

# Windmill Weekly (26)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for April - Empathy

21 April 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

It is lovely to be back in school and geared up for our Summer term which is always a busy one. I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break.

## **Eid**

Eid Mubarak to all of our families who will be celebrating this weekend. We hope you have a lovely time!

## **Strike Action -Thursday 27 April**

The NEU have called a strike next week. For teachers on strike their classes will be closed on **Thursday 27 April**. I want to stress that the teachers who are striking are more concerned about inadequate funding for schools and the issues of staff recruitment rather than the pay issue which is what the press focus on.

This is the plan for Thursday:-

Class	THURSDAY 27 APRIL Open / Closed
Explorers	Open
Hedgehogs	Open
Penguins	Open
Cherry	Open
Ladybirds	Open
Strawberry	Open
Mandarin	Closed
Starfish	Open
Tigers	Open
Sunflowers	Closed
Dandelions	Open
Daffodils	Closed
Geckos	Closed
Chameleons	Open
Turtles	Open
Blue Jays	Closed
Peacocks	Closed
Kingfishers	Open
Lilac	Open

## **Kindness**

We are having a real push on kindness to one another within the school. This links to our value of Empathy. Please can you highlight any kind actions that your children do outside of school please. Both of our whole school assemblies this week have been focussing on kindness.

Children who are hurting or upsetting other children will be doing some "making amends" activities when the other children are having golden time on Friday afternoon.

### Communication Consultation Meetings

As I said on the newsletter before Easter, the parent survey that many of you completed showed that school communication is a problem for you. Clearly this is very important and something that we want to get as effective as possible for the highest number of families. I have arranged for 2 meetings for you to meet with me and share your views. One will be in person and one online for families who can't make the in-person meeting.

- The In-person meeting will be 2:30pm - 3:00pm on Thursday 11 May.
- The online meeting will be 6:30pm to 7:00pm on Thursday 11 May.

### Green (Gardening) Club

We now have a small group of volunteers who are keen to get the Green Club up and running. They are able to run it one lunchtime a week. However, we would love some more volunteers so we could run it at least twice a week which would increase the number of children who could take part.

There is still some work to be done on the area to make it safe and ready for children to work in, but once this is done, we will let you know how you can apply to get a space for your child.

### Tree Planting

In the Easter holiday we planted 4 new trees on the front lawn. A huge thank you to Chris Hale, Mark Glendinning, Dave Smith and Jonny who worked really hard to get the trees in.

### Mental health in children and young people's info event for parents

Dr Meinou (May) Simmons, Windmill parent, child and adolescent psychiatrist and author of the recently published book 'A Guide to the Mental Health of Children and Young People: Q and A for Parents, Caregivers and Teachers' (<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Guide-Mental-Health-Children-People/dp/1911623915>) will be giving a talk on 'Supporting children and young people with their Mental Health' on Wed 17 May 6-7pm at Windmill Primary School hall. If you have any requests of areas you would like May to cover, you can email these to the Windmill SENCo team, who can pass them on.



### Key Dates

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday - Coronation Day
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week for Year 6
9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Dorset trip
11 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm - 3.00pm In Person Communication Meeting 6.30 - 7.00pm Online Communication Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Windmill Bake Off
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Performance at 2.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Class group photos
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Enterprise Day
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Quiz and Curry Night
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Open Morning 8.30am - 9.10am
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 5 performance 2.00pm
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 performance 6.00pm
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5
5 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term 6
5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Kilvrough Trip
5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Health Week for whole school
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Dancing
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June - INSET DAY, school CLOSED

### **Shoe Appeal for Year 6**

As part of the Year 6 Art curriculum in the summer term, we are asking all year groups if you have any old pairs of shoes (any type) that you don't need any more. Could you please donate them to the year group so that we can use them for our exciting Sculptural Modroc shoes project! A shoe will form the basis of their sculptures and the idea is linked to transitioning into secondary school. If you could hand them to your class teacher and we will arrange a collection. Thank you in advance for this.

### **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](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>

### **Curry and Quiz**

Curry and Quiz night is fast approaching. You can book your places and find out more here <https://forms.gle/WLPrjm9W665iADGu9>

It is on Friday 19th May from 7pm - 11pm with delicious curry from Nawbi, a quiz from Mrs Knapp and a well stocked bar. There will be vegetarian and halal options available. Tickets are £18. It is always a fun evening. We extend a particular welcome to parents new to the school, it is a great way to meet other parents. There is no need to organise a quiz team in advance (but you can do if you would like to).

### **April Physical Challenge**

If you managed to complete a physical challenge over Easter holidays, then congratulations! If you haven't done one yet, there is still time. Once you have completed your challenge, collect up your sponsor money and please pay it into the PTA account

A/c name: Windmill PTA

A/c no. 00978604

Sort code: 20-65-21

Alternatively, you can post your money through the letterbox at 5 York Rd or 7 Gladstone Rd, or bring it to the playground on Wednesday 3rd May and look out for Naomi who will be holding a sign.

### **Coronation Colouring Competition**

Is someone in your house a budding artist? Then look out for details of our coronation themed colouring competition coming soon. It is open to all (including parents) and there will be (age related) prizes on offer.

**Cake sales**

The Year 3 cake sale at the end of last term raised £336 which has been given to the Year 3 teachers to spend on their classes. Thanks for all your support in baking, buying and selling cakes. The final PTA cake sale of the Year will be Year 2 and Year 4 combined. More details coming soon.

**PTA meeting**

Our next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 10th May at 7.30pm. Put it in your diary and come and find out more about all things Windmill.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Knapp', written in a cursive style.

Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher



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### Volunteers needed in Oxfordshire primary schools

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**Tel 01869 320380**

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# ***OXFORD ATHLETIC GRASSROOTS OPEN SESSION***



ATHLETIC FOOTBALL  
GROUP

## ***TUES APRIL 25TH, 2023***

**For ages 6 - 14 year olds**

**Time: 17:45-19:00 or 19:00-20:15**

**Location: Swan School, Marston, Oxford  
OX2 7WP**

**Email: [club@athleticfootball.co.uk](mailto:club@athleticfootball.co.uk)**

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11.30am - 1.00pm

**5-6 year olds:**

9.30am - 11.00am

**7-18 year olds:**

10.00am - 1.00pm



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