

ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a busy, action packed term, it has been a huge pleasure to see some of the exciting activities and projects on offer to our pupils. We had our first Addington Auction on Wednesday; selling items that our Upper School pupils had 'upcycled' during their project work entitled "what a load of rubbish!!" The standard of work was excellent and pupils had many opportunities to learn functional skills from painting, sanding, woodwork, designing, sewing, handling money and pricing amongst many others.

Opportunities for sporting activities have also been plentiful with inter-house competitions, swimming galas, football matches and the very successful Healthy Living Week. Pupils and staff were encouraged to become more active, eat more healthily and look after the mind and body as the PE department organised many exciting activities.

Book Week saw all Senior Leaders reading to children and students in classes, from David Walliams to classics such as 'Going on a Bear Hunt' and reading for pleasure was highlighted throughout the week. For our pupils with complex and sensory needs, we were treated to a visit by Bamboozle, a sensory immersive theatre group who took over the hall for the day and immersed the pupils in storytelling, stimulating all their senses.

We celebrated both Down Syndrome and Autism World Awareness Days, raising awareness of disability in the local community and with future employers.

A reminder for the start of next term that doors to pupils will open at <u>9.00am</u>. This will allow our staff teams to have 10 minutes communication time at the start of the day in order to maximise the impact of teaching and support pupil progress.

Finally, I would like to congratulate two of our teachers, Kelly Mayne and Sam Hazle who are getting married (to each other!) during the Easter holidays and wish them a wonderful day. Good luck also to Samantha Johnston, a Teaching Assistant who is going off on maternity leave and to Sean Trim-Coleman who will hopefully become a new father during the holidays.

I hope you all have a good Easter break and I look forward to seeing the pupils back on <u>Wednesday 24 April.</u>

Sara Attra Headteacher







Dear Parents/ Carers





The first half term of the expanded parent support service has been going well. We have been pleased to be able to offer home visits to a number of families looking for specific, extra support and we were both able to join Mel, Amanda, Danny and Ian at the very successful healthy eating workshop for parents. This was a great event, and hopefully we can offer more, interactive and informative workshops for parents and carers in the near future.

Bearing this in mind, we really do want to be able to offer workshops that will interest and help as many families as possible. If you have suggestions about topics that may be useful, or you know a person/ group/ charity that may want to come into school to speak to our parents and carers, please let us know.

If you need to contact us, and are unable to reach us by phone, please use the PSA mailbox to contact us by email. This is;

psa@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

Also, please remember that the Parent Support page on the Addington website can provide you with a good starting point for accessing clubs, services and charities.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday!

Best Wishes,

Lucy & Ellie – Parent Support Advisers



Our Senior Leadership Team



Sara Attra Headteacher



Lynda Wood Deputy Head



Eirfron Watkinson Assistant Headteacher



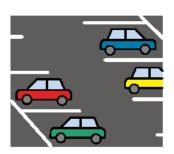
David Maycock
Assistant Headteacher



Sue Tod School Business Manager

CAR PARKING REMINDER

- All drivers <u>must</u> use the one-way system marked out by the cones and road markings
- 2. Only park in marked spaces and not on the end of rows
- 3. All pedestrians <u>must</u> use the zebra crossing and the pavement when walking children to and from the site. DO NOT WALK on the road by the side of the gates where there is <u>no pavement</u> as a short cut. This is very dangerous and could result in an accident



School Dinners

This is to inform you that all school lunches must now be paid for online. The school will no longer be able to collect cash on a daily basis.

You will need to register online if you have not done so before. A letter with your personal log on details has been sent home with your child. If you have previously logged on to the Tucasi system but have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions on the login screen.

As a reminder:

Primary lunch is £2.05 Secondary lunch is £2.25

Please remember that money for school dinners should be paid in advance. If you have any problems, please contact Wendy Dixon on office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.



Parent running Marathon to raise money for Thumbs Up Club

Matthew Croft, the father of one of our students, will be raising money by running the London Marathon in aid of the Thumbs Up Club. This is what he says:

"At the end of the month I will be fulfilling a long held ambition and will be running the London Marathon. I've done lots of half marathons, but never a full one.



