

Windmill Weekly (32)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for May - Kindness

26 May 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Year 3 /4 Football Tournament

Well done to the 20 children who I took to a Year 3 /4 Football tournament on Wednesday morning. Both teams did really well with one team narrowly missing out on goal difference with getting to the semi-finals and the other team reaching the semi-finals where they lost 2-1.

Enterprise day

We were all very proud of the Year 6 children last Friday when they ran their Enterprise Day. They all worked so hard to run their stalls and when they had to move into the hall because of the weather they all pulled together without any complaint.

Year 5 Assembly

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Year 5 assemblies on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children shared the learning they have been doing on Anglo-Saxons and World War 2 with their parents, carers and friends. It was lovely to see the quality of their performances and how much they enjoyed doing it.

Green Club

We now have enough volunteers to run another session on a Monday. If you would like your child to attend please send in a slip (at the end of the Newsletter) on our first day back after half term. Names will be drawn out of a hat.

Have a lovely half term break and I am sure that we are all hopeful that the sun will continue to shine!



Key Dates

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
28 th June	9.10am Year 1 sharing assembly / production
11 th July	2.00pm Year 6 performance
12 th July	6.00pm Year 6 performance
4 th July	Sports Day Reception, Years 1 & 2 starts 9.15am Sports Day Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 in the afternoon unless it's very hot
21 st July	Year 6 leavers service
21 st July	Last day of Term 6 2.30pm finish
5 th September	First day back for pupils

Lost Property

59 photos taken on Friday 26th May of items in lost property (coats, shoes, gloves, hats, scarves, water bottles etc.) can be found on our Classlist site. Join at www.tinyurl.com/WindmillOX3 if you're not yet a member so that you can view the photos and possibly claim your child's lost property.

Second Hand Online Shop

Please visit www.uniformd.co.uk/windmill-primary for most of your uniform needs- everything is £1 and the money goes back to the Parent-Teacher Association to invest back into the school. Donations of good quality items (no white shirts please) can be dropped off at 46 Margaret Road, OX3 8NQ

Are you Leaving Windmill Primary?

If your child IS NOT in Year 6 and you are planning to leave Windmill Primary at the end of this academic year, please could you remember to complete a School Leaver Form which is available from the school office. Alternatively, you can email the school office and request a form to be sent to you - office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk

Parking Issues in Neighbouring Streets

I have received the following request from another parent to strongly discourage parents from parking on the corners of the roads that adjoin the School Street Zone.

Since the School Street started we now have a big issue with people parking on the corner of St Anne's Road and Margaret Road while they take their children into school. This used to be a junction not many cars turned down, but now it is quite a busy junction with a lot of cars turning to avoid passing through the closure zone. Cars parked on the corners mean that if you are escorting young children across that road, you are having to step right out into the road before you can see whether a car is approaching, and drivers can't see the children until they are out in the road because they are stepping out between parked cars. I'm certain that this is caused by parents at the school as the cars only appear at pick up and drop off times. There are usually at least two cars parked on the corner at this junction and sometimes 4 or 5. (I don't know what the situation is with the other junctions onto Margaret Road as we don't walk that way, but this one may be the worst as there are limited legal and safe places to park on St Anne's road - there are also cars parked on double yellows blocking residents' driveways every day, but I'll leave that to the local Residents Association to take up).

I imagine that people who park there have got in the habit as it is easy and convenient, and probably don't realise the impact they are having on the safety of other children trying to cross that junction on foot.

Sadly it feels to me as though our particular walk to school has become more dangerous since the ANPR came into force.

Bake Off-tastic!

Thanks to everyone for their time and efforts in entering Bake Off. Once again we were flabbergasted by the standards of the bakes. We really are a talented bunch at Windmill!.

We raised £565 at the cake sale.

The winners were-

Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2	Adults
Large Bakes 1. Daisy - Starfish 2. Titos - Starfish 3. Isla - Mandarin	Large Bakes 1. Finlay - Dandelions 2. Matilda - Sunflowers 3. Josh & Agnes - Lavender	Large Bakes 1. Stuart Horrobin 2. Shaman Whiteson 3. Sasha Horne
Savoury 1. Maria - Explorers	Savoury 1. Katie - Turtles 2. Serena - Chameleons 3. Elliot - Lavender and Noam - Violet	Savoury 1. Milli Welch 2. Mikaela Anzar 3. Lucas Selley
Small Bakes 1. Layla - Mandarin 2. Alex - Reception 3. Leo - Starfish	Small Bakes 1. Lucy - Blue Jays 2. Amelia - Sunflowers 3. Ben - Blue Hays	Small Bakes 1. Roger Baker 2. Jayne spence 3. Sasha Horne

School Dinners / Packed Lunch

The cost of school dinners for term 6 (Mon 05 June - Fri 21 July) is £78.20. For year 6 children going to Kilvrough the cost will be £66.70.

