

Windmill Weekly (29)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for May - Kindness

5 May 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Coronation Weekend

I hope that you all enjoy the Coronation weekend.

Green Club

Thanks to a small group of volunteers we are now in a position to start up our Gardening Club again which takes place at lunchtimes. We are planning for it to start next Friday. At the moment numbers will be restricted and we are only opening up spaces to children in Reception, Years 1 and 2. To be fair we will be picking names out of a hat. If you would like your child to be considered for a space, please complete the slip at the end of this letter and return it to school by Tuesday next week.

New Barn Residential

Next week the majority of our children in Year 5 will be off to Dorset for 3 nights. We hope that they have a truly memorable time.

Year 6 SATs

Next week is also SATs week for Year 6. If you are a parent of a Year 6 child, please make sure that they get plenty of sleep and have a good breakfast in the morning. I am sure that they will all do their best.

Orchestra

There **will be** orchestra on Tuesday 9 May. Mrs Newman will be leading it.



Key Dates

8 th May	Bank Holiday - Coronation Day
9 th - 12 th May	SATs week for Year 6
9 th - 12 th May	Year 5 Dorset trip
11 th May	2.30pm - 3.00pm In Person Communication Meeting 6.30 - 7.00pm Online Communication Meeting
15 th May	Windmill Bake Off
18 th May	Year 3 Performance at 2.00pm
18 th May	Class group photos
19 th May	Year 6 Enterprise Day
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

The Great Windmill Bake Off

The Great Windmill Bake Off will be taking place on Monday 15th May.

We are having all the usual categories but if you would like to theme your bake to the Kings Coronation or red, white and blue that would be great!

You can sign up here: <https://forms.gle/uCdJG7vjMRTMSJAXA>

Opportunity to join the school's governing board

At Windmill Primary School we are looking for a co-opted governor to join our governing body. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school:

- helping to set the long-term vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school
- monitoring the quality of education being offered and educational outcomes for pupils
- overseeing the school's financial performance make sure its money is well spent.

There is no requirement for co-opted governors to be parents at the school and we would consider applicants from the wider community who have relevant skills and are able to make a commitment to Windmill. Experience in education or finance would be particularly useful.

We are also keen to ensure that the governing board reflects the diversity of our school community.

If you are interested in applying or would like more information on the role, please contact Nick Hunter, Chair of Governors nhunter@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Curry and Quiz

Thanks to all who have signed up so far. This event is going ahead on Friday 19th May at 7.30pm. It is not too late to join us so please book your place here

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6U_16-hIqh3NHfWwtpfu5BXjjMgZ8G485VCxjhBN_kfqziq/viewform

You don't need a partner or a team to sign up (but you can specify who you want to be in a team with if you would like to). No one will be left out on the night. It's a fun event and a great way to meet people.

Design a crown! £1 entry

Available at the school gate.

The coronation is coming up on May 6th. It is a national event whether you are a Royalist or a republican. Please colour in, decorate or otherwise embellish a very simple crown sketch to raise money to help refurbish the SEND/well-being room. Any art style permitted. Minimum donation £1.

Electronic entries:

PDF for home printing available via windmillpta@gmail.com or Caroline.sarton@gmail.com

Money:

PTA account Barclays 20-65-21 and account 00978604 Ref:Crown, followed by child's initials and year eg Crown 3RS.

Traditional:

Paper copies will be available at drop off (and maybe pick up) the week before / after the coronation. Cash accepted or a pinky promise to donate online.

Prizes:

Art themed prizes are available including golden crowns, bubble guns and fancy felt tips....

Judging:

Jessies art shed (based at Yarnton Garden Centre) have agreed to judge the competition. The artwork will be available to view in the hall before the curry and quiz night on May 19th.

Completed entries:

A basket will be available in the main school reception for the children to return the entries too or to me at drop off.

Returning entries:

Entries can be collected at the end of the curry and quiz night. Otherwise they won't be returned.

Next PTA meeting is next week. Wednesday 10th May. This will be held on Zoom. If there is anything you would like to see added to the agenda then please email windmillpta@gmail.com

We would love to see some new faces. Everyone is welcome to contribute and it is absolutely fine to just listen in for a few minutes with your camera off too. Join us at 7.30pm and we will do our best to be done by 9pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8472552140>

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Cleaning Vacancy

Morning cleaner needed. This is for 10 hours per week, 2 hours a day to be worked between 5.00am and 9.00am preferably. The rate of pay is £10.60 per hour - pay rise pending. This can either be an all year round contract or term time plus 3 weeks. Please email office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk for a job description and application form or visit our website www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk where you can also download an application form.

Green Club - please return to the school office by Tuesday 9 May

I would like my child to be considered for the Green Club.
I confirm they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

Child's name _____

Class _____



Calling all budding bakers - we knead you...

