



ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half term this has been! We have run 2 residential trips to Calvert Trust and Kent, during which all pupils had a fantastic time trying out many outdoor adventure activities. For some it's the first time away from home and for others the first time they have been in a canoe or on a zip wire, or climbed a wall. Well done to all our pupils who tried something new and a huge thank you from me to the staff who give up their time voluntarily to ensure the residential happen.

Carrying on the outdoor theme, Mel Pengraeve and her PE team have launched new curriculum activities centred around outdoor learning and many of our pupils have been outside in all weathers, learning through active participation. Mel also led our first practice Duke of Edinburgh overnight expedition and despite torrential rain during the camp, the students all managed to complete the exercise – although many looked very tired and a little bedraggled on return to school the following evening! However, the Duke of Edinburgh award is one of the most recognised awards by employers and will be an important addition to our students' CV's when they start looking for work.

We have also been busy working alongside Wokingham Council and architects to design the new FE building that is being built on the playground. We are extremely pleased with the layout and teaching facilities that have been incorporated including a Business Enterprise room, a Life Skills room, a Common Room, café and large bespoke classroom for our older pupils with complex and sensory needs. We will hear by the 28th June whether planning permission has been granted and remain hopeful that we will have the new facility by September next year.

Finally, I hope everyone has a relaxing half term holiday and I hope to see as many parents as possible on our Parents Evening on Thursday 6th June.

**Sara Attra
Headteacher**



Dear Parents/ Carers

This may have been the shortest half term of the year, but it has definitely not been any less busy!

Parent Support worked with the PSHE and RSE leads to deliver a couple of workshops for parents, looking at the new Relationship and Sex Education curriculum, how this will be delivered to our pupils and some handy hints and advice for parents and carers. These were really well attended and hopefully we have been able to provide reassurance and useful information for those who attended.

We have been busy organising a number of events for the next term, including a Visual Support for Communication workshop being run, with the Speech and Language department on Wednesday 5th June, 9.15 am. This should be a really useful event for supporting communication with our young people, please email the PSA address below if you would like to attend.

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.

We look forward to seeing you in the Easter term!

Best Wishes,

Lucy & Ellie - Parent Support Advisers

Our Senior Leadership Team



Sara Attra
Headteacher



Lynda Wood
Deputy Head



Eirfron Watkinson
Assistant Headteacher



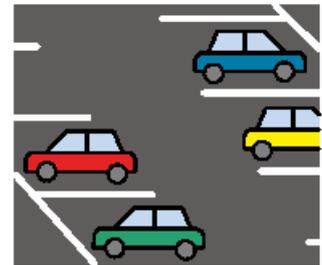
David Maycock
Assistant Headteacher



Sue Tod
School Business Manager

CAR PARKING REMINDER

1. All drivers **must** 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 **must** 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 **no pavement** as a short cut. This is very dangerous and could result in an accident



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.

School Dinners

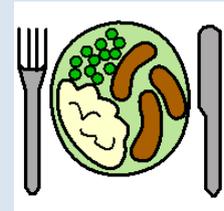
This is to inform you that all school lunches must now be paid for online. The school will no longer be able to collect cash on a daily basis.

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 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.



SPORTS PAGE

Cricket Inter-house competition - April 25th-26th 2019



25 primary students participated in the Cricket interhouse tournament on Wednesday 16th May and 61 secondary/FE students on Thursday 17th May. The Primary competition was held in the Hall and the Secondary/FE in the outside courts. All the students showed excellent skill, sportspersonship and enthusiasm.

