

Windmill Whispers

Issue 7 – June 2016



Well...it would seem that the summer is here and with it comes a lot of amazing opportunities for our children. I got thinking the other day...I am very privileged to do the job that I do. But why do I do it? Why do we as teachers do it? I do this job because it matters. It matters that all children are safe, nurtured, cared for. It matters that all children are given the best chance to succeed and excel. It matters that all children are valued, made to feel worthwhile – unique if you like. It matters that this generation of children, who we are preparing for jobs that don't even exist yet, are given far wider opportunities in every area of their lives than previous generations. It matters. More than ever it matters. Bring on the next few weeks! *Mr Coleman*

May Residential Year 3/4

Year 3/4 had a fantastic time on their residential. We began with a day in the Living Rainforest, where children took part in a tour, learning about animal adaptations and sustainability. All the children loved the plants and animals they encountered - please ask them about the facts they now know! We then went to our 5* hotel for the night, where the children learned how to make their beds and loved having slumber parties with their friends, drinking hot chocolate before bed and learning more table manners (thanks Mr Bateson!) than they even knew there were. The second day of our trip started with a delicious breakfast (Courthill staff said we were the best group of children that they've served breakfast to!). We moved to the Cotswold Wildlife Park, where we had a tour of the large African animals ready for our theme next term. The children learned so many facts about the penguins and loved waving to the other children back at school via Penguin cam. Everyone enjoyed looking at the different eggs as well as the meerkats. On our tour we learned about the skin of African animals, how they protect themselves from prey as well as how they hunt. A question for you to think about... Is a zebra black with white stripes or white with black stripes...? *Mrs Durrheim*



New Nursery Children

Well done to all the Nursery children who attended our Nursery afternoon sessions to help them get to know the staff and the setting! I can't believe that already our Nursery afternoon sessions are over for another year and that the children have been allocated their schools. The children had an amazing time at these sessions and it has been wonderful to watch them flourish as they have started to build new friendships and get to grips with familiarising themselves with both staff and the environment. Myself and the staff have all thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and welcomed the children back for their more formal stay and play sessions, which went well and then at the end of June their class! We look forward to seeing you then!

Mrs Frost

RWSA

All the children had a fantastic time at the RWSA disco, the high-light for KS1 was the hokey cokey, KS2 gave the biggest scream of the evening when Justin Bieber was played and Mr Coleman loved it when his favourite song C'est La Vie by Bewitched came on! The profit made from the disco was just over £400. Thanks you to everyone that supported the event. **It was Eyes down** for our next event on **Friday 10th June**, with a family bingo night at the school, which was great fun, thank you to everyone who attended and £110 was raised for the school. Our final event of this school year will be a family fun day, on Saturday 2nd July, fingers crossed for the weather as we hope to host many of the activities outside. If you or you know of a business that would like to donate a desirable raffle prize please speak to a member of the RWSA or email at rwsa@windmillprimary.net. Any volunteers for the event would be greatly appreciated. We hope to make this our best fete to date. RWSA

Down in Reception we had a very special delivery a few weeks back... living eggs! They were placed immediately in the incubator, and was soon up to temperature to ensure a successful hatch! Sure enough within 24 hours the eggs started to hatch.



All the children in Adams and St Crispin classes, were fortunate enough to watch 1 egg hatch completely. It was an amazing experience for the children. These tiny, wet, tired chicks, soon fluffed up overnight to produce some cute chicks! All the chicks were named by the classes and the children experienced hands on learning as they watched them develop and grow. The chicks soon started to sprout feathers and try to fly... they have now gone back to the farm to roam as they grow up. A huge thank you from the children goes out to the RWSA who funded this experience for them, it was absolutely amazing!!! Also a massive thank you from myself and Miss King to the RWSA for your generosity it was truly appreciated.

Mrs Frost

French Club

KS2 have been showing of their learning during French Club. Children have learnt key phrases, engaged in conversations with each other and learnt some key facts about France. Those going on the French Trip in July will be super linguists!

Miss Collier

A big thank you to Miss Newton, who left us for pastures new recently.

And a warm welcome to Mrs. Leesing who has now joined us in the office.

