



# ADDINGTON

# NEWSLETTER



July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This term has been one very busy term – jam packed with exciting events and opportunities for all our children and young people. It has been hugely satisfying to see the full return of all of our residential trips, Proms Week and sports days. All of them, without exception have brought immense joy, satisfaction, achievement and even occasional tears, sometimes from both pupils and parents!

The residential trips saw pupils go away from home for the first time, attempting activities they had never experienced before, overcoming fears, gaining awards such as Duke of Edinburgh and generally spending time with their friends from school. Proms Week saw every child perform to their own ability, often to the surprise of both parents and staff and we certainly have some new budding stars in our midst, who showcased their musical talents to the awe of the audience.

Sports Days all went ahead as for once there was neither torrential rain nor extreme heat and there were many proud moments as pupils got over a finish line or participated for the first time. All of these events are not possible but for the dedication, teamwork and extra voluntary hours of the fantastic staff here at Addington and to them, I am truly grateful for making all of these events happen.

So, we have finally come to the end of the term after a very busy, fulfilling year and I hope you enjoy browsing all the photographs and information in the following pages, which provide a great snapshot of the learning that has taken place. As always we have to say goodbye to some dedicated staff who are moving on to pastures new and I wish them every success in the future and thank them for all of the support they have given our pupils.

Finally, I wish all our families a good summer holiday with hopefully a few sunny days and look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday 5 September.

Yours faithfully

**Sara Attra**  
**Headteacher**



Dear Parents and Carers,

And so we have reached the end of another academic year and the final newsletter. June and July have been very exciting and busy months for me; we welcomed our new Early Years' parents at a Coffee morning followed by a tour of the school.

On 21<sup>st</sup> June an evening workshop "Sleep Matters" was delivered by the Family Intervention Resources Support Team. They returned to offer an interactive workshop "Teen life". This was attended by our 6<sup>th</sup> form students.



Most recently we welcomed the parents of students transitioning from Early Years to KS2.



Save the dates:

5<sup>th</sup> August TVAP Family Fun day open to all £3 per person

13<sup>th</sup> September FIRST Coffee morning at Ambleside Centre, Woodley from 10-12

4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October behaviour course via Teams 6.30-7.30pm

I haven't tried it myself yet, but the [Heathrow Special Needs centre](#) looks interesting and offers free entry to special needs families/carers and may be worth a visit during the summer holidays.

I would like to wish you a healthy summer break. If you need any help and support during the holidays; you can reach me via email: [ellie.robinson@addington.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:ellie.robinson@addington.wokingham.sch.uk) or by telephone on 9669073 ext 282

I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Ellie  
Family Support Worker

# Our Senior Leadership Team



Sara Attra  
Head teacher



Lynda Wood  
Deputy Head



David Maycock  
Deputy Head



Emer Moore  
Assistant Head  
teacher



Eirfron  
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Lydia Colios  
Associate  
Assistant Head



Sue Tod  
School  
Business  
Manager

## 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.

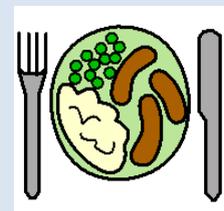
***If your child has school dinners, and there is a balance outstanding on your account, we would be grateful if you would kindly clear this balance as soon as possible.***

***If you have any query or difficulty with payment of this amount, please let us know and we will endeavour to help.***

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:

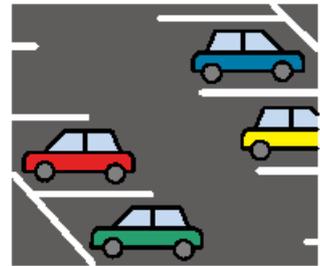
Primary lunch is £2.30  
Secondary lunch is £2.40



Please remember that money for school dinners should be paid **in advance**.  
If you have any problems, please contact Admin on [office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk).

# CAR PARKING REMINDER

Thank you to all parents who drop off and/or pick up their child from school for continuing to work with us to make our car park run as smoothly as possible. I have been actively monitoring the car park regularly over the last month and in general it is running smoothly. Below are reminders of key points to help maintain this.



To ensure the continued smooth and safe operation of the busy Addington car park we need all parents who drive their child to school to park in the Bulmershe Leisure Centre car park and walk across the zebra crossing, during drop off/pick up times. We have an agreement in place with Bulmershe Leisure Centre to allow this.

We do recognise that for a small minority of pupils crossing the road will not be possible. Therefore, a limited number of parent passes, allowing access to our car park, are distributed based on an individual's agreed needs; physical, emotional or behavioural.

If you feel you need a car park pass please let your class teacher know, including the reason for needing one. A member of SLT will then allocate a pass or contact you for further discussion/information.

