

Windmill Weekly (01)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for September - Unity

08 September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Please may I start by giving a huge welcome to all the new families who have joined Windmill this week. We hope that you will all be very happy with us. I am rapidly learning the names of the new children who have joined Reception and across the school but please forgive me if I am still not quite accurate yet!

Safe Buildings

You will all be delighted to know that there is no RAAC concrete in Windmill.

Communication

Last April we carried out a survey about communication across the school and many families wanted to receive the weekly newsletter via email. If you have received this email via the App or another method but would really prefer email, please email me on head.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk and I will add you to the contact list. You can find a breakdown on school communication in the new Parent handbook. (see below)

Parent Handbook

Another suggestion from the survey was to have some form of parent handbook that gives you an overview of the school including what key events look like. We have responded to this and the link to the new Parent handbook is here.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1z5xWRKw-swLLfdvgjR_PwVONzmmzcm7Vp?usp=drive_link

(You might need to copy and paste this link into your internet search bar)

Key Dates

We are currently finalizing key dates for up and coming events this year. The list will be sent to you with the newsletter next Friday. A copy of the date list will also be kept in the google folder with the staff handbook.

Healthy Snacks for Morning Break

I know that there has been a lot of discussion about what constitutes a healthy snack, so I want to clarify what snacks we consider to be appropriate for the children. I have also consulted the NHS healthy snack website to see what they recommend. They are:-

- Fresh fruit
- Fresh raw vegetables eg carrot sticks, celery, cherry tomatoes etc
- A couple of bread sticks
- Dried fruit / Processed whole fruit snacks (Please be aware though that these are not good for children's teeth)
- Oatcakes
- Cheese and a cracker

The children **should not have crisps, chocolate, sweet biscuits or sweets or any other high fat / high sugar snack**. These will be taken off them if we see them eating them. We also don't want them eating a sandwich from their lunchbox as they will be hungry later.

Musical Instruments

We are pleased to tell you that there are still a few spaces available for instrumental lessons at Windmill. Learning an instrument is a wonderful experience for young people, both on a musical and social level. There are many studies to support the belief that music can help pupils in other areas of learning,

as well as boosting pupils' confidence. We are very lucky that we are provided for by Oxfordshire County Music Service which is an 'outstanding music service' with an international reputation. We have flute, clarinet, guitar, brass, drums, violin, cello and now piano lessons available here at school- if you would like to sign your child up please do so ASAP using the link below.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>

The website also includes more detailed information about OCMS, prices and instrument hire. Lessons will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free lessons, instrument hire and ensemble membership. Please contact OCMS to check eligibility before making an application for lessons.

Autumn Fayre Raffle Prizes

The parent group who are organising the Autumn Fayre are trying to get a range of raffle prizes together. If you think you could contribute something, please contact Alastair Howard via alastairhoward@hotmail.com.



Key Dates

14 October 2023	Autumn Fayre - 1pm - 4pm
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Year 2 Parent Meeting Wednesday 13th September at 2.30pm in TIGER Class

Dear Parents / Carers, Hello and welcome to Year 2!

It has been lovely to meet many of you in the small playground at pick up and drop off.

The children are settling well, and we are so proud of them already.

I would like to invite you to a meeting to talk through the timetable and learning we will be doing in Year 2 and how you can support your child. Please don't worry if you can't attend as we will be sending out minutes of the meeting and any issues discussed.

In the meantime, if you have any immediate concerns don't hesitate to contact the class teacher by email. Tigers - arosewarne@windmill.oxon.sch.uk, Mandarins - mpunjani@windmill.oxon.sch.uk, Startfish - jaspden@windmill.oxon.sch.uk

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Mrs Aspden and the Year 2 team.

Green Club

The new email is greenclub.windmill@gmail.com

If your child was attending the Green Club last term please could you send a message to our new Green Club email address above to confirm that they would still like to continue attending this term. The club will run from September to October half term. Thank you. Maria.

PTA News

Welcome back to a new term from the PTA Committee. We would like to extend a particular welcome to families new to Windmill. This link tells you a little bit more about who we are and what we do: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1jeDXzqZ5F6K4FI63IEzP3I-Fm5wCdBw0R2ulHmyc3TQ/edit>

In short, we organise a range of social and fundraising events throughout the year. Last year we spent almost £10,000 on a range of nice extras for our children including subsidising trips and classroom resources. This term we are holding our Autumn Fayre on Saturday 14th October 1-4pm. It is always a fun event with stalls and games for all the family. Put the date in your diary.

