

# Windmill Weekly (36)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for June - Acceptance

30 June 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

## **Teacher Strikes Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July**

As I am sure you have heard in the news the NEU Union has called for strike action 2 days next week. This is the plan for class closures.

### **Strike Action 5th and 7th July**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Wednesday 5th July</b>	<b>Friday 7th July</b>
Explorers	Open	Open
Hedgehogs	Open	Open
Penguins	Open	Open
Cherry	Closed	Open
Strawberry	Open	Open
Ladybirds	Closed	Open
Mandarin	Open	Closed
Starfish	Closed	Open
Tigers	Closed	Open
Sunflowers	Closed	Closed
Dandelions	Closed	Open
Daffodils	Closed	Closed
Geckos	Closed	Closed
Chameleons	Closed	Closed
Turtles	Open	Open
Blue Jays	Open	Open
Peacock	Closed	Closed
Kingfisher	Open	Open
Lilac	Open	Open
Lavender	Open	Open
Violet	Open	Open

## Year 1 Assembly

It was an absolute delight to attend the Year 1 assembly on Wednesday this week. The children shared the learning they have been doing throughout the year. It was lovely to see the smiles on their faces and the passion that they have felt for the learning they have done. Well done to the children and the Year 1 staff team.

## Key Stage 1 Sports

We hope that you will be able to join us for the Reception and Key Stage 1 sports day on Tuesday 4 July at 9:15am. The event is usually finished by 10:30am

## Headington Mini Ramp Survey

There are a local group of people who are very keen to get a Mini Ramp installed in Headington for children and young people who enjoy skateboarding and BMX riding. To find out what demand there would be we are asking that you complete this survey. Here is the link.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhn3jjv-2W2tRVj2f-BquoCuHpi\\_MUgiLRiYarGuZOnibcKw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhn3jjv-2W2tRVj2f-BquoCuHpi_MUgiLRiYarGuZOnibcKw/viewform)

It would be good if as many of you as possible could complete it. The deadline for completion is Friday 14 July.

## Correction to 4th July Sports Day permission slip

Apologies, but there was a mistake on the 4<sup>th</sup> July sports day permission slips, given out yesterday. Please note that Y5/6 get a coach to the event, and walk back - arriving at school at approx. 15:35.



## Key Dates

4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Reception, Years 1 & 2 starts 9.15am
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Key Stage 2 Headington Partnership Sports Day (held at Cheney School)
11 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm Year 6 performance
12 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00pm Year 6 performance
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 9.15am - 11.00am
14 <sup>th</sup> July	School Disco 4.30pm - 6.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 leavers service
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of Term 6 - <b>2.30pm finish</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day back for pupils

## Not in Year 6 but Leaving Windmill?

If your child is not in Year 6 but you have decided they will not be returning to Windmill next academic year, please could you remember to complete a Leavers Form. The form can be emailed to you, or you can pick up a hard copy in the School Office. Forms can be requested by email at [office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk).

## WINDMILL SUMMER ART EXHIBITION (RECEPTION and YEARS 1-6)

### *Every child an artist!*

Come and see your child's artwork and other artwork done throughout the school in Windmill's *first ever* Summer Art Exhibition! We have line drawings, sculpture, collage, botanical sketching, indigo and other dyeing, ceramics, cartoon illustration, printing and rubbings.

on **THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY**

in the **school hall**

from **2.30-5.30pm**

**COLLECTION!** Please bring a contribution for the collection bucket; we are fundraising for future Windmill Art projects.

**REFRESHMENTS!** Available to buy - please bring change and a cup (to avoid waste)!

**ARTISTS!** Artists have been invited to show/sell their work (and maybe take commissions). Please stop to say hi and to take a look at their work: George O'Shaughnessy, Jon Knapp, Eileen Doyle, Emma Coleman-Jones, Robyn Macdonald and Catherine Burton, Chris Shipton and Jack Brougham, Kashmir Patel. I would like to say a special thank you to them all for generously giving up their time to hold workshops and share their expertise with the children.

See you on Thursday!

Anna Rianne (Art Coordinator)

### **School Dinners - Price Rise**

Unfortunately, due to our supplier increasing their fees we have to increase the cost of our school dinners. From September they will rise from £2.30 to **£2.40** which is £12 per week.

**Year 2** - May we also remind current **Year 2** parents and carers that once your child reaches Year 3 you will need to start paying for school dinners. If you no longer wish your child to have a dinner then please let the Office staff know as soon as possible as you will be charged if you do not make us aware.

If you are in receipt of any income related benefits you may still be able to claim free school meals, please check with the office if you think you may be eligible. The office email address is [office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk).

