

Windmill Weekly (26)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for March - Thoughtfulness

31 March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Clare Hanchet / Trish Deacon

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Hanchet today. She started at Windmill as a reading volunteer 10 years ago and now she is going to be working at Oxfordshire as one of the SEND officers! Trish Deacon, who has been working of Reception / Year 1 for 8 years is also leaving us as she is moving to Devon. We wish them both success and happiness in the future.

When Greece Went to Pieces

If you were fortunate enough to see the Year 4 performance this week, I am sure you will agree that it was brilliant. It was a pleasure to see how much the children enjoyed doing it. Well done to everyone who was involved in putting it together.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who responded to the questionnaire that we sent out a couple of weeks ago. It was lovely to see what a largely positive response it was. However, as with every questionnaire there was some of you who feel that we could be doing things better. This information is very important to us as it helps us to know where you see our areas for improvement are. One key theme was communication. To address this, I will be holding a couple of meetings after Easter (one in-person and one online) to find out more about how you would like us to communicate with you. I will put dates for these meetings in the first newsletter after Easter.

There was also a small number of you who said that you wouldn't recommend the school to others. It would be really helpful for us to know why so that we can make improvements on what we are doing. If you could let us know your reasons we would be very grateful; you can either email me or you can contact one of our governors who will keep the feedback anonymous. Both Brid Cronin bcronin@windmill.oxon.sch.uk - and Charlie Vincent cvincent@windmill.oxon.sch.uk are happy to receive this feedback.

Easter Raffle

The Easter raffle raised an amazing £219 to help with SEN support in the school.



Key Dates

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

Reporting an absence

Please may we remind you that the procedure for reporting a child's absence is to call 01865 762509 and press option 1. Emailing the teacher is not reliable as teachers often do not open emails until break time. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

Mandarin Club

We have had some interest from parents in having a Mandarin Club and have approached a club who would be able to offer Mandarin classes to our children on a Friday evening. Full details can be found on the poster at the end of the newsletter.

School Dinners / Packed Lunch

The cost of school dinners for term 5 (Tues 18 April - Fri 26 May) is £62.10. For year 5 children going to Dorset the cost will be £52.90.

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 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>

Tag Rugby for Reception Children

Tag rugby is open to children in reception in the summer term. For further details please see the club list on the school website.

I hope that you all have a very relaxing and Happy Holiday! If you are travelling over the break I hope that you have a safe journey. We look forward to seeing you all at 8:45am on Tuesday 18th April.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

'YOUMOVE' FOR FAMILIES

YouMove is a Public Health initiative aimed to get families active in Oxfordshire. Any families in receipt of free school meals is eligible for the scheme, so please send in an application : at

<https://www.getoxfordshireactive.org/you-move> . Once you are accepted on the scheme, your whole family will receive an individualised YouMove card, and a welcome letter from your local Activator, who will keep you updated weekly about the free or discounted activities you are now eligible to take part in locally.

The activities we currently have available are roller skating, family zumba, cricket sessions, weightlifting and many more. You will also be fast tracked onto the Fusion Bonus scheme which offer you reduced price at the swimming pools and gyms.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to us by contacting one of the Activators on gpakot@oxford.gov.uk

All Stars/Dynamos Cricket spaces this summer

We are set to run All Stars and Dynamos Cricket sessions at East Oxford Primary School in May for 8 weeks.

We have been given 24 free spaces to make the sessions zero cost for each session. The sessions will be for children who receive free school meals, and children from lower Socio-Economic Groups.

The sessions will take place between Saturday 13th May for 8 weeks, 09:00 - 09:45 for [All Stars Cricket](#) (5-8 year olds) and 10:00 - 11:00 for [Dynamos Cricket](#) (8-11 year olds).

The links and voucher codes below are the free places for the sessions. Parents/guardians would need to click on the link, and enter the voucher code below at checkout. There are only 24 free spaces per session.

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/542ab37c-86be-4806-853e-3664e4b1141b> (All Stars 5-8 years old)

Voucher Code - T6D4WG

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/71be265a-798c-4e69-986c-838307719ec6> (Dynamos 8-11 years old)

Voucher Code - PPV5XT

This will be on a first come first served basis, and the voucher code has also been sent to children within the local community and other primary schools in the local area.

New Disability Cricket sessions - being hosted by Oxford Cricket Club these sessions are open to all 8-25 year olds with any type of disability. Please click the link for information <https://www.oxfordcricketclub.com/a/disability-cricket-65493.html>

Windmill Primary School



Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club

Ewa Bogacz, ebogartoxford@gmail.com, 07834671850

Dear Parents / Carers,

26.03.23

We are pleased to announce that we are running a **Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club** for KS1 and KS2 children.

The aim of the club is to enable our children to express their natural artistic skills, unleash their imagination as well as to relax after school tasks. Children just love it!

In the club the young artists create decorative and sculptural projects out of clay and other materials as well as develop their skills in painting. The club is run by a local artist and teacher Ewa Bogacz.

Wednesdays between 19 April and 7 July (3:10 to 4:30, Classroom **Cherry**)

COST: £90

Please note there will be no Ceramics Club on the 28th of June.

Thursdays between 20 April and 8 July (3:10 to 4:30, Classroom **5 Blue Jay**)

COST: £90

Please note there will be no Ceramics Club on the 29th June.

To enrol, simply would you please send me an email or a text message with your child details (name, school, year group and class, parent phone number) Thank you. Payment via bank transfer please. After receiving your child details I will send you my bank information.

Please pay £10 less for your second child.

THANK YOU!



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£10 + VAT per class



To book, please email jenn@mandoschool.com with
your child's name, year group and contact number



After School Mandarin Club at Windmill Primary School

for EYS, KS1 and KS2 Children

Dear Parents/Carers,

At MANDO SCHOOL, children learn day to day vocabulary they can use at School and at home through fun story-led adventures, themes, games, activities and songs. Using creative and visual multimedia, our classes encourage reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Our classes help develop children's problem-solving skills, creativity, empathy, confidence, academic performance and stimulates their curiosity!

Children love nothing more than play, imagination and learning how to be creative. MANDO SCHOOL's classes do just this.

The club will potentially run on Summer Term 2023 every **Fridays, 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm for EYS, KS1 and KS2**. The club will be **£10 (exc VAT) per class** and will require a **minimum of 10 sign-ups** to commence and a **maximum of 15**.

If you're interested in signing up for the Mandarin Class, please email jenn@mandoschool.com with your child's name, year group and contact number.

Regards,

MANDO SCHOOL

All Mando School teachers are enhanced DBS checked, insured, and trained in first aid and safeguarding.



MANDO SCHOOL

Mini's Summer



Hockey



Age: 7-11yrs.

Day: Wednesday.

Time: 6-7pm.

Location: Brookes Sport

Start date: 19th April 2023

6 weeks of Hockey for £30

Have you enjoyed playing Hockey at school? We would like to offer you the opportunity to try out club hockey with no long term commitment! Get your hockey friends together and come along.

How do I sign up?

1. Got to <https://www.oxfordhc.org/payments>
2. Select the relevant product to purchase
3. Existing members of OHC will be able to purchase, new members will need to register
4. Complete registration if required and make payment
5. If payment confirmation is required then please contact schools@oxfordhc.org
6. Any issues with purchasing the incorrect product then please contact schools@oxfordhc.org / treasurer@oxfordhc.org

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!



Creating
ART



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 marvelous hot air balloon with this family-friendly science workshop!



Book your tickets at
<https://museumofoxford.org/whats-on>