I have decided to fund raise for Thumbs Up Club, who are a charity close to our heart given that Harry attends and we also know some of the fantastic people who run the Club, notably Kirsty."

If anyone would like to support Matthew's fundraising efforts by sponsoring him, this is the link to his Just Giving page: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/matthew-croft5

Addington Youth Club

Managed and staffed by Wokingham Bracknell & Districts Mencap

Wednesday evening 7pm to 9pm Fun for all youngsters from Year 9 up

Look out for the activities planned for the current term, come along and try a session.

Contact Wokingham Mencap on 0300 777 8539 for more information.

Parent Contact Information

We want to cut down on the amount of paper we send to parents and to get in touch more electronically via emails, texts and our school website www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk).

Apart from the money saved on printing costs, electronic communication is instant. In order to do this we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers.

If you need to update us please email: office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk

School Mobile App

Our School Mobile App can be downloaded from the links below.

iTunes

Play Store

Once you have downloaded the School Jotter app you will need to select "Addington School" from within the app.

The school mobile App is **FREE to download** and enables you to receive news updates and alerts on your phone or other mobile device. You can also view our newsletters and see photos of the students.

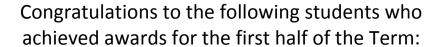
Remember change of door opening time from Wed 24 April



This is a reminder that the school doors will open to pupils from 9.00am (instead of 8.50 am) with effect from the start of next term, Wednesday 24 April 2019.



Headteacher's Award Winners





Key Stage 2

Ali Khan Alyan Kayani Fabio Mozzarella Finn Bedford Katharine Turrell Kelsie Kemp Lewie Cheeseman Maria Sherwill

Key Stage 3

Adem Barhoumi Joseph Kenneh Josh McDonald

Matthew Weston

Key Stage 4

Charlie Manning Zoe Maunder

Sensory Classes

Amber Jutla
Amelie Ledger
Ben Felton-Hodson
Carys Westgate
Fatimah Mughal
Favor Onoriode
Finlay Bennett
Finn Warboys
Inaya Hanif
Lauren Simmonds
Malayeka Adeel

HEADTEACHER SPRING TERM AWARD

Winner

Usma Jamil

Runners Up

Danny John Owen Kyle Aaron Sondhi Fabio Mazzarella Aliza Imran Haaris Naseer Cameron Baxter Becky Halls Ben Allum

Well done everyone...keep up the great work!





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Berkshire School Games (winter) Bisham Abbey

On Wednesday 27th March, we took a Polybat team of 4 and a Tag-Rugby team of 9 to the Secondary/FE Berkshire Winter Games at Bisham Abbey. The Polybat team finished in 3rd place and received bronze medals. The Tag-Rugby team came up against some stiff opposition with larger, older students but they played hard and received praise from the London Irish coaches who were organising the competition. Well done everyone!





Parents' Healthy Eating Workshop 20th March 2019

Parents were invited to a morning workshop on healthy eating in which we put together lots of information and ideas about how to make food fun for children. Cookery teacher Amanda gave a presentation on the 'Eat Well Guide' and strategies she has used in her family. We had 5 information 'stations': resources, fun food, healthy popcorn making, hydration and trail mix snacks at which parents could chat and exchange ideas. Thank you to Amanda Giles for organising the session and for the parents who came and made it such an enjoyable and informative morning.





Healthy Lifestyle Week Fitness 19th to 22nd March 2019



On Tuesday to Friday mornings during Healthy Lifestyle Week we had two fitness sessions, one for Primary and one for Secondary/FE classes. Boxercise was led by Clare our fitness coach, Alice our dance teacher did two dance sessions and Claire the yoga teacher provided a session.

It was a good way to start each day. Thank you to the visiting teachers and all the students who had fun participating.





Complex Needs Sports and Sensory Day 18th March 2019

On Monday 18th May as part of our Healthy Lifestyle Week, we organised, in association with Panathlon, a sports and sensory day for our PMLD classes. This included:

Water Hunt - search around in a bucket of water for different objects

Sensory Kurling - using sensory kurling stones push back and for on a table top in a team

Parachute Fan – Students move around underneath a large parachute whilst being "fanned" by leaders.

