

Windmill Weekly (11)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for November - Freedom

24 November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Winter Lights - Date Change!

We have made a decision to move the Winter Lights event to Thursday January 18th following an assessment of the front lawn which is very wet and will get churned up very quickly with lots of people walking over it. We are also having problems sourcing the lights. We also thought it would be nice to have something to look forward to in January, which often feels like a long and dark month!

Takeover Day

This time last week the school was buzzing with children all teaching their lessons and taking leadership roles across the school. As always, I was so impressed by the way with which the children planned, prepared and delivered their lessons from Reception right through to Year 6!

Hygiene Bank

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Hygiene Bank collection this week. The items will be collected on Monday evening so if you would still like to contribute you will be able to bring items in on Monday morning. Items that the Hygiene Bank need especially are:-

toothpaste, toothbrushes (child/adult), shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, deodorant, period products and baby products (head to toe wash, nappies sizes 4-8).

LGBT Group

Apologies for the incorrect email address in Newsletter number 9. 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.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk. We do already have a couple of interested families.



Key Dates

4 December	Pantomime - Jack and the Bean Stalk
7 December	9.15am - 10.00am Reception Christmas Play
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
15 December	Christmas Disco
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
18 January	Winter Lights 4.30pm

Message from the Children's Commissioner

We have been asked to share the following information from the Children's Commissioner:-

The Big Ambition - Children or parents can complete the survey here:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition. Further resources are available on our [website](#).

It is really important that the pupils at Windmill Primary School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of all children in Oxfordshire are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Christmas Disco

It is time to get your disco tickets:

Plans are well underway for the upcoming disco on Friday 15th December. This promises to be a really fun event, for children and adults. DJ Knapp will be filling the dance floor from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. There will also be a chill out area with crafts and a movie as well as a tuck shop for refreshments and a bar area for adults.

Thanks to all who have signed up to help on the night. There are still a couple of spare spots on the rota to fill, so do please sign up if you are able to. <https://signup.com/go/OYuyoQM> Helpers are able to secure their tickets early, before they go on general sale. Check your inbox for a link after signing up or email windmillpta@gmail.com.

All remaining tickets go on sale on **MONDAY 27th November at 6pm**. Tickets are priced at £2.50 and we expect them to sell out so buy yours quickly to guarantee your space. Numbers are limited due to fire regulations and all children must be supervised by an adult on the night. Tickets are being sold through Classlist so you will need to be signed up to receive an invite with a link to purchase your tickets.

If you are not on Classlist yet, you can sign up here <https://classlist.page.link/G8ERk1ym1L5gGvM4A>

Please get in touch with any questions windmillpta@gmail.com.

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.

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