PTA Meeting Wednesday 13th Sep

Next week is our first PTA meeting of the year. We would love you to join us. The meeting will be held online on Wednesday 13th September at 7.30pm - 9pm. It is a great opportunity to find out more about all things Windmill. First-time attendees are always very welcome and whilst cameras and comments are welcome, feel free to just listen in for some or all of our meeting. The zoom link to join is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8472552140>

This meeting will focus on the Autumn Fayre. The Agenda will be finalised and published on Classlist in the next couple of days. If there is anything you would like added to the agenda, please email WindmillPTA@gmail.com.

Not on Classlist yet? Join here: <https://classlist.page.link/ybx64Vez1qZGBk4E6>

Fayre Advertising Boards

With the Autumn Fayre in mind there are a couple of things we could use some help with. In previous years, Finders Keepers have sponsored us, 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

Autumn Fayre Raffle

One of our biggest fundraisers on the day is the raffle. We already have a number of great prizes that have been donated, but we are appealing to the generosity of our parent community for a few more. Prizes do not have to be physical objects, perhaps you are, or you know a local business owner who might be able to offer a voucher? Perhaps you have a skill and could offer your expertise? Please get in touch, we would love to hear from you. alastairhoward@hotmail.com or windmillpta@gmail.com

Class reps

Thanks for a brilliant response to my request for class reps. Almost all classes now have a rep. At the time of writing, there are just 3 classes still in search of someone. Mandarin, Geckos, Blue Jay & Lilac. Strawberries & Hedgehogs both have a lone rep in place who would love a partner! Let me know if you can help windmillpta@gmail.com

To find out more about what is involved:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uNoqcZRUQ_A0jM09dO3A-E0IPwXFcLu2rNtuKFDQ9EI/edit?usp=sharing

School Dinners / Packed Lunch

The cost of school dinners for term 1 (Tues 5Sept - Fri 20 Oct) is £81.60. Please note that school meals must be ordered and paid for in advance. If you pay weekly (£12.00), payments 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>

Android phone users <http://schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload>

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 office.2527@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.

Year 3 - May we also remind year 3 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.

School Clubs

The club list is available on the extra-curricular activities section of the school website:

<https://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra+Curricular+Activities&pid=19>

There are a few details to be confirmed these will be added as soon as they are available. Please book your child a place with the club leader before sending them to a school club. Many have limited places available. Children not on the club register will not be accepted.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

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

- Morning (2 hours between 5.00am and 9.00am) 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.

Y5/6 Football Club

(for girls and boys)



3.15-4pm on the field

You must wear shin pads

Tuesdays

(begins Tuesday 12th September)

Letter and permission slip:



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Windmill Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Lynn

Margaret Road
Headington

Email: head.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk
Tel: 01865 762509 Fax: 01865 742614

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Monday 4th September 2023

Dear pupil and family,

After-school football club is open to boys and girls in year 5 and 6 on Tuesdays. The main aims are to have fun, improve skills and develop confidence and sporting behaviour. During the sessions we play multiple matches. Attending the club also gives you a chance of being selected for inter-school fixtures and tournaments.

The club takes place on our field, beginning at 15:15 and finishing at 16:00. Players of all abilities are welcome and encouraged, and there is no cost. Shin pads are compulsory – for their own safety, players cannot take part in the club if they do not wear shin pads. Studded boots are highly recommended.

Please sign the slip below to give your permission and let me know your child's going home arrangements. Forms must reach me before your child attends the club, and can be returned to your child's teacher, the school office, or direct to me via email (address below).

Yours sincerely,

Ben Habbershaw
bhabbershaw@windmill.oxon.sch.uk
P.E. Coordinator & Year 4 Teacher

I give permission for _____ from class _____ to attend after-school football club every Tuesday for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Shortly after 16:00 my child will:

- go to after school club
- be picked up at the front of school
- walk home by themselves

Emergency contact phone number: _____

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/2023



CREATION THEATRE
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AUTUMN TERM
STARTS 6 SEPT

UNLEASH YOUR CHILD'S IMAGINATION

WEEKLY DRAMA CLUBS

Each term, our Drama Clubbers choose a Shakespeare or classic text and devise and create their own version over 12 weeks. This culminates in a final showing for friends and family on the last day of term. Our clubs are the perfect environment for children looking to improve their stagecraft skills, build confidence, make friends and, of course, to have fun!

Working with facilitators and actors who nurture imaginations and give equal roles to all means that everyone has the chance to learn new skills, perform, and to explore classic stories.