Balloon Tracking - Track and touch balloons hanging from the ceiling

<u>Flight Path</u>- students who are able to come out of chairs can move freely around a large target mat sticking velcro objects and balls on the surface.

BUBBLE WRAP – Pushing wheelchairs over bubble wrap.

This was a great way for our PMLD students to join in the week. Each student who participated received a medal and certificate.



Interhouse Walking and Travelling 18th to 22nd March 2019



A big thank you to all the classes who participated in the Inter-house walking and travelling competition this week. There was some amazing walking, with most students pushing themselves

to get as many points as possible. The results were very close. Here they are:

1st position:Yellow Tigers(260 laps)2nd position:Green Crocodiles(254 laps)3rd position:Blue Sharks(251 laps)4th position:Red Eagles(222 laps)

GRAND TOTAL: 987 laps / 5 = 197.4 miles

The school collectively walked and travelled from **Woodley to Manchester** in 5 days

What a great effort!!!!!



Football Interhouse - 22nd March 2019

On Friday 22nd March we held the Interhouse Football Competition for upper Primary, Secondary and FE, outside on the Multi Use Games Area.

We had two competitions with pupils of similar standards. We then combined the results.

1st - Blue Sharks - 16 pts 2nd - Red Eagles - 15 pts 3rd- Green Crocodiles - 9 pts

4th- Yellow Tigers - 8 pts

Everyone played brilliantly, with good friendly competition but I asked each manager to nominate 2-3 MVP's (Most Valuable Player's) from each house and they were:

Green Crocodiles – Tom Goldfinch, Kalem Forde, Jack Healey, Ryan Skevington, Sofia Gould-Seymour and Usma Jamil.

Yellow Tigers – Rowan Nyamaradzo, William Kinge, Lloyd Locke, Leo Van Cao Blue Sharks – Jake Gray, Benji Winter, James Hardman, Levi Barnes, Daniel Skeates. Red Eagles – Danny Shilton, Duncan Stonehouse, Grace Casey, Summer Tingley.



Swimming Gala

On Friday 1st March we took a team of 5 students to Manor Green School for a swimming gala. There were 9 races: 10m freestyle, 10m backstroke, 10m relay, 10m with a float, Musical Floats, Treasure Hunt, Push & Glide, Raft Race and Sea Horse Relay. Addington did really well and came first. All the children had fun and received medals. Thanks to Manor Green for a great event.



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Scooter Hockey Interhouse – 15th February 2019

67 students, 10 more than last year, from Primary and Secondary competed against each other in the Scooter Hockey Interhouse competition on the last day of last half-term. It was such a close competition that the Red Eagles and the Green Crocodiles tied and the Yellow Tigers and the Blue Sharks also tied.

Here are the final results:

1st - Red Eagles - 7 pts

1st - Green Crocodiles - 7 pts

2nd- Blue Sharks- 6 pts

2nd- Yellow Tigers - 6 pts

Everyone played brilliantly, with good friendly competition but I asked each manager to nominate 2-3 MVP's (Most Valuable Player's) from each house and they were:

Green Crocodiles – Ryan Skevington, Joshua Heys.

Yellow Tigers – George Mills, Tom Nicholls.

Blue Sharks – Jake Gray, Alistair Slocombe, Henry Hicks.

Red Eagles - Summer Tingley, Ollie McGrath.

Mel, Danny and lan



Early Years

It has been another busy half term in the Early Years department. Our themes were 'Homes' then 'Celebrations'.Read on to find out what each class has been up to!

Daisy Class

This term we have really enjoyed looking at homes built by the 'Three Little Pigs' and experienced it through a sensory story. We have enjoyed exploring sensory trays containing different building materials, washing dirty pigs, playing with Chinese New Year themed gold and red trays, and continued to explore different foods and textures. We have looked at different celebrations, through the cooking of pancakes for pancake day, exploring and tasting different toppings. We acted out the story of Chinese new year, exploring foods, objects and dress when celebrating this festival. We enjoyed making Mother's day gifts and ending the term with Easter egg hunts inside and outside.









