for full details

<https://www.cyclox.org/index.php/2023/03/14/oxford-kidical-mass/>



Physical Challenge Month! April 2023



We're trying a different way of fund raising for the school – our objectives with this idea are:

- 1) To keep our fund raising as **eco-friendly** as possible (less 'stuff').
- 2) To keep it as **simple and easy** as possible for us all support the school.
- 3) To try and raise **as much money** as possible for the school.

Here's how it works and how you can get involved:

1) Agree on a physical challenge for your child to complete at any point across the month of April. This could be anything! It could be something that is done once, or it could take place over the duration of the month. It could take 5mins, 30mins, 2hrs...anything goes!

2) Gather sponsor(s).

It could be just you who sponsors, or you could get sponsors from other family members and even friends. You/they can sponsor as little or as much as they want! No pressure!

3) Complete the challenge and gather the money. There are 3 payment options:

- Pay directly to the PTA account:
Barclays Bank
Sort code: 20-65-21
A/c no.: 9978604
Reference: sponsorship
- Put the money in an envelope and drop it through the door at 5 York Road or 7 Gladstone Road.
- Put the money in an envelope and hand it to me. I'll stand with a 'sponsorship money here' sign in the big playground after school on Wed 3rd May.

All money raised will be spent on resources, activities and developments across the school – supporting **all year groups and all children**.

If you have any questions, get in touch – you can contact me on Classlist or ask your class rep.

Let's see how much money we can raise, without having to bake, bring or buy!



PHYSICAL CHALLENGE MONTH

April 2023



Write your challenge here:

Name of sponsor	Amount	Total

Note: Form doesn't need to be included with the money – no evidence required!

Examples:

Challenge: <i>I will run 3x round Margaret Road Park each week of the challenge.</i>		
Name of sponsor	Amount	Total
<i>Mum and Dad</i>	<i>£1 per lap</i>	<i>£12</i>
<i>Auntie Jo</i>	<i>50p per lap</i>	<i>£6</i>
<i>Grandad</i>	<i>£5 if you finish!</i>	<i>£5</i>

Challenge: <i>I will score as many goals as I can in 30mins.</i>		
Name of sponsor	Amount	Total
<i>Granny</i>	<i>10p per goal</i>	<i>20 goals = £2</i>
<i>Dad</i>	<i>15p per goal</i>	<i>20 goals = £3</i>
<i>Uncle David</i>	<i>£5 if you try hard!</i>	<i>£5</i>

These are just examples – anything goes!

Football Club looking for players

both boys and girls.

Current U8's age groups.

For more information contact:

Jake on 07841 126 930

(u8's are year 3 from September 2022)

**FA qualified, First aid trained
and criminal record checked coaches.**



Tech Holiday Camp

This Easter, join us for an awesome tech experience, with lots of exciting activities from programming challenges, Robot Coding, Photoshop Skills, Minecraft, DJ mixing and LEGO Engineering.

We are running on 3-6th April and 11th-14th April at St Ebbe's Primary School, Whitehouse Road, Oxford OX1 4NA from 9 am to 4 pm each day (Early drop off from 8 am now available).

The main themes for each day are the following

Bot Builders and Coders

Meet our Robots and learn visual coding and programming skills that make them come to life! Kickstart your career in STEM as you navigate your robot, create games and explore new challenges. This is a great activity to help develop problem-solving skills.

Engineering

We challenge children to create new inventions using modular electronics, helping to develop their problem-solving skills. PLUS, Music Maker activity.

Media Madness

Unleash your inner creative genius and create your own music or start and produce your own film! The opportunities are endless on our media day!

Circuitry



Flex your circuitry skills and build buggies, alarms, light sensors and more.

Creative Tech

Digital art, rocket propulsions, wearable technology, Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality and Laser Tag. A fun-fuelled tech day awaits.

