

Windmill Weekly (09)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for November - Freedom

10 November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Takeover Day

Next Friday, 17 November, is Takeover Day which is a highlight of the year for many children. This is when the children take on the adult roles in school for a day. Each class will be planning the day and who will be leading lessons. Wider school roles like headteacher will be allocated by class teachers too.

Cross Country Run

We were very sorry to have to cancel the Cross Country again today. We are now going to postpone it to Friday 22 March when hopefully the weather will be better.

Anti-Bullying Week / LGBT Group

Next week is national anti-bullying week and the children will all be thinking about aspects of anti-bullying in the PHSE lessons. In the last year we have been looking at identity based bullying and we know that we still have some issues with children using homophobic language. As part of our Equality policy this is something that we would like to do more to stop and make it as unacceptable as racist language. If as a parent/ carer you would like to be part of a focus group to help move this issue on, please let me know via email on Head.252@windmill.oxon.sch.uk. We do already have a couple of interested families.

Math Challenge Competition

On Thursday afternoon Mr Donhou and I took 4 children (Shaun, William, Karma and Josiah) from Year 6 to a Maths Challenge being hosted by St Edwards School. The children, working in pairs, took part in a series of maths challenges, collecting points as they went. There were 45 teams in total from both state and independent schools. Both teams did really well with Karma and Shaun coming twelfth and William and Josiah coming second overall in the competition, a fantastic achievement.

Windmill Resident Group Flier

You may well have been given a flier from the Windmill Road Resident Action Group earlier this week, relating to the proposal of some "supported accommodation" being planned in Windmill Road. I just wanted to say that as a school we haven't been consulted about this and haven't contributed to any of the messages on the flier.

Parents in the Building Before School

This is just a reminder that parents shouldn't be in the building before school starts without an appointment with a class teacher or permission from a member of the office team. This is for security and safeguarding reasons.



Key Dates

13 - 17 November 2023	Anti Bullying Week
17 November	Takeover Day
23 November	8.30am - 9.10am Open Morning for whole school
24 November	Year 1 and Year 6 Cake Sale
4 December	Pantomime - Jack and the Bean Stalk
7 December	9.15am - 10.00am Reception Christmas Play
7 December	Winter Lights 4.30pm

12 December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert 9.15am - 9.45am
13 December	Year 2 Christmas Play 9.15am
14 December	Year 2 Christmas Play 2.00pm
15 December	Year 1 Christmas / Orchestra 9.15am
18 December	IRock Assembly 9.15am
20 December	House Christmas Quiz - whole school
20 December	Last day of term 2 - FINISH AT 2.30pm
9 January 2024	First day of term 3 8.45am



Odd Socks Day Monday 13th November

To kick start anti bullying week we will be joining people across the country and wearing odd socks to school.

Andy and the Odd socks have recorded a new song to celebrate called "Make a noise" to encourage us to challenge prejudice and bullying. Follow link to have a listen! <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/odd-socks-day/odd-socks-day-schools>

Here at Windmill we celebrate all our differences and ensure that "We all belong".

So please remember to wear your odd socks on Monday and let's work together to promote equality and eradicate identity based bullying.

Thank you from our Y6 Equality Agents.

Applying for a Primary School Place

The application process to apply for your child's Primary School place is now open until 15th January 2024.

Parents of infant school children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 need to apply for an infant or primary school place for September 2024. The closing date for "on time" applications is 15th January 2024.

Yours faithfully

Lynn Knapp

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.

The Rumble Museum at Cheney School is delighted to be running an [Astronomy and Stargazing Evening](#) on Tuesday 19th December.

The evening will involve stalls and activities run by Museum Council students, a display of our astronomy artefacts, Dr Lucy Oswald speaking, planetarium shows with Science Oxford, and stargazing with the sixth form enrichment committee.

