

# Windmill Weekly (30)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for May - Kindness

12 May 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Communication Meetings**

Thank you to everyone who came to one of the Communication meetings yesterday. The feedback that you all gave was very valuable. We will take the information you have given us and come up with an implementation plan for September to improve our school communication.

## **Green Club**

We are delighted that today we will have our first Green Club session running since pre-covid. This is due to a small group of volunteers. I am very grateful to them! If we have more volunteers we will be able to expand the number of days we can run the club. If you are interested in helping please could you let me or the office know.

## **Physical Challenge**

Well done to all of the children who took up the Physical Challenge set for April by the PTA. Through the sponsorship the PTA raised £840.

## **Story Soup - Year 3 Performance**

Next Thursday afternoon the children in Year 3 will be performing Story Soup. I look forward to seeing you there.

## **Battery Recycling**

The Eco-schools group are focusing on waste reduction and recycling. As a result we have decided to set up a battery recycling centre at school. Any old batteries that you would like us to take to recycling can be dropped off at school. Please give them to your class teacher so their Eco-rep can put them in the recycling bin that we have.



## **Key Dates**

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
17 <sup>th</sup> May	6 - 7pm Mental Health in Children talk
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

### Year 6 Enterprise

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Year 6 will be running stalls, food stands and games as part for their Enterprise project. This is a child led project, the proceeds of which go towards funding their end of year treat and various other activities. Children from all year groups will get the chance to visit during the school day and the stalls will be open to everyone from 3pm-3.30pm. If your child would like to visit the stalls then bringing some money to school (coins preferable!) would be appreciated.

Thanks, The Year 6 Team.

### 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.

### Request for Art materials -

Please donate for Year 5 and Year 6 art projects:

- plain white or off-white or pale colour cotton (such as old sheets)
- embroidery threads
- cotton tape for assembling bunting
- old shoes/boots that are no longer needed - even individual ones!

ALL donations gratefully received should be brought in by your child FAO Mrs Rianne by May half term.

### Club News - Tennis

An additional tennis club will be starting after the half term break on Friday 09 June. There will be five sessions at a cost of £30.00. Details can be found on the club list on the school website.

[Windmill School Tennis Club - Fridays 3:15-4:15pm - Book Here](#)

### PTA NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came to the PTA meeting this week. Lots of productive discussions were had, including approval for funding for equipment for the new sensory room and news that the April Physical Challenge raised £840. Congratulations to all involved! It was lovely to hear about all the fantastic items and experiences that teachers have spent PTA money to benefit our children. If you would like to know more, then the meeting minutes will be published on Classlist in the next couple of days. Not on Classlist? You are missing out on all the fun. You can join here: <https://classlist.page.link/ZvwPaHxEin7NS2BQ7>

Exciting plans are afoot for some upcoming social events.

If you thought you had missed out on the **Curry & Quiz next Friday 19th May**, we do have the last few remaining spots still available. If you would like to come along for an evening of delicious curry, quiz entertainment courtesy of Mr & Mrs Knapp and a reasonably priced bar, then please sign up here

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6U\\_16-hIqh3NHfWwtpfu5BXjjMgZ8G485VCxjhBN\\_kfqzq/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6U_16-hIqh3NHfWwtpfu5BXjjMgZ8G485VCxjhBN_kfqzq/viewform)

For those of you who have already signed up, we will be in touch next week with a few more details.

A **summer disco** is in the pipeline, likely to be **Friday 14th July**. Look out for more details coming soon.

**The Autumn Fayre** is back on **Saturday October 14th** and we are (finally) planning a return to pre covid levels of celebration. This is such an important fundraiser for the school and is a lot of fun, but it is a big event and requires lots of help to coordinate. Becky Howard is coordinating a team of potential helpers. If you are interested and able to offer some time, she would love to hear from you. If you have been involved in the past, we would love to have some experience on board, but we would also like fresh ideas from people who have not experienced an Autumn Fayre before. Use this link to join the Fayre Whatsapp Group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EvTeCuwH6mf6qAcBMSI5IE>

Next PTA meeting is Wednesday 5th July. Save the date!

The Crown Colouring Competition is coming to a close.

Thanks for all your entries so far. Please get your entries in to the basket in Reception by MONDAY so we have time to judge and award prizes before we display all of your fantastic artwork at the Curry & Quiz night. If you need a last minute entry form then find Caroline Sarton in the playground tomorrow or there is a PDF for home printing available via [windmillpta@gmail.com](mailto:windmillpta@gmail.com) or [Caroline.sarton@gmail.com](mailto:Caroline.sarton@gmail.com)

It is £1 to enter (grown ups welcome too) and you can pay via bank transfer  
Windmill PTA , Barclays 20-65-21 account 00978604 Ref:Crown, followed by year and child's initials eg  
Crown 3RS.

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](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) for a job description and application form or visit our website [www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk) where you can also download an application form.

Oxford Athletic FC are starting training very soon for our brand new grassroots programme. We are looking for players aged 6-11 to join our new teams.

It would be great to get more children involved in football!

This is the link to sign up: <https://www.athleticfootball.co.uk/oafc-info>