

Windmill Weekly (31)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for May - Kindness

19 May 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Football Tournament

We took 2 Under 9s teams to a football tournament on Tuesday morning. All of the children played really well and one of the teams went on to be the overall winners. Well done to all of the children who took part.

Year 3 Story Soup!

Well done to all of the Year 3 children who performed their stories so well in the "Story Soup" performance yesterday. This was the first time that the children had performed live to their parents, carers and families since they did their Reception Christmas dance performance. They were all brilliant.

April Get Physical Sponsored Event

Thank you to all of the children who took part in the sponsored event run by the PTA throughout April. Between them the children raised just over £800 which was a great amount. A particular well done to Poppy and Matilda who did a triathlon and between them raised £180 and to Theo who raised £85.

Hula Hoops

Year 3 are hoping to use Hula Hoops as part of their Summer Dance. For this they will need 90 hoops. We have about 30 /40 in school but wondered if any of you have a hoop at home that you could either donate to school if you don't need it any more or could loan us it. They would be very grateful.

Children and Mental Health Talk

A big thank you to Dr Mei Simmons who came and talked about supporting children with their mental health on Wednesday evening. Thank you to all of you who came. She has offered to run another session in school hours if you would be interested. If so please let me know either by email or through the office.



Key Dates

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
21 st June	Vision Screening - Reception children

Reading

As a school we have recently launched myON. This is to support children with their reading and provide additional texts and experiences. We still aim for all children to read both in school and at home using different texts and genres from books. A book can lift our imagination in so many ways! Our next Windmill Book Off is on Friday 26th May and we look forward to another round of reading and sharing.

Vision Screening for Reception Children

Please see the information at the end of the newsletter about the School Vision Screening Team who will be screening children in reception on 21st June 2023.

Year 6 Play Auditions

Children will receive information about how to audition for the year 6 play on Monday. Please look out for this and help them to prepare. The auditions will be on Wednesday.

Missing Guitar

A guitar went missing from year 3 peg area two weeks ago. Has the child's name (Dominic Gillies) on back of head of guitar, on inside of black case, and music books in pocket. If it's accidentally gone home with the wrong person, please can you drop at reception as soon as possible?

PTA News

Curry and Quiz is tonight. Don't forget your plate & cutlery. Arrive from 7pm, food served at 7.30pm. Beer, wine and soft drinks available from the bar. (Cash or card).

If there is anyone else who would like to be involved in shaping what the Autumn Fayre this year will look like, then please join our WhatsApp group.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EvTeCuwH6mf6qAcBMSI5IE>

We have a good team already in place but welcome more input. First meeting will be happening in the week following half term. Suggestions and new ideas welcome.

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.

School Vision Screening

School vision screening is an assessment of your child's vision and eye co-ordination undertaken during their first year at school between the ages of 4 and 5 years.

The test will take place at your child's school during school time. If your child is absent on the day of the vision screening we advise that you take them to a local optometrist (optician). If you have any specific concerns you wish to discuss please contact the Orthoptic Department.

What Happens At The Vision Screening Appointment?

The Orthoptist will test:

- Vision in each eye.
- If there is any misalignment of the eyes.
- Binocular vision – the use of both eyes together.
- Movement of the eyes.

Orthoptists are highly experienced in working with children and all tests are played as games and do not hurt or involve any touching of the eyes.

What Happens After The Vision Screening Appointment?

There are four possible outcomes once your child has been screened:

1. Your child **passes the tests**. They will not need to see the orthoptist again. Routine assessments by a local optometrist are advisable.
2. A **referral to your local optometrist** (optician). You will receive a letter advising that you take your child to your local optometrist if we find mildly reduced vision.
3. A **referral to the Oxford Eye Hospital** or your local community Orthoptic clinic if an eye problem is found. A letter will be sent home with your child explaining the findings and the reason why your child is being referred. Where possible we may telephone you to discuss the referral. Your child's GP will also be informed and **an appointment will be sent to you**.
4. If your child **was unable to complete the test** you will either receive a letter advising you to take your child to your local optometrist or alternatively a letter informing you of a referral to the orthoptic department at the Oxford Eye Hospital or your local community orthoptic clinic, where alternative tests can be carried out.

If you have any queries about vision screening please contact the Orthoptic department on 01865 234160 (08.30 – 13.00). school.visionsscreening@ouh.nhs.uk

If you require this document in another language, large print, braille or audio version, please call 01865 221473 stating your requirements.

When we receive your call we may transfer you to an interpreter. This can take sometime, so please be patient.

Oxfordshire Orthoptic Services
Oxford Eye Hospital
LG1, West Wing
John Radcliffe Hospital
Headley Way
OX3 9DU

Tel no: 01865 234160

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Re. School Vision Screening

Your child is being offered a routine screening eye test at school on

The eye test will be carried out by an Orthoptist who is employed by the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, is a member of the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and has been checked by the Criminal Records Bureau.

The eye test involves an assessment of vision, eye position and movement. It does not involve the use of eye drops. A report of the outcome of this test will be sent home with your child. You do not need to be present for this test.

Should your child **NOT** pass the test then we would request from the school your address, telephone number and GP details to make the referral and enable us to contact you.

Please **ONLY** sign the attached slip and return this to your child's class teacher IF:-

- You do **NOT** want your child's vision tested
- Your child is already seen by an Orthoptist, or is attending a local Optometrist (optician) (Screening not necessary)

If you have any questions please telephone the Orthoptic Department as above.

Name of Child:

Date of Birth:

- I DO NOT wish my child to have an eye test
- My child is already seeing an orthoptist or optometrist / optician

Signed: Date:

Parent / Guardian's Name (print):

City Dynamos - Cricket

Sessions in Cowley, 8-11 year olds:

Every Friday until 25th August
Greyfriars School, Sports Hall
18:00 - 20:00

(Please note, between 19th May - 23rd June we will be located at The Swan School, OX2 7WP, 18:00 - 20:00)

Sessions in Blackbird Leys, 8 - 11 year olds:

Every Sunday until 30th July
Leys Leisure Centre, Sports Hall
9am - 11am

Sessions are turn up and play, no sign up required.

Oxford Cricket Clubs next session of Disability Cricket is on Friday May 19th at 4pm at our ground at Jordan Hill.

The sessions are free and open to all. Registration is required and the form is here:

<https://forms.gle/9mZTAmpvWSKNYwNb8>

More details are on our website here:

<https://www.oxfordcricketclub.com/news/free-disability-cricket-sessions-2778710.html>