The PRIMARY tournament results were:

- 1st place - Yellow Tigers (8 points)
- 4rd place - Red Eagles (7 points)
- 1st place - Blue Sharks (6 points)
- 3rd Place - Green Crocodiles (3 points)

The SECONDARY tournaments results were:

- 1st Place - Yellow Tigers (15 points)
- Joint 2nd Place - Green Crocodiles (12 points) and Red Eagles (12 points)
- 3rd Place - Blue Sharks (9 points)



Thanks to all the staff that made this event such a success. The team managers selected their most improved players (MVP's). Here is the list:

- Green Crocodiles - Charlie Manning, Ryan Skevington, Joseph Kenneh and Jasmine Pritchard
- Red Eagles - Shaun Verney, Danny Shilton, Duncan Stonehouse and Jazz Le Doo
- Yellow Tigers - Daisy Cripps, Ellie Meredith, Tom Scott and Zoe Maunder
- Blue Sharks - Levi Barnes, Chanique Watson, Christopher Smith and Jake Gray

Interhouse Basketball tournament

On the last day of last term, Friday 5th April we held the Interhouse Basketball Competition for FE, Secondary and Upper Primary. We split the 66 students onto two courts so that players could compete against pupils of similar ability. We then combined the scores from both competitions.

The final results were:

- 1st - Red Eagles (14 points)
- 1st - Blue Sharks (14 points)
- 2nd - Green Crocodiles (12 points)
- 3rd - Yellow Tigers (9 points)



Thank you to all the staff who supported the students and managed the teams. They students voted Most Valuable Players were:

Yellow Tigers – George Mills, Rowan Nyamaradzo, Lloyd Locke, Anya Crawshaw.

Red Eagles – Grace Casey, Luke Adams, Daisy Cornell, Ellie Cave-Humphries.

Blue Sharks – Josh McDonald, Ethan Roberts, Mary-Ellen Lally, David Russell.

Green Crocodiles – Joseph Kenneh, Tom Cannon, Khalil Ankrah, Ned Taylor-Clague.



Table Cricket Competition



On Wednesday 1st May, Addington hosted a table cricket competition in the main hall, run by the Chance To Shine charity. Four special schools took part, Kennel Lane, Brookfields, The Avenue and Addington. All the players had an enjoyable morning. The winners, Kennel Lane, went through to a finals competition in London next month. Congratulations to them. A big thank you to the cricket coaches from Chance to Shine for organising a great competition.

Football Match v Brookfields



On Tuesday 30th April, Brookfields School invited Addington to bring a football team to their school to play a 'proper' football match, rather than the 6-a-side competitions we are usually involved in. The Brookfields Sports Leaders also provided lunch for everyone after the match. This made a nice social time after a hard fought match. Thank you very much to Brookfields for great sporting friendship.



Tag Rugby Tournament

On Tuesday Addington took two teams to a Tag Rugby tournament at Brookfields School. We entered one team in the Green league and one in the Amber league. They played against other SEN schools from the area. Well done to the Addington Green Team who finished first and the Amber Team who finished 4th. There was a lot of good rugby with many tries and everyone played in a great spirit in the beautiful May sunshine.





D of E



Over the 2 days of Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May Addington lead their first ever DofE expedition. It was a practice to get ready for our Qualifying Expedition at the end of June. We walked from Moor Green Lakes near Sandhurst to Wellington Country Park, where we camped for the night. On day 2 we walked the trails within the country park. Students had to carry their own equipment, navigate the route, put up their own tents and cook their own food. Teamwork and resilience were the two main qualities that shone through especially as the first day and night were very wet. Focus now shifts to the Qualifying Expedition on 27th – 28th June.



Early Years

We have had a very short term but have still managed to fit lots in during our theme of 'Moving my Body and Using my Senses'. The children have loved exploring different foods, sounds and textures, as well as moving in different ways. Please read on to see what each class has been up to over the last few weeks.



Daisy Class

Over this half term Daisy class have been focusing on our five senses and using a different sense each week to explore a variety of activities. We started with our hearing, and explored sounds; they loved the surprise eggs with each plastic egg making a different sound to listen to. We also enjoyed finding sound boxes around the classroom and soft play, then exploring the



different sound makers and instruments within the boxes. We enjoyed the story 'Walking in the Jungle' using our eyes to find the patterns and animals hiding and listening to the sounds they make. We also had fun painting spots and stripes with large painting rollers, brushes

and printing mitts. We have also used our eyes to focus and track different light toys and within our sensory room explore the different lighting effects. Eye-Gaze technology has helped us play games using our eyes and control lights and bubbles going on and off. When focusing on touch we have used our outdoor space and soft play room to complete a sensory trail, experiencing different senses with different parts of our bodies. This week we have been having a huge amount of fun learning about taste and the highlight was role playing making our own ice creams using an edible sensory tray, scoops, whipped cream, sprinkles, cones and scoops. I think we can safely say Daisy Class enjoyed the taste of whipped cream!!



