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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers;

This week we have talked about persevering with our learning and asked ourselves the question; "How well do I stick at things that are tricky?" In our learning we are often challenged and have to try very hard in our next steps even if we make mistakes. It is good to make mistakes and keep practising even when things are tough. Ask your children what they find tough at school or at home and how they can persevere. During Home Learning tasks, encourage your child to persevere by avoiding distractions, finishing tasks and to keep working and not give up. Over the next few weeks we will continue to look at our character and in particular "POP," Persevere, Optimism, Practise during our assemblies and other learning opportunities.

This week we have also been visited by Paul from the Bike It campaign and Kate from WOW (Walk Once a Week) and their mascot Stryder! We are encouraging children to walk, bike or scoot to school to promote sustainable transport, healthy living, looking after our environment and easing the traffic flow around our school. There are exciting initiatives in place to help promote these two campaigns. Look out for further details, including a bike breakfast!

Parent's Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Parent's Evening next week on Monday 19th October 2015 from 5.00pm – 7.30pm and Tuesday 20th October from 3.30 – 5.30pm. If you have not already made an appointment, there are still a few slots available – ask your class teacher. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask at the office.

Comic Club:

Miss Ellen Jacobs and Mr Mark Marriner are offering a Comic Club for children in Years 2-6 on a Monday after school – 3.00pm-4.10pm. The club will start next term on Monday 2nd November. There are only 16 spaces available and if you would like to register your child please let the office know and they will pass your details.

Green Fingers Club:

Mr Ben Alexander and Miss Danielle Stephenson are offering a Gardening Club on Mondays for Years 3-6. This will commence on Monday 2nd November and will be in the area by the chickens! There are only 16 spaces available and if you would like to register your child please let the office know and they will pass your details.

Art Club:

Mrs Madalen Haines is offering an Arts Club (Years 3-6) for our creative and aspiring artists. This will be on a Thursday 3.00-4.00pm. There will be a £1.00 charge for this club to cover art materials. There are 12 spaces available and if you would like to register your child please let Mrs Haines in the office know! Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

We say farewell to Mrs Jane Coates who has been one of our wonderful office team. Mrs Coates has secured a fabulous promotion and is setting sail to join The Windmill School! We wish you all the best in your new job and thank you for all support in your role here at The Mill.

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INSET Days for your diaries

In service training days look at continued professional development for the staff here at The Mill. The last 3 remaining days have now been confirmed and we will be closed to students on the dates below:

Term 3 Monday 18th January	Term 5 Friday 27th May	Term 6 Monday 11th July
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GEEK WEEK in West Sussex Libraries

Saturday 7th November – Saturday 14th November

GEEK WEEK is a new initiative from West Sussex Library Service for children, families and adults; a week packed with fun and informative activities and talks that broadly cover both STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and science-fiction, fantasy topics.

Get your geek on and come along and join in the free workshops and activities including Minecraft hacking, coding robots and wearable tech projects. Experience the mobile planetarium or one of the science shows, plus back by popular demand the Minecraft treasure hunt.

Parents - take part in the Ultimate Geek Quiz or the Escape Room challenge, attend a star gazing evening or come along to a talk, perhaps even join us for the cult classic 'Rocky Horror Picture Show'.

Events are taking place across the county please visit the website for more information;

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/whats-on-in-libraries/>



Year 6 football tournament - Yesterday afternoon our year 6 boys took part in the boys district cup football tournament, with 17 primary schools from Crawley competing. The boys started well, winning 2 and drawing 2 matches in the group to finish second and progress to the semi-finals. The semi-final finished 0-0 after extra time, sending the match into a penalty shoot-out which unfortunately we just lost. The boys went through the whole tournament without conceding a single goal and made Mr Eagle very proud. Well done boys!

Star of the Week – This week our stars are overleaf as always, there have been so many wonderful learning experiences and efforts it was hard as always to choose. My Headteacher award goes to **Janneh Williams and Chelsea Leaver**. They are truly remarkable young leaders who have shown care, commitment and kindness as play leaders for Years 1 and 2. Mr Holmes asked for volunteers and the 2 young ladies put themselves forward, had some training and were able to implement new ideas and show initiative on the playground. Well done!

My EggCellent award goes to **Miss Sara Saunders** for all of her efforts with Homework Club and supporting children's learning after school.

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Reception:	Kandinsky – Billy Mursell	Matisse – Eleanor Shaw
	Picasso – Sharvein Thurairaj	
Year 1:	Monet – Stanley Bell	Hockney – Reuben Hilton-Walker
Year 2:	Goldsworthy – Freddie Phillips	Lichtenstein – Vinoj Thurairaj
Year 3:	Hokusai – Edward Coates	Mondrian – Tia Calnon
Year 4:	Moore – Reece Chambers-Light	Miro – Jack Tilly
Year 5:	Rousseau – Evan Carter	Van Gogh – Nathan Gurd
Year 6:	Da Vinci – Ellis Hersey	Riley – Janneh Williams

Responsive Readers – Congratulations go to **Teigan Maher** and **Declan Jackson** (Kandinsky), **Sienna Teasdale** and **Eleanor Shaw** (Matisse), **Ava Carter** and **David Efimov** (Picasso), **Kyle Maynard** (Year 1), **Mason Avery** (Year 2), **Leo Harwood-Duffy** (Year 3), **Tilleigh Jeffreyes** (Year 4), **Lewis George** (Year 5) and **Kieran Dunne** (Year 6) who are our Responsive Readers this week. The Responsive Readers Whole Class Award goes to Rousseau Class with a score of 101 reads recorded! Well done to Rousseau Class and continued Happy Reading!



Stars of the Week



Responsive Readers



Headteacher Award

House of the Week – This week’s winners of the Mill House Cup are Camels with a score of 44. Thank you each and every team member for your contributions in your learning and efforts.

Attendance Cup – Well done to Lichtenstein class for achieving the highest attendance this week. You have been in school for 98.1% of the week. Thank you for giving your efforts to your learning.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,

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