The timings are as follows:

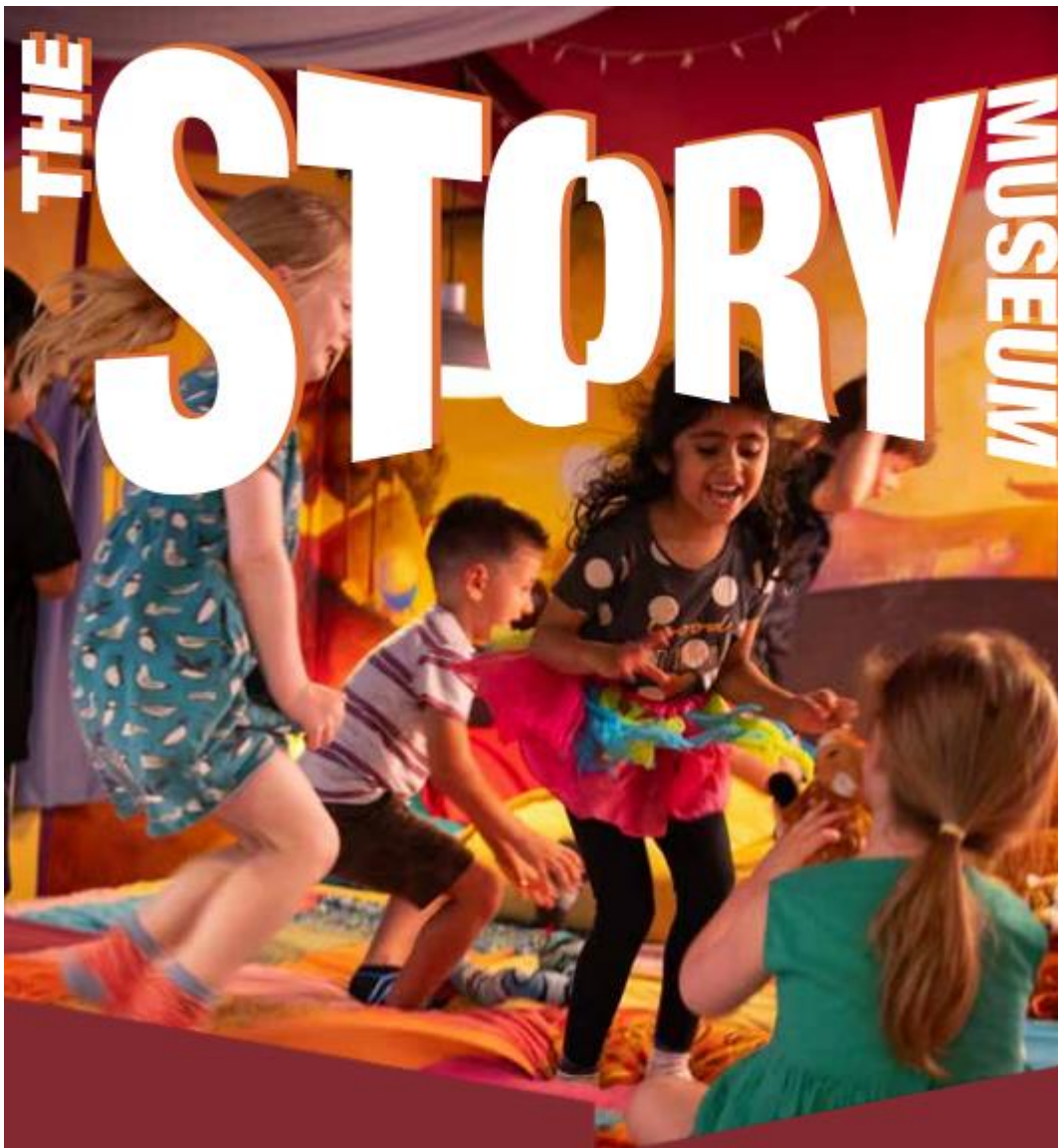
3.45 - 4.45pm - Planetarium Show

5 - 5.45pm - talk by Dr Lucy Oswald

5.45 - 7.30pm - stalls, activities and displays run by Museum Council students; Stargazing run by our sixth form enrichment committee; two 15 minute shows (at 6 and 6.45pm) at the Planetarium (please email to book the shows).

If you would like to book to attend any or all aspects of the evening, please email lro@cheneyschool.org stating which parts of the evening you would like to attend, and how many places you would like.

The event is free but we welcome donations towards costs which can be made online [here](#). All ages are warmly welcome to attend.



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https://issuu.com/storymuseum/docs/story_museum_season_guide_nov_23_-_mar_24