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>

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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 the school office on office2527@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>

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Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Green Club

I would like my child to attend the Green Club on Mondays

Name of Child _____

Class _____

Vacancies on our website:- www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk

Administration / Finance Assistant

Inclusion Teaching Assistants

Morning Cleaner

If you are interested in any of these positions please complete the OCC Support Application Form and return to office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk.

Chess news: Cheney School is hosting the 'Oxfordshire megafinal' chess tournament on Sat 3rd June, with separate sections for U8, U10, U12, U14 and U18. Details and entry form via this link:

<https://www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.com/megafinals-2023/?amp=1>

Year 2 girls football

After the success of our first Under 8 girls team this season, local Headington team, Quarry Rovers, are looking to start another one from September. The girls train once a week and have short matches on a Saturday morning. The club will be planning some open taster sessions after half term for current Year 2 girls at Quarry Rec starting on Weds 7th June at 4.15 (exact time TBC). We are also looking for parents who are interested in helping to run and coach the team - the club offers lots of guidance and support and will pay for FA training for those wishing to coach. If you'd like to add your child to our list for the taster sessions, and/or you'd like to find out more about helping to run a team, please email Rob Sved (former Windmill parent) at rob.grfc@gmail.com and he'll keep you informed. Thanks.



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MAY 2023 HOLIDAY CAMPS: VENUES AND DATES

Tuesday 30th May

Cheney School, Cheney Lane, Headington, East Oxford, OX3 7QH

Wednesday 31st May

Fir Tree Primary School, Fir Tree Lane, Thatcham, RG14 2RA

Thursday 1st June

Ardley and Fewcott Hall, Ardley Road, Bicester, OX27 7PA

Friday 2nd June

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FREE SESSIONS

The Iris Classics Centre at Cheney is running the following events for children and families:

Classics Summer School for ages 7 - 11: 21st to 23rd August

We are delighted to be offering our ninth annual Classics Summer School this August at the Iris Classics Centre at Cheney School in Oxford. It will take place on the mornings of 21st, 22nd and 23rd August. This year the summer school will be themed on ancient theatre!

The format for each day will be as follows:

9 - 10.30am - Latin (ages 7 - 9); Latin (ages 10 - 11); Greek (ages 7 - 9); Greek (ages 10 - 11)

10.30 - 11.15am - refreshments and activities

11.15 - 12.45pm - Latin (ages 7 - 9); Latin (ages 10 - 11); Greek (ages 7 - 9); Greek (ages 10 - 11)

The classes will be run by experienced teachers and will include activities as well as language learning. They will all be aimed at complete beginners. There will be themed activity stalls and refreshments between the morning classes.

If you would like your child to attend the summer school, you can book to attend by emailing lro@cheneyschool.org and stating name, age, and which language class they would like to join. Attendees need to choose one language they would like to learn for the duration of the school - either Latin or Greek - as each class builds on the previous one.

In order to help cover our costs for this event, we are charging £20 per child for the summer school - please do get in touch if this cost is likely to be prohibitive. You can pay online at <http://www.irisproject.org.uk/index.php/the-iris-project/support-us> or pay on the door on the first morning of the summer school. If you feel you can pay more than £20 to help cover costs, we are always grateful for any donation.

Cheney Tree Trail Opening Morning: Saturday 17th June, 9.30 - 11.30am

We are delighted to be holding a Tree Trail on Saturday 17th June between 9.30 and 11.30am. Visitors will be able to explore our beautiful trees on site, and our brand new tree trail signs, designed by students as part of our recent Wild Escape grant. There will be a wide range of activities for children and adults, as well as refreshments available.

The entrance to the Tree Trail will be on Gypsy Lane, not the main school entrance.

All are warmly welcome to drop in at any time during the event. Please let us know if you are thinking of coming so we can have an idea of numbers by filling out [this form](#) or by emailing lro@cheneyschool.org

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