Jo, Yvonne & Daisy class team



Sunflower Class

Pupils in Sunflower class have engaged well with our theme this half term 'Exploring my Senses and Using my Body'. The children have



enjoyed tasting and touching different food items and textures during circle time. As part of our theme this term, we have begun to go outside for our Wake-Up Shake-Up morning sessions and the children have been attempting to have a go at



and use different sensory equipment. Within these sessions many of the pupils have demonstrated willingness to have a go at trying something different, i.e. moving and balancing on the body boards.



This term we have been enjoying the dry weather. Some children have had the opportunity to visit our new mud kitchen. A couple of children decided to pretend to cook dinner for one another whilst other children chose to make birthday cakes. We look forward to promoting the pupils' love for



outdoor learning further next half term when we explore our theme 'The Seaside and Under the Sea'.

Shannon & Sunflower class team



Tulip Class

This term in Tulip Class we have really enjoyed the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', as part of our topic 'Moving my body and using my senses'.



We explored the sense of taste by trying the different foods that the Very Hungry Caterpillar ate - the chocolate cake was a lot more popular than the pickles! We also moved our bodies to crawl through a tunnel, pretending we were in a cocoon like the caterpillar, and then emerging out the other side as a beautiful butterfly. Tulip class had some real life caterpillars this term, and



it has been very interesting to watch them grow and change. We have 5 beautiful butterflies that are ready to be set free, just in time for the end of term!

We have explored the sense of sound by enjoying the story walking through the jungle, and had a great time re-telling the story with animal puppets, and used some sponges to print paw prints in paint.



We then painted with our feet to make our own tracks with the feet which was lots of fun! Tulip class have



enjoyed several trips to the wobbly path using magnifying glasses to help us explore the sense of sight, and went hunting for mini beasts. We were very lucky to find some ladybirds on our hunt, and some of us really liked exploring how sunlight is reflected in the magnifying glasses. We

enjoyed another trip to Taplow this term and were very lucky with the weather once again. The children had a fantastic time exploring the outdoor area, and especially enjoyed the Soft Play area.

Katie & Tulip Class Team

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'Stay & Play'



We will send out our 'Stay and Play' dates at the beginning of next half term. We hope lots of you can attend!

Have a lovely half term break
Steph and Yvonne



Middle School News

Middle School Newsletter

This short half-term has flown by! Never the less lots of exciting activities have been going on in Middle school. Are Carrots Orange? Is the question that lower K S 2 have been asking with lots of exploration including growing and tasting



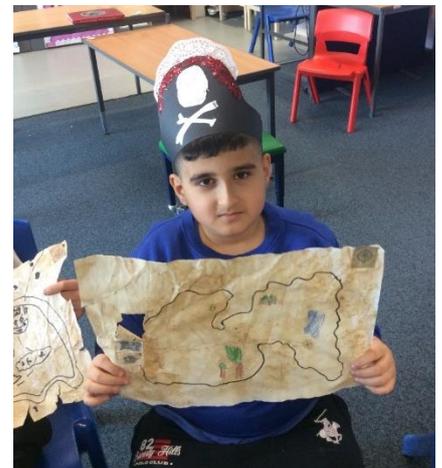
fresh fruit and vegetables.



Birch class have been doing lots of outdoor exploration.

Upper Key stage 2 have explored a nautical theme with their topic Land Ahoy!

'Aha me hearties!' Rowan class used tea to stain their 'Treasure Maps'



Cherry class are exploring the tomato plants that they grew for their courtyard.



Key Stage 3 have been learning about London for their topic 'Bright Lights Big City' and we have been lucky enough to have a trip to Regents Park Zoo to stimulate our learning. Despite the day starting off with torrential rain the sun came out as you can see and Chestnut class are enjoying some rays by the Penguin pool.



Back at school key stage 3 classes have also enjoyed participating in a storytelling session with an author.



