



INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

Our vision is to inspire all with a life-long love of learning.

Mrs Moore would like to say.....

Dear parents and carers

Windhill21 is passionate to ensure that all our pupils are aware and mindful of the impact we can all make to support climate change. Last week, our KS2 assembly reignited our commitment by considering the perils of single use plastic and discussing the new government legislation that single-use items like plastic cutlery, plates and polystyrene trays will be banned in England.

With this in mind, we are forming an Eco-committee which will comprise of a group of year 5s who show enthusiasm and ability to work as a team. Once the team has been formed, they will lead individual class eco-warriors to make sure their classrooms are as eco-friendly as possible. Also, the school has a considerable sum of money from the government to spend on making the building more energy efficient. We will use the eco-leaders to discuss the options and even talk to contractors and get quotes for work carried out. I am looking forward to leading the Eco-leaders and helping them make a difference at Windhill21.

Bunnies' smart new hutch

How jolly smart Flopsy and Mopsy's new hutch is! This acquisition proved to be quite timely as when the old one was moved, it basically fell apart. The bunnies looked a bit tentative at first, but I am sure that they will settle in well. Thank you to an animal rescue charity in Allen's Green who donated it to the school along with food, hay and all things 'rabbit'!

Now we need to get a couple more chickens to rule the roost. Unfortunately, one died over the Christmas period so we need to give a home to another couple.



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For your information.....

GOLD Stonewall school champions award

Windhill21 has achieved the Gold Stonewall School Champion Award. This is a sector-leading award programme developed by the charity Stonewall and demonstrates our schools commitment to LGBTQ+ inclusion. It shows that Windhill21 is leading the way in celebrating diversity and supporting LGBTQ+ children and young people to fulfil their potential. Our application for the award demonstrated particular strengths in embedding diversity and equality within our curriculum and our use of pupil voice to receive feedback and make changes to our practices within school life.

Stonewall
SCHOOL & COLLEGE
CHAMPION AWARDS
GOLD 2022/24

Young Voices

What a night! Last Monday 16th January Year 6 children raised the roof - and the rafters - of London's O2 stadium in a night of song, dance...and rather a lot of fun. Windhill21 formed part of the infamous Young Voices choir and joined with around 500 other schools to create the largest choir on the globe. We all thoroughly enjoyed our trip and couldn't have been more proud of the energy Year 6 brought to the stadium.

Parents were also able to join the fun and here is what one of them had to say....

'Thank you so much to you all for your hard work and patience to make last night so memorable for the children. We really enjoyed watching it much more than expected! Not only were the performances so entertaining but the energy from the kids was electric which gave the whole evening an amazing positive atmosphere'.



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No Nuts Policy

A reminder that as a school we have a **strict no nuts policy**. Within school there are a number of children who suffer from severe nut allergies and are at risk of anaphylactic shock should they have any contact at all with nuts. It is therefore imperative that **no products containing nuts** are brought onto the school site or included within pack lunches or snack items. Thank you for your continued support with this.



Dates for your Diary*		
Date	Event	Action
JANUARY 2023		
Monday 23 rd January 2023	Year 4 Curriculum update meeting 4.30pm	Virtual meeting on Google Classroom.
Tuesday 24 th January 2023	Year 3 Curriculum update meeting 4.00pm	Virtual meeting on Google Classroom.
Tuesday 24 th January 2023	Year 6 Curriculum update meeting 4.30pm	Virtual meeting on Google Classroom.
Wednesday 25th January 2023	Years 5 – 6 BSP Gymnastics Competition. Held at Bishops Stortford Gymnastics	Selected Children Only
Thursday 26 th January 2023	EYFS Celebration of the new learning environment Nursery: 8.30 and 2.30 (depending on sessions your child attends) Reception: 2.30pm	Nursery and Reception parents invited to school to take a look at the new learning environment in EYFS and to understand how your child's learning is delivered.
Thursday 26th January 2023	Manor Fields vs Windhill21 Girls Football Match *New venue - To be held at Manor Fields School*	Selected Children Only
Friday 27 th January 2023	Open Morning for Nursey September 2023 Intake	Bookings are now open to attend the open day. Please contact the school office to book your space.
FEBRUARY 2023		
Thursday 2nd February 2023	Years 3 - 4 Sports Hall Athletics Competition at	Selected Children Only