Our camps are for ages 5-13 only. Spaces are limited, for more information, to enrol now simply visit:

<https://www.nextthing.education/product/st-ebbes-primary-school-easter-camps/>



WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO

WINDMILL HOCKEY CLUB

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OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY HOCKEY WITH
OXFORD HOCKEY CLUB, AFTER SCHOOL
ON A THURSDAY.

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Term 5 & 6
Day: Thursday after school
Time: 3:15-4:15pm
£5 per session
Dates: 20th, 27th April,
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May,
Half term
8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th June,
6th, 13th July

All children are to be collected at the gate
at 4:15pm or go to after school club.

TO SIGN UP PLEASE USE THE LINK.
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL
SCHOOLS@OXFORDHC.ORG

Link: <https://forms.gle/VE6DiGffgaV9FDNt8>

YOUR CHILD CAN NOW JOIN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND!



Enrol today!

Visit www.irockschool.com or call 0330 174 2655

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are now taking bookings for rock and pop band lessons at your child's school! This letter will tell you how your child could experience being in their own iRock band every week.

Our band lessons are not only fun but they can massively help develop your child's life skills: boosting confidence, supporting wellbeing, developing social skills and even helping to improve their academic performance.

How it works:

- There is no experience necessary to join and all of the instruments are provided by iRock.
- Your child can choose from drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals (subject to availability). They'll play the same instrument every week and join their band mates in 30 minute weekly lessons.
- Lessons are held during the school day and are led by one of our experienced band coaches who will guide your child through every session.
- Lessons are available from Reception to Year 6 with children grouped by age. Children choose their band name and learn their favourite songs.
- The band sessions build towards a concert at the end of each term, a great way to show you just how far they have come.
- ***NEW*** Your child can achieve a brand new music qualification, regulated by RSL awards. More information about our new qualification coming soon!

The highlight of your child's week for £35.95 a month (no payment in August). Our iRock subscription is designed to give parents full flexibility rather than having to commit to an entire year or term. The subscription guarantees a minimum lesson quota of 33 lessons in each academic year.

You can register your child's interest today by visiting www.irockschool.com, email info@irockschool.com or call **0330 174 2655**. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis.

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin
Founder
iRock School of Music



I haven't 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



REGISTER
NOW!





Magical Maths is coming to Windmill Primary School KS1 !



Dear Parents/Carers,

Professor Poopenshtinken and his friends will be coming to **Windmill Primary School KS1** to introduce a brand new after school club, designed to show your children just how much fun can be had with numbers!

Our fantastic after school clubs will help to boost your child's engagement and enjoyment in maths through really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities.

This **10 week** club begins **Tuesday 25th April** and is priced at just **£80.00**.

To find out more or to book your child's place, visit our website

www.magicalmathsclub.com or call us on **07943798924** but hurry as places are limited!

*We look forward to welcoming your children
for lots of Mathemagical fun!*



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you know it... Be prepared to
have some serious fun!*

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Magical Maths is coming to Windmill Primary School KS2 !



Dear Parents/Carers,

Professor Poopenshtinken and his friends will be coming to **Windmill Primary School KS2** to introduce a brand new after school club, designed to show your children just how much fun can be had with numbers!

Our fantastic after school clubs will help to boost your child's engagement and enjoyment in maths through really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities.

This **10 week** club begins **Wednesday 26th April** and is priced at just **£80.00**.

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ON THE STAGE: Matilda!

For children in Reception – Year 6

We are delighted to be running our **Matilda** themed On The Stage club in the Summer Term. This club is a combination of dancing, drama and singing with a specific focus on building confidence.

On the Stage will run after school 3:15pm-5:15pm on **Fridays for Reception – Year 6**. Each session costs £11 and the club starts on 21st April and the final lesson on 14th July (No club Friday 16th June Inset Day) Full details can be found on our website. **We accept all childcare vouchers and payments can be made in instalments. No payment is due until April.**

To sign up please visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com (you will need to register first if you haven't previously). To go straight to the class use code OSWMPS1.

If you have any questions please contact us on enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com or call 07722 014301.

Thank you and best wishes,

Katy Emmerson
Rattle and Roll