"Creation provides children with invaluable life lessons in public performing, ad libbing, letting their imaginations run riot, confidence, working together and meeting new and creative people. A massive success all round then."
The Oxford Times

Age	Day	Time	Venue
5-7s	Saturday	10-11am	St Peter's Church, Wolvercote
8-10s	Wednesday	4:30-5:30pm	Headington Baptist Church
8-10s	Saturday	4-5pm	St Peter's Church, Wolvercote
11-13s	Wednesday	5:30-6:30pm	Headington Baptist Church
11-13s	Saturday	11am-1pm	St Peter's Church, Wolvercote
13+	Saturday	2-4pm	St Peter's Church, Wolvercote

PUT ON A PLAY IN A WEEK WORKSHOPS

October half term | 6-8s and 9-12s | Wolvercote School
Christmas holidays | 6-8s and 9-12s | The North Wall

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October half term
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Blackbird Leys

Leys Leisure Centre
Sundays
10:00 - 12:00
Starting from Sunday 8th October 2023

For more information email administrator@oxoncb.com

OXFORDSHIRE
CRICKET

JOIN MANDO SCHOOL'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AND LEARN MANDARIN CHINESE at Windmill Primary School

Boosting confidence, developing empathy, open-mindedness, language skills, and creativity!

Interpersonal Skills

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Developing Motor Skills

Memory Skills

Creativity

Cognitive Development

Cultural Awareness

Problem Solving Skills

FRIDAYS

3:15 PM TO 4:15 PM | EYS, KS1, and KS2 children
£10 + VAT per class

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To book, please email jenn@mandoschool.com with your child's name, year group and contact number



MANDO SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL MANDARIN CLUB AT WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR EYS, KS1 AND KS2 CHILDREN

Dear Parents/Carers,

At MANDO SCHOOL, children learn day to day vocabulary they can use at School and at home through fun story-led adventures, themes, games, activities and songs. Using creative and visual multimedia, our classes encourage reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Our classes help develop children's problem-solving skills, creativity, empathy, confidence, academic performance and stimulates their curiosity!

Children love nothing more than play, imagination and learning how to be creative. MANDO SCHOOL's classes do just this.

The club will potentially run on Autumn Term 2023 every Fridays, 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm for EYS, KS1 and KS2. The club will be £10 (exc VAT) per class and will require a minimum of 10 sign-ups to commence and a maximum of 15.

If you're interested in signing up for the Mandarin Class, please email jenn@mandoschool.com with your child's name, year group and contact number.

Best wishes,

MANDO SCHOOL

All MANDO SCHOOL Teachers are enhanced
DBS checked, insured, trained in first aid and
safeguarding





Magical Maths is returning to Windmill Primary School!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Professor Poopenshtinken and his friends will be returning to **Windmill Primary School** with all new and exciting session content, designed to remind your children just how much fun can be had with numbers!

Our fantastic after school clubs will help to boost your child's engagement and enjoyment in maths through really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities.

This **10 week** club begins **Wednesday 27th September** and is priced at just **£80.00**. So if you haven't signed up already, simply go to our website www.magicalmathsclub.com or call us on **07943798924** but hurry as places are limited!

*We look forward to welcoming your children
for lots of Mathemagical fun!*



*This is maths, but not as
you know it... Be prepared to
have some serious fun!*

www.magicalmathsclub.com
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ON THE STAGE: Mermaids and Pirates!

For children in Reception – Year 6

We are delighted to be running our **Mermaids and Pirates** themed On The Stage club in the Autumn Term. This club is a combination of dancing, drama and singing with a specific focus on building confidence, taking inspiration from **The Little Mermaid** and **Peter Pan and Captain Hook**.

On the Stage will run after school 3:15pm-5:15pm on **Fridays for Reception – Year 6**. Each session costs £11.50 and the club starts on 8th September and the final lesson on 15th December (Full details can be found on our website). **We accept all childcare vouchers and payments can be made in instalments. No payment is due until September.**

To sign up please visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com (you will need to register first if you haven't previously). To go straight to the class use code OSWMPS1.

Please Note: We **WILL NOT** be automatically renewing any places from the current Summer Term onto the Autumn Term. **Therefore, if you would like your child to attend in September, you must book via the website.**

If you have any questions, please contact us on enquiries@rattleandrollperformance.com or call 07722 014301.

Thank you and best wishes,

Katy Emmerson
Rattle and Roll

You can keep up to date with all our news and events happening near you by following us on Facebook and @rattleandrollperformance on Instagram.