Holly class have had messy fun indoors and out with Caron and Cecelia doing some joint art and music therapy. Have a great half term everyone. See you back in June when there are lots of exciting activities planned for the Summer Term in Middle School.



★ Yvonne Edwards
★ Head of Middle School

UPPER SCHOOL

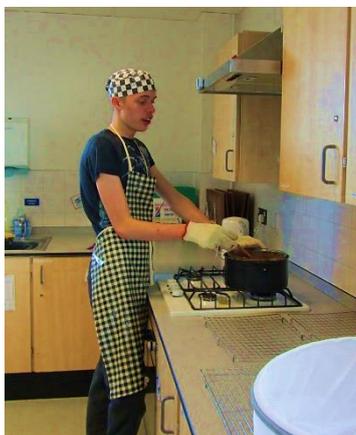
Addington Success at Newbury Challenge 2019

Horticulture students at Addington had a successful result at the 2019 Newbury Challenge. Competing with all Berkshire schools, Addington students really impressed the judges and were awarded a trophy for finishing as runners up. Well done to all the team!



Cooking up to the future.....

Year 2 – 3 City and Guilds Hospitality students have achieved their City and Guilds Level 1 qualifications. Their food preparation and cooking skills have meant that these students will be working in busy commercial kitchens from September.



Congratulations everyone!



Express to the future...

Students have been finding out about job roles linked to train services. South Western Railways invited students to sample job roles and a 'behind the scenes' tour of railway services.



Work Experience partnerships



Local and national companies have Addington students firmly on their radar. This half-term upper school students have been working in Aroma Café, Sainsburys, Marks and Spencers, Waitrose, Café Piazza and The Birches.

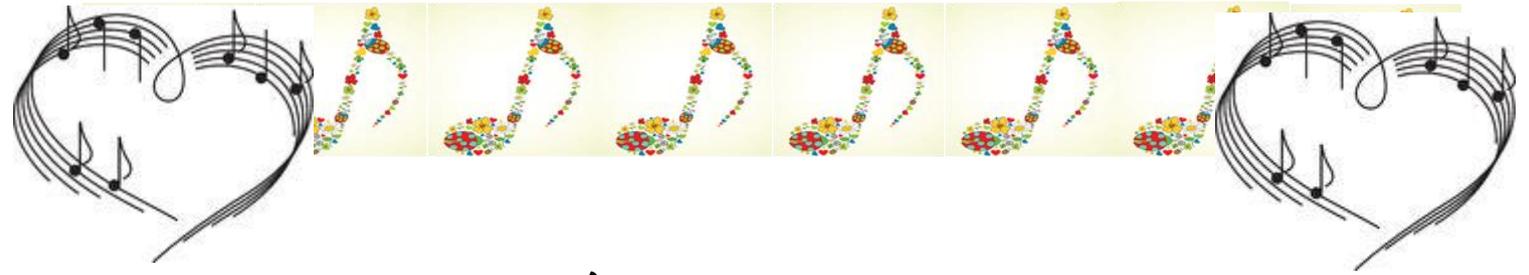


I'm a Student ...get me out of here!



Upper School students were far and wide this half-term They have been having a wild time on residential experiences at Kingswood and Calvert Trust. Canoeing, climbing, abseiling, raft building.....activities that have challenged students, developed team-work skills and been great fun!





The Creative Arts Page

Music Lessons

This term many students have been exploring 'European Music' in their music lessons, exploring movement and tempo from different countries. Our younger classes have been singing songs about different animals they might see at the zoo. Complex needs classes have been exploring music about going back in time to the land of the Dinosaurs.

Art Lessons and Drama Lessons

Art and Drama lessons continue to involve students across the school in projects and learning new techniques. There is lots of art now on display around the school which students should be very proud of. This term in classes have been doing batik – an art form using fabric, wax and paints. Some have been doing pieces based on sea life animals, wax resist pictures and others using toothpaste. We have also explored the new printing press to create fish prints.