We only have a small number of spaces for parents in our car park, so we will not always be able to give out passes to all parents who would like one.

## Parents with Passes using the Addington School Car park

- Parents with passes must only park in the allocated bays near the main entrance and not in the main body of the car park where staff park, unless specific arrangements have been made with a member of the leadership team. This is especially important in the morning as some staff start at 9 and sometimes cannot find a parking space.
- Car park passes must be displayed clearly in the windscreen. The two disabled bays near the school are for priority wheelchair users and larger vehicles with tail lifts. Permitted drivers must use the one-way system marked out and only park in marked parent or disabled spaces.
- Unfortunately at busy times we do not have enough parking spaces onsite for all parents with passes. **Please work with our staff** as they manage these situations as efficiently as possible, this is likely to involve being asked to complete one or more circuits of the car park to ensure the car park flow is not disrupted.
- Parents can move the cones on the parent parking and disabled bays in the area near the main entrance, however if there is a cone with a sign on it, only move this if it has been allocated to you. Cones with signs on are to reserve spaces for a particular pupil with a specific need.

## General instructions

- All pedestrians must use the zebra crossings and the pavement when walking around the school car park or to and from the site. **DO NOT WALK** on the road as a short cut. This is very dangerous and could result in an accident.
- Parents or carers must not park in the old entrance to Addington (near Bulmershe Leisure Centre) or on the double yellow lines near our old entrance, to drop off or pick up.
- **Please leave parking spaces promptly** - To support the process at the start and end of day to run smoothly, **please can I ask that all parents and carers vacate parking spaces in either of the car parks as soon as possible** to allow other parents access to the space. If you need to have a discussion with the teacher, please arrange a time to meet in person or have a telephone conversation to free up a parking space as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support  
David

## Parent Contact Information

Our communications with parents are mainly via emails, our school mobile app, texts and our school website [www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk).

In order to do this, we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers. If you have not been receiving emails from us, please let us know.

If you need to update us please email: [office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk)

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### 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.**

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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.

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# Addington Youth Club

Managed and staffed by  
Wokingham Promise Inclusion

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 Annah on 07551 159073 for more information.

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# Headteacher's Award Winners



*Congratulations to the following students:*

## **Creative Arts**

Drama Award - Danny Shilton

Artist of the Year - Tony Su

Musician of the Year - Tom Scott

## **PE**

Sportsperson of the Year – Luka White

Most Improved Sportsperson – Sofia Baig

## **Behaviour**

Golden Behaviour Award – Ryan Skevington

Outstanding Behaviour Award – Bobby Sawyer

## **Headteacher Award**

Primary - Owen Lewis

Secondary – Maria Sherwill



# SPORTS PAGE



## After School Sports Club

This half term the after school sports club pupils have been lucky to be invited to Sand Martin's Golf Club for coaching from their golf professional, Jamie. They practised driving, pitching, putting and walking the course.

Sand Martins Golf Club run an SEN coaching session between 12.00 and 13.00 each Saturday. For details contact Alan Leason on [alanleason@gmail.com](mailto:alanleason@gmail.com) or 07774805644. Post code: RG40 3RQ



## Berkshire School Games Summer Festival 2023 Swimming Gala at Braywick Leisure Centre

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 9 students from Key Stages 3 and 4 took part in the Swimming Gala at Braywick Leisure Centre as part of the Berkshire School Games Summer Festival. They participated in 6 different races including mats, floats, balls and relays. Addington did well in competing against 2 other schools. Each pupil was awarded a medal, certificate, t-shirt and swim hat.



## Cricket Tournament Win

Six Addington students took part in a disability cricket tournament at Holyport Cricket Club, playing for the Berkshire Cricket Foundation Bulmershe group. There were 6 teams taking part (Bulmershe, Newbury, Holyport x2, Bucks and Valley End from Surrey) and they managed to beat Valley End in the final off the very last ball. This was an amazing achievement considering Valley End are a well-established team, having played numerous tournaments before and this was Bulmershe's first time playing against other teams.

The Bulmershe Group will continue to train on Wednesday evenings at Bulmershe Leisure Centre with the plan for another local festival in September. We have also been invited to a tournament in Buckinghamshire so it would be great to get more people involved should they wish.