Jo, Yvonne & Daisy class team

Sunflower Class

This term Sunflower class have been very busy learning about Homes and Celebrations. During this term we looked at different homes and made comparisons between them. We discussed who lived in our homes and some children drew this out when engaged during mark-making activities. During this term we have also been extending children's functional and symbolic play. For example, we have been doing lots of playing in the home corner and encouraging the children to use and experiment with different kitchen utensils during our open ended cooking sessions.

This term we have also read some traditional tales that link in well to our theme 'Homes'. Many of the children demonstrated that they liked The Three Little Pigs sensory story in particular; many were jumping up and down and laughing at the big bad wolf! The last couple of weeks we have been learning about up-coming celebrations, including Mother's Day and Easter. The Pupils have enjoyed looking for hidden Easter eggs outside in the playground, as well as making cards to send home to their families.

This term we have also been on a school trip to Thames Adventure Playground. The class had a fantastic time and were very tired by the end of the day! We have also invited parents into school for 'Stay and Play'. The class had P.E. with Danny during this time and some of the children enjoyed showing their parents what they do during these sessions. Finally, it was Healthy Lifestyles week this term, each day the class went down to the hall and took part in a form of fitness. Pupils also were encouraged to taste, smell or touch healthy snack options, including various fruits and vegetables. Many of the pupils in Sunflower class tried something new which was brilliant to see!











Shannon & Sunflower class team

Tulip Class

This term we have enjoyed the topic Celebrations and Homes and have enjoyed finding our own homes using Google Earth, so we could show our friends what our house looked like. We have also looked at different types of houses around the world and created our own collages, making house pictures using different materials. Our favourite story this term was the Three Little Pigs, and we used lots of puppets and props to retell the story, and then explored the straw, sticks and bricks independently. We have had some birthdays to celebrate this term and have enjoyed having class parties, sharing party snacks and playing parachute games with our friends. This term we also had Healthy Lifestyles Week, which was a whole week filled with lots

of exercise and learning about eating healthily. We enjoyed lots of exercise sessions in the mornings, went to a porridge making workshop and had a lovely trip the healthy cafe! Our highlight of this term is having the ducklings come and stay in our classroom for a whole day. We loved petting them and watching them enjoy some water play. We have also continued to enjoy spending lots of time in other rooms around school such as the library, splash and sand, and have started to do some gardening in our courtyard now that the weather is getting nicer.

Katie & Tulip Class Team













'Stay & Play'



There will be no Stay and Play sessions next half term, due to it being such a short half term.
 These will recommence after May half term.

Next term, our theme is 'Moving my Body' and 'Using my Senses'.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday.
Steph and Yvonne

Middle School News



Why is water wet? Is the topic that has been engaging lower KEY Stage 2. Birch class have taken the opportunity for some outside learning washing the car!

★Are Eggs alive? Is the question that upper Key stage 2 ★has been asking and we happily discovered that some of them are when we witnessed a batch of eggs in Willow class hatching into fluffy yellow ducklings that the whole school enjoyed meeting.

Ducklings in Apple class

To expand on the topic of new life Rowan and Willow went to Rushall Farm to explore various aspects of farming life and to meet new-born lambs.









★Lots of classes dressed up for World book day on 7th March. Every class got a story from a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Here are Chestnut class enjoying a story from a professional storyteller

Comic relief day had us dressing up and having fun for charity

In Healthy living week Middle School all joined in with daily fun exercise activities. We also enjoyed 'shopping' for healthy fruit and vegetables at the daily Fruit Market. Here are some members of maple class with a delicious looking platter





Meanwhile Birch class got creative with their exploration of fruit touching, chopping tasting and making 'Fruity Faces'









In Cherry Class we have been going 'Under the Sea' and exploring different sea textures such as shells, seaweed and sand. We loved our sea story, especially the sensory umbrella and getting wet!