Following the success of the last ten years, The Great Windmill Bake Off will return in glorious technicolour on Monday 15th May 2023. The competition is open to children, staff, parents, grandparents, relatives and friends. If you would like you theme your bake towards the Kings Coronation or red, white and blue you are welcome to do so!

This year there will be three categories:

- large bakes (cakes, puddings, cheesecakes)
- small bakes (biscuits, small cakes, traybakes, cookies, muffins etc.)
- savoury bakes (cheese straws, sausage rolls, quiches, savoury scones, finger buffet items)

These will be separated into three groups (Reception and Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2 and adults). An esteemed panel of baking experts will judge them on taste, degree of difficulty and presentation, and prizes will be awarded for the best in each category. All entries need to be made at home and then brought into school on the morning of the Bake Off ready for judging (more information to follow for those who enter).

If you are interested in entering the Bake Off, please fill in the google form using the link below. Please note that you are allowed to enter more than once. You must complete one form for each entry. Please submit your form(s) by Friday 12th May.

<https://forms.gle/uCdJG7vjMRTMSJAXA>

After school, there will be a big celebratory cake sale where you can view all the entries and buy some delicious bakes to enjoy at home. If you have any queries, please contact Louise Noonan at lnoonan@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Happy baking!

The Bake Off Team

Previous attachment

HEADINGTON FESTIVAL 3-4 JUNE 2023

LONDON ROAD
BURY KNOWLE PARK

CALL FOR STALLHOLDERS

**Headington festival is returning.
Get involved.**

Community groups, local organisations,
foodsellers, craftspeople and
local businesses are invited to
apply for a stall.

For full details and to book please visit
www.headingtonfestival.org.uk/stallholders

It's a great way to reach thousands
of local people to promote your work
or sell your produce.



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Oxford Kidical Mass bike ride for families

Join us on Sunday 7th May for a guided mass ride starting at 1pm from four areas of Oxford.

We aim to reach Broad St by 2pm for a celebratory 1 mile loop round the city.

The guided rides will then leave Broad St at 3pm to return to each starting point. All the rides are marshalled and carefully controlled especially at junctions. As much as possible they are off road or on quiet roads. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

We plan to have a bubble bike in Broad St for children to pedal. Feel free to join the rides along the way - each ride took about 40 minutes so you can estimate when to expect them along the way.

As before rides are starting from John Radcliffe Helipad, Flo's in the Park cafe and Ferry Centre car park – arrive in time to leave at 1pm.

In addition there will be a start from King George field at the bottom of Riverside Rd off Botley Rd also leaving at 1pm.

[Link to the East Oxford ride on Komoot](#)

[Link to the Headington ride on Komoot](#)

[Link to the North Oxford ride on Komoot](#)

[Link to the West Oxford ride on Komoot](#)

[Link to the city loop on Komoot](#)

There's absolutely no need to book, you just turn up and go for a ride - but if you register via our website www.cycloX.org click on Events it means we can let you know of any changes to the plans and get an idea of numbers.

Or click here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oxford-kidical-mass-tickets-622441227467>

- A fun family-friendly bike ride for all ages and a celebration of children cycling
- Join CycloX volunteers leading feeder rides from across the city
- Finishing in traffic-free Broad St
- We will have a special CycloX 20th birthday ride on Sunday 24 September 2023 - Save the date!

Organised by CycloX, the voice of cycling in Oxford

Any questions please email events@cycloX.org or chair@cycloX.org

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ROLE PLAYER ADVENTURES

at
Hill End

Role Play adventures
for

7 to 13 years old (10.00am to 12.30pm)

13 to 18 yr old (1.00pm to 3.30pm)

next adventure 20th May

for more details text

07830084877

tickets at

www.eventbrite.co.uk

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/409223276837>



Dear Windmill Primary School,

I'm contacting you from the Oxford Brookes Babylab. At the Babylab, we study how babies, toddlers and young children learn about the world around them, but we need more little scientists (0-to-6-years-old) to help us answer these big questions!

We are currently running a study to better understand word learning strategies in 4 and 5-year-old children. You can find out more about this study here: bit.ly/babylabstudy All of our studies at the Brookes Babylab are completely safe and generally a fun, enjoyable experience for parents and their children.

Please feel free to visit our website or give us a call on 01865 483676 for more information about our research.



Oxford Brookes Babylab

One-hour sessions

Friendly, comfy place

Fun activities

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Open 7 days a week

We're looking for **4 & 5-year-old monolingual & bilingual** children

to take part in a new study on **word learning strategies**

Sound interesting? Visit:
bit.ly/babylabstudy



If you are pregnant or have a child under 6, you can also sign up to join our database to be invited for future studies: bit.ly/RegisterBabylab

Questions? Contact us:



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