### **Windmill Summer Disco 🎉**

Friday 14th July 2023

4.30pm-6.00pm

Entrance - 50p on the door for children and adults (**children must be accompanied by an adult**)

Hot food (including vegetarian and meat hotdogs), snacks and drinks for sale. Please bring a re-usable cup for water and soft drinks.

### **Cancer Research UK**

Safiyyah Shaikh, from Year 2, Class Tigers, and her mum, will be running the Cancer Research UK's Race for Life 5k this Sunday in Oxford. If you would like to support them please follow this link to their fundraising page <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/shaikh-it-off>

### **Football Boots**

Do you have any children's outgrown football boots or trainers? Please donate them by 4th July to pass on to Quarry Rovers Football Club's partner charity where our outgrown Quarry kit also gets donated to - a whole load of football tops, shorts, and your donated boots will be sent to Amman in July and distributed to local children's charities. Please leave in the porch at 46 Margaret Road OX3 8NQ any day until 4th July. Thank you!

### **PTA News**

The final PTA meeting of the school year is happening next week on Wednesday 5th July at 7.30pm online.

During this meeting we will be discussing our PTA events calendar for next year, including the fast approaching Autumn Fayre on 14th October. If there is anything else you would like to see discussed at the meeting then please let us know; [windmillPTA@gmail.com](mailto:windmillPTA@gmail.com). We will compile an agenda and publish this on Classlist next week.

We would love input from as many people as possible and we extend a particular welcome to anyone who has not attended a PTA meeting before. It is online and whilst contributions and cameras are encouraged, you are very welcome to just come and listen to find out more about all things Windmill.

The link to join is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8472552140>

### Autumn Fayre advertising boards

In previous years, Finders Keepers have sponsored our Autumn Fayre and they are willing to do the same again this year. They would like to put up 25 boards locally to advertise the Fayre. Would you be willing to have a board outside your house? If so, please fill out this form with your address:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf\\_fHSy4b\\_FyxFm\\_d907xXefXT+W3bJx\\_HUYP5YW58-SNrtsw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_fHSy4b_FyxFm_d907xXefXT+W3bJx_HUYP5YW58-SNrtsw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

There needs to be somewhere to erect the board or something that the board can be attached to. It needs to be a house and not a flat and the occupier needs to have permission to put up the board, which would normally mean that they have to be the homeowner.

Finders Keepers will put these up approximately 2 weeks before the Fayre (14th Oct) and will remove them soon afterwards.

If we get more than 25 addresses, I will pass the full list to Finders Keepers so that they can decide on the most appropriate locations. Please do not be offended if you offer and do not get a board! Likewise, if you change your mind before October and would prefer not to have a board, please email [WindmillPTA@gmail.com](mailto:WindmillPTA@gmail.com) to let me know.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher

**Vacancies on our website:-** [www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk)

- Administration / Finance Assistant
- Inclusion Teaching Assistants
- General Teaching Assistants
- Morning or Evening (3.00pm - 5pm) Cleaner

If you are interested in any of these positions please complete the OCC Support Application Form (downloaded from our website) and return to [office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk).

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Looking for something different to keep your child's inquisitive mind active this summer?

We are excited to announce that we will be running STEM Camp on **24th July- 25th August at St Ebbes Primary School, OX1 4NA** from **9 am to 4 pm** each day (Early drop off from 8 am now available).

Each week we have a new exciting theme with new activities [click here](#) to see a few ....

### **Week 1 - Robotics, VR and Tech Fun**

Program robots, design video games, model 3D creation, experience VR and laser-tag, plus much more! A week of inspiration and creation with maximum excitement. We encourage children to experiment and challenge themselves, instilling a variety of exciting, real-world skills.

### **Week 2 - Minecraft Coding and Lego Engineering**

Designed for ultimate fun and education. Students learn circuitry workings using Redstone and coding fundamentals in Minecraft Education edition creating magnificent masterpieces. Then take the virtual world to the real work and make LEGO ingenious inventions with sensors and motors. This week is designed to encourage students to experiment and push the boundaries of their imagination, while developing skills that will aid them in their future.

### **Week 3 -Videography, Photography and Crafts**

Unleash the hidden creative genius within your child. Join us for a complete masterclass in capturing and editing like a pro, whilst instilling internet safety and proper practice. As a special addition we have craft projects designed by our STEM pros that feature in their very own films.

Our camps are for **ages 5-12**. Spaces are limited, we have a **special offer** where you can **book** a full **5 day week and only pay for 4** for a limited time only. We also have a limited number of HAF spaces available. Don't miss out and book today, simply visit:

<https://www.nextthing.education/summer-camps/>



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4-14

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