St Crispin Class Assembly

St Crispin one of our Reception and year one classes, held their class assembly on the last Wednesday of the term. The children demonstrated a great understanding of all they had learnt and were able to share the knowledge they had gained with the whole school. They were really excited to talk about how we had hatched eggs as they grew into fluffy chicks! The year ones demonstrated more confidence than ever and were able to use loud clear voices! Yet again our youngest pupils do us proud! Well done St Crispin. *Mrs Frost*

Battle of Britain - Fab Finale

Year 5/6 had an excellent turn out for their Battle of Britain Exhibitions and the children thoroughly enjoyed show casing their learning through power point presentations, videos, songs, drama, art work and poetry. The tearoom was also a great success raising a brilliant £38 for future ventures. Many thanks to all those parents who were able to join us. *Mrs Brightwell*

Adams Reception Class visit Raunds Library

The children walked down and back amazingly well and sensibly in heavy rain both ways without making a fuss. They all had waterproof suits on and not one child complained, was silly or needed any reminding about expectations. Whilst we were in the library there was a sewing club going on in one of the shared areas. One of the members of the club asked Suzanne (library supervisor) to tell me that they were completely amazed at how quiet our children were and how well they behaved. They had never seen such sensible well behaved children who did as they were asked! They were even more amazed when told that they were reception aged pupils! The lady then commented that the adults in the club were making more noise than the children! I am incredibly proud of each and every reception child in my class!



Mrs Frost

Year 3/4 Fab Finale

For the Year 3/4 fab finale Rainforest theme the children held a Rainforest Cafe. They designed, measured and made delicious mocktails and exotic fruit salads. We were raising money for The Rainforest Foundation UK and raised a total of just over £80. We would like to thank everyone who visited our Rainforest Cafe and for supporting this important charity. This theme has been one that the children have really enjoyed. Those children that went on the residential trip showed exemplary behaviour and had an amazing time at the Living Rainforest and Cotswold Wildlife Park, whilst the children who remained at school found the visit by Raptor Exotics exciting and a little bit terrifying in the case of some of the spiders and a very intimidating owl! *Miss Loasby*

Scooters, bikes and walking across the grass

Please can you ensure that your child/ren always push scooters and bikes when on school grounds. Could you also please discourage children from running across the grass at the end of the school day - the paths are perfectly fine to use thank you very much! Mr Coleman

Dates for your Diary – This is subject to change and will be updated in every issue so please keep checking!!

Term 6

Year 6 Transition Day at Manor School	Tuesday 28 th June 2016
Year 6 to Manor School am	Tuesday 5 th July 2016
Y5/6 Production 6pm	Tuesday 5 th July 2016
Y5/6 Production 6pm	Wednesday 6 th July 2016
District Sports am	Thursday 7 th July 2016
Whole School Art Exhibition	Thursday 7 th July 2016
Reports home to parents	Friday 8 th July 2016
Y5/6 Residential to France	Monday 11 th to Friday 15 th July 2016
Clarks Class Assembly	Wednesday 13 th July 2016
Duxford Trip Year 6	Wednesday 13 th July 2016
Wellingborough Museum Trips Y6	Friday 15 th July 2016
Sports Day	Monday 18 th July 2016
Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm	Wednesday 20 th July 2016
Term ends	Wednesday 20 th July 2016

Term 1 Autumn 2016/2017

Staff Training Days	Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd September 2016
Term starts	Monday 5 th September 2016
Faith Week	Mon 5 th , Tues 6 th & Wed 7 th September 2016
Wow Days	Thurs 8 th & Fri 9 th September 2016
Term ends	Friday 21 st October 2016

Term 2

Training Day for staff	Monday 31 st October 2016
Term starts	Tuesday 1 st November 2016
Term ends	Tuesday 20 th December 2016

Term 3 Spring 2017

Training Day for staff	Wednesday 4 th January 2017
Term starts	Thursday 5 th January 2017
Term ends	Friday 10 th February 2017

Term 4

Term starts	Monday 20 th February 2017
Term ends	Thursday 30 th March 2017
Training Day for staff	Friday 31 st March 2017

Term 5 Summer 2017

Term starts	Tuesday 18 th April 2017
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