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	Birchwood High School	
Tuesday 7th February 2023	Year 6 SATs Meeting at 5.30pm	Email sent to parents 23.01.23
Thursday 9 th February 2023	Mrs Moore's Tea Party	Selected Children by Invitation Only
Thursday 9th February 2023	Rowling Class Strings Performance 2.15pm School Hall	Rowling Class Performance. Parents invited. Email sent 23.01
Monday 13 th February 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023	HALF TERM	
Wednesday 22nd February 2023	Years 3 – 4 BSP Gymnastics Competition. Held at Bishops Stortford Gymnastics	Selected Children Only
Thursday 23 rd February 2023	Open Morning for Nursery September 2023 Intake	Bookings are now open to attend the open day. Please contact the school office to book your space.
Thursday 23rd February – Wednesday 1st March 2023	Spring Book Fair 23.02.23 - Nursery & Reception - 3pm to 3:45pm 24.02.23 - Year 1 & 2 - 3pm to 3:30pm 27.02.23 - Year 3 & 4 Sale - 3pm to 3:30pm 28.02.23 - Years 5 & 6 Sale - 3pm to 3:30pm 01.03.23 - All Years - 3pm to 3:30pm	
MARCH 2023		
Wednesday 1st March 2023	Years 1 – 2 BSP Gymnastics Competition. Held at Bishops Stortford Gymnastics	Selected Children Only

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Thursday 2nd March 2023	World Book Day	More information to follow.
Tuesday 14 th March 2023	Year 6 Big Bang Science Fair at Herts & Essex	More information to follow
Monday 20th March 2023 – Wednesday 22nd March 2023	Year 4 Residential to East Mersea	Final payment to be made by 15/02
Thursday 30 th March 2023	Mrs Moore's Tea Party	Selected Children by Invitation Only
Friday 31 st March 2023	TERM ENDS at 1.15pm	
APRIL 2023		
Monday 3 rd April 2023 – Friday 14 th April 2023	Easter Holidays	
Monday 17 th April 2023	TERM STARTS	
MAY 2023		
Monday 1 st May 2023	May Bank Holiday – School Closed	
Monday 8 th May 2023	Extra Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – School Closed	
Thursday 19 th May 2023	Year 6 Crucial Crew	More information to follow
Monday 29 th May 2023 – Friday 2 nd June 2023	HALF TERM	
JULY 2023		
Thursday 20 th July 2023	TERM ENDS	
SEPTEMBER 2023		
Friday 1 st September 2023	INSET DAY	
Monday 4 th September 2023	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	TERM STARTS	
Monday 11 th September 2023 – Friday 15 th September 2023	Year 6 France Residential (Current Year 5)	Instalment payments to be made on Arbor. Three instalments remaining - Payments to be made on: 15/02, 15/03 and 15/04
OCTOBER 2023		

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Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023	HALF TERM	
Monday 30 th October 2023	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 31 st October 2023	TERM STARTS	
DECEMBER 2023		
Thursday 21 st December 2023	TERM ENDS at 1.15pm	
JANUARY 2024		
Thursday 4 th January 2024	INSET DAY	
Friday 5 th January 2024	INSET DAY	
Monday 8 th January 2024	TERM STARTS	
* In Bold – Added new this week.		
* Please check the school website for updates www.windhill.herts.sch.uk		

Attendance

Windhill21 is working in partnership with parents to improve school attendance.

We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly.



Armstrong	91.03%
Jemison	93.67%
Seacole	99.66%
Nightingale	93.33%
Greta	100%
Attenborough	97.67%
Beatles	96.33%
Handel	97.24%
Shakespeare	99.67%
Rowling	99.33%
Mandela	96.45%
Malala	93.21%
Da Vinci	98%
Kahlo	96.77%

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Secret Agents		
Secret Agent information for the week ending	Armstrong	Henry
Friday 20 th January 2023	Jemison	Zara
AGENT RESPECT	Seacole	Freya
	Nightingale	Charlotte M
	Greta	Imara
	Attenborough	Summyah
	Beatles	Logan
	Handel	James
	Shakespeare	Ronnie
	Rowling	Tiah
	Mandela	Alexia
	Malala	Poppy
	Da Vinci	Natalie
	Kahlo	Issy

House Points				
				
Mexico 154 points	Canada 180 points 1st place	Sweden 158 points 2nd place	France 152 points	India 155 points 3rd place

A world of possibilities