Training for local key stage 1 teachers

We are very proud of our leading role in local music activities and this term we held a training afternoon for teachers across Wokingham working with Key Stage 1 children. At the session lots of songs were introduced for schools to work towards for our Key Stage 1 singing morning in July. It was great to share resources with other teachers and encourage them to do more music!

Coming up this summer!

20th June 7pm: Superstar Concert. This features a choir of 26 students singing with 4 other schools.

1st – 5th July: Proms week. Our Proms week features every child in the school as we host concerts all day, every day for a week. Every class is involved in a performance, students show their achievements in instrumental lessons, our clubs perform and students who share their compositions. We also welcome local schools to perform. Parents are invited to come along and watch the talents of our students and you will receive the times of your child's performance shortly after half term.

13th July: FestForALL. This is a music festival for the whole family to enjoy. Alongside the packed programme of live music there is also a BBQ and bar, hands on arts and craft activities and games for everyone to try out, plus a bouncy castle! Bring your picnic and deckchairs and enjoy a fantastic family event! Tickets are available from the creative arts office.

Wishing you a relaxing half term break!



13th July 1:30 – 7:30pm

A festival for the whole family to enjoy!

Craft zone	ACTIVE ZONE	Game zone!
<i>Food zone including a BBQ</i>	Face painting	Live music

Early bird tickets available NOW from the Arts office for a limited time only!

Family ticket (2 adults 4 children) - £15

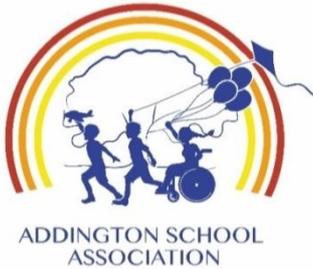
Single adult ticket - £5

Single child ticket - £3

This includes your entry and many of the activities and games plus an afternoon and evening of live entertainment!

Bring your picnic, deck chairs and dancing shoes!

Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin



News from the Association

Email: AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I'd like to start this newsletter with a couple of pieces of very good news! We've been given a donation of £997 from the John Lewis Community fund and have also been selected as one of the nominated charities for the green token scheme in Waitrose in Woodley. If you are shopping in Waitrose during 15th May to 14th June, please make sure to pick up a green token and put it in the Addington box! All proceeds will go towards the Sensory Garden project.

I have a couple of shout outs as well. Firstly, a friend of the Association, Louise, is going to take on the challenge of walking 38 miles from Poole to Weymouth on the 8th of June in order to help raise money for our Sensory Garden project. She'll be taking on the coast with two of her friends who are walking for charities close to their hearts. Already a keen walker, she and her friends have been training and building up their miles for some months and would love your support. Any amount big or small would be hugely appreciated. If you'd like to sponsor Louise please use this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/addington-fundraising-events>.

On 8th June, the Association will be hosting a stall at the Woodley Carnival in Woodford Park. We will be running a children's tombola and game. Please come along and say hello if you are planning to attend!

In addition, Suky is busy making final arrangements for the Summertime ball which is being held on 29th June at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Winnersh. Tickets are still available at £40 each or £312 for a table of 8. This will be a lovely evening with food, music and dancing. A prize draw will take place on the night. Prizes on offer are a SMEG coffee maker, a FitBit, a cooking experience, a photography experience and many more.

Finally, on 13th July the Association will be supporting the FestForAll. This was a hugely successful event last time around, so please do try and attend this year if you can!

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. Our next meeting date is 9th July. 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.

Dawn Adams - Chair – Addington School Association

You can contact us either via

School on 01189669073

Email AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

Our Facebook page

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



Addington School

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)

Term Dates: Thursday 5 September to Friday 20 December (inclusive)

Staff Training - Friday 25 October - (School Closed to Pupils)

Half Term: (School Closed to Pupils) -
Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November **and** Monday 4 November (inclusive)

Spring Term 2020

Term Dates: Monday 6 January to Friday 3 April (inclusive)

Half Term: (School Closed to Pupils) -
Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2020

Term Dates: Monday 20 April to Tuesday 21 July (inclusive)

May Day Holiday (School Closed to Pupils) – Monday 4 May

Half Term: (School Closed to pupils) -
Friday 22 May **and** Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May (inclusive)

190 days for pupils