Next terms topics are all due to be equally engaging. Key stage 2 are exploring Pebbles on the Beach and creatures that Wriggle and Crawl. Whilst Key Stage 3 are getting excited about the Bright Lights Big City including a trip to London Zoo and the West End Theatre-Can't wait!



Have a lovely Easter break!

★Yvonne Edwards ★Head of Middle School

UPPER SCHOOL



Students cooking skills have surpassed expectations. Having spent last term developing technical skills, we have become much more independent with food preparation and cooking. Students also shared their skills with students from Abbey Girls School in Reading, who joined us as part of their Baccalaureate qualification.

In the café, the students food hygiene and standards around food preparation were formally tested during an inspection from the Food Standards Agency at our Shuter's café. After a thorough inspection, and a tense few hours the result was fantastic – they retained their 5* status!

The students were delighted to share their good news with the Chief Executive at Wokingham Borough Council who visited them to share in their good news and say huge Congratulations!





Our Creativity has exceeded all expectations this term!!

Students have been expressing themselves in lots of different ways. DIY enthusiasts have been putting the finishing touches onto upcycled items for the Addington Auction.

The auctions was a huge success; thankyou to everyone who attended!

Meanwhile, the more expressive amongst us have been making music.

Violin concerts, singing productions, immersive theatre and drama as well as joining in a 'science of sound' workshop.























The students have almost completed their 5 entries for the Newbury Challenge. The tin man scarecrow is dressed to impress.

We used the lavender from last year harvest to make bath bombs and a lavender reed diffuser, leaving the greenhouse smelling beautiful. The countryside collage is interactive, our tin man scarecrow has a heart and the plants for the recycled plastic bottle planter are growing well since the weather has improved.

We are all looking forward to the final on 2nd May 2019.



















Employer Engagement.....students have had a busy term with employers! We have had work interviews, work experiences and work ready days with Marks and Spencer, Reading University, Waitrose, Asda, Pizza Express, Great Western, Pellikaan, National Grid, Johnson & Johnson and the Oracle (and that's just a few)! Well done to all the students who have had successful work experiences during this term.























Did anybody mention that it was Healthy Living week?? Upper School students threw themselves into this with enthusiasm!

Students shopped, budgeted and baked a range of healthy treats to run a Health Café. They made a range of healthy treats such as delicious fruity bliss balls, healthy fruit flapjacks and slightly less delicious cauliflower cupcakes!

Classes enjoyed the fitness activities throughout the week joining in with boxercise, dance and yoga sessions. And, well done to the Robins ... they walked an impressive 116 laps of the field between them!















Addington Students who are working on independent skills have taken over the town. We have been using technology, shopping for seasonal produce and managing budgets.

We have enjoyed using a local café; everyone has become more confident when choosing and paying for our snacks. World Book Day meant that we had book tokens to spend, and we enjoyed browsing through some local book stores.

Students from across key stage 4 and 5 have joined together in different groups for town training and shopping trips in Woodley and Reading.

Best of all, we have enjoyed socialising with our old friends from other classes and having time to catch up while we are working.



















Although the spring term is short, we have been busy fitting in lots of exciting activities.

Music Lessons

Students having lesson in the music room have continued to explore music based upon numbers. They have been performing 'The Magnificent Seven' theme and exploring a jazz piece called 'Take Five'. Access classes have continued to go on an underwater adventure, exploring metallic treasure sounds and exploring songs about sea creatures. Our younger students have been exploring songs and activities about dinosaurs.

Art Lessons

Some classes have been working with Beccy our art specialist. Our gifted and talented group have been exploring printing based upon illustrations from books. Other classes have been creating circular images to make a whole class piece through techniques like silk painting, screen printing and splatter painting.

Drama Lessons

Some of our students have been working with Chris our drama specialist this half term on creating their own performance of Bugsy Malone. Our younger students have been role playing with Chris about road safety and how to express themselves through creating shapes and sounds. Other class groups have been focussing on healthy lifestyles and relationships.

Addington Concert Series

Throughout the year we give opportunities for students who are having instrumental lessons to share some of their work with their friends. This term we enjoyed concerts from our cello, violin and woodwind students.





Their performances have been very impressive, showing great progress so far this year.

Science of Sound Workshop

We were pleased to welcome back Paul Midgeley with a new workshop exploring sound. Many students enjoyed exploring vibrations, sound beam, voice changer and a wearable brainwave gadget that concerts brainwaves into midi signal that triggers different sounds.

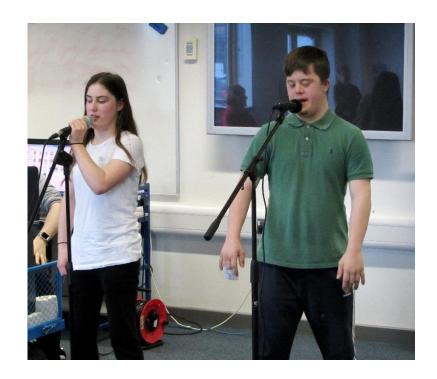




Bamboozle Theatre Company

Some classes have enjoyed watching and interacting in a multisensory performance from Bamboozle Theatre Company this half term. Their performance was about Megan, a woman who in her dream went on a space adventure to the moon. Whilst there she met different characters and creatures before waking up from her dream. Their ethos is for children to be allowed the chance to enjoy and interact without an adult beside them and our students were found to have a great time.

Special Superstar Auditions



Next term is the annual Special Superstar concert where special schools across Berkshire come together to sing. Each school brings a choir of their students to Addington with schools picking 'superstars' to perform solos. Recently, students auditioned to be superstars in the concert which was a brilliant afternoon showcasing some great talent around the school. It is always a tough decision but 3 superstars have been picked, congratulations to Johnny, Corey and Mitchell. Rehearsals will start after the Easter holidays.

Have a fantastic Easter!

Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin

News from the Association



Email: AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been another busy term, culminating in the hugely enjoyable coffee morning on the 3rd April. Thank you for those of you that came along to support and to everyone who bought tickets for the Springtime raffle and our 'Name the Bear' competition. Thank you especially to the Association helpers who gave up their time to assist on the day.

We have a lot of activities planned for the coming months – here's a list of planned and possible events.

Confirmed Events:

29th June - Summer Ball
13th July – Supporting the FestForAll
October – School Disco
December - Christmas Grand Draw
December – Carol Concert

Possible Events:

8th June – Woodley Carnival 1st December - Woodley Extravaganza

You can keep up to date with all our planned activities by following our Facebook page, or, if you're at the school please see our noticeboard located just outside of main reception. Details of our next meeting date will be available very soon.

If you would like to know anything more about the Association, please contact us. The easiest way to do this is to send a message to the AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com email address. This isn't limited to the parents and carers of the children. This could be grandparents, friends or other family members. Quite simply, any offer of support will be appreciated.

Finally, we always appreciate any donations of unwanted gifts etc. (as long as they're in good condition please). We've had a fabulous start to prizes for this year's fund raising, but please do keep them coming.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter Break and see you in summer term!

Dawn Adams Chair – Addington School Association

You can contact us either via

School on 01189669073
Email <u>AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com</u>
Our Facebook page

You can donate to the Sensory Garden project via our JustGiving page.



ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018 - 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Training - Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 September (School closed to pupils)

Wednesday 5 September - Wednesday 19 December

Half Term: Monday 22 October - Monday 29 October (inclusive)

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3 January - Friday 5 April

Half Term: Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2019

Staff Training - Tuesday 23 April (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 24 April - Tuesday 23 July

May Day Holiday - Monday 6 May

Half Term: Friday 24 May - Friday 31 May (inclusive)

190 days for pupils



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Autumn Term 2019

Staff Training - Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 September (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 5 September - Friday 20 December

Staff Training: Friday 25 October (school closed to pupils)
Half Term: Monday 28 October - Monday 4 November (inclusive)

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 January - Friday 3 April

Half Term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20 April - Tuesday 21 July

May Day Holiday - Monday 4 May

Half Term: Friday 22 May - Friday 29 May (inclusive)

190 days for pupils