If you think your child may enjoy cricket, please contact:  
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Disability Development Officer  
Mobile: 07883 787499  
Email: [chris.baker@berkshirecricketfoundation.org](mailto:chris.baker@berkshirecricketfoundation.org)  
Web: [www.berkshirecricketfoundation.org](http://www.berkshirecricketfoundation.org)



# Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition 2022-2023



Our Bronze DofE students completed their Practice expedition in early June. They walked 7.5 miles from Moor Green Lakes (near Sandhurst) to Riseley (near Wellington County Park). Then they camped at Hurley Riverside Park, putting up tents, cooking supper and sleeping over. The second day was a chilled day at Dinton Pastures, where Julie, our science teacher, led a session of pond dipping. The students found all sorts of animal and plant life. The Qualifying expedition is in the first week of July.



## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Qualifying Expedition 2022-2023

After a challenging Practice Expedition, our Bronze Award students embarked on their Qualifying Expedition. They walked from Cookham along the River Thames to Marlow. Then they had fun at Marlow Common Orienteering course before heading to Hurley Riverside Park campsite to set up their tents and cook dinner. On the second day they walked from the campsite along the Thames again, six miles to Henley-on-Thames. The weather was kind to us, drizzling slightly on the first day for a while before the sun came out and shone for the rest of the expedition. All the students found the walking and being away from home hard but with determination and resilience and by working together, they made it to the end. Congratulations to everyone.



## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Practice Expedition May 2023



The Silver students completed their practice expedition at the end of May. They did orienteering at Ambarrow Court before walking to Riseley along the Blackwater River. The next day they walked from Pangbourne to Caversham via Mapledurham. The weather was kind (if a little chilly overnight) and the group enjoyed camping at Hurley Riverside Park and cooking on the BBQ. Bring on the Qualifying!



## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Qualifying Expedition May 2023



After a successful practice expedition in May, it was time for the Silver students to tackle the Qualifying expedition. They walked 11 miles in very humid conditions from Pangbourne to Wallingford, where we camped at the lovely Bridge Villa campsite. The tired team put up their tents and made a BBQ for supper. Luckily the overnight rain had stopped by the morning and another 11 miles were completed between Wallingford and Watlington. And so for the last push, 9 miles from Watlington to Henley-on-Thames where a triumphant group finished at the Bandstand by the river. All six boys showed fitness, resilience, team work and fun and deserve all the congratulations for achieving their Silver Award.



## Football Tournament at Reading Football Club



On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June our green team continued their run of winning medals at the Reading Football Club SEN Schools football tournament at their outdoor training pitch at the SCL Stadium. They finished second and were awarded medals. Our Amber team did the best they have ever done, winning 3 games and drawing 2 out of an exhausting 10 games. They scored an amazing 15 goals! It was one student's last representative match and two students' first.



## Lunchtime dance club

Following the success of our lunchtime dance troupe's Lion King performance at the Woodley School Sports Week dance festival, Danielle, our PE teacher with a dance specialism, has been running a lunchtime dance session open to all outside in the beautiful sunshine. Fun has been had by all.



## Woodley Schools Sports Week 2023

### Dance Festival

On the Monday of Woodley School Sports Week, Addington sent their lunchtime dance troupe to the Dance Festival at Woodford Park to perform their Lion King dance. There were 4 other schools participating and the standard was really high in front of an audience of parents and carers. The pupils enjoyed the morning which culminated in a walk to the precinct in Woodley for ice-creams. Well done to all those who took part and thanks to PE teacher Danielle for the choreography.



## Primary Multiskills festival at Goals

On the Tuesday of Woodley School Sports Week, Oak Class took part in a multi-skills session over at Goals on the Bulmershe site. They tested their hitting, throwing, jumping and running skills. The session was very enjoyable and was run by the Bulmershe Young Sports Leaders. Fun was had by all.



## Primary Multisports Festival at Goals

On the Thursday of Woodley School Sports Week, Rowan class took part in a multi-sports session at Goals on Bulmershe School's site. They moved around 10 different stations practising their relay, target throwing, balancing, agility and communication skills. It was a hot and tiring morning, but the students coped brilliantly and all had a great time.



## Primary Paralympic Festival at Goals

On the Wednesday of WSSW, Willow and Pine Classes sent a joint team to Goals to the Paralympic Festival where the pupils had a chance to try different games like hockey-table-football, Quoit Throw, Boccia and Football Target. The sun shone and everyone had a good time.



# Sports Days 2023 (11th & 12th July)

## Secondary and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Sports Day

### Inter-House Cricket Competition

Sports Day started with an Inter-House cricket competition. 91 pupils took part. They were split into two competitions; the higher ability students on the blue MUGA and the other students on the green MUGA. Then all the scores were added together. We were expecting rain but the skies kept clear. A lot of good skill and enthusiasm was shown and everyone had a good time.

Results: **Yellow Tigers 14 points**

**Blue Sharks 10 points**

**Green Crocodiles 8 points** and **Red Eagles 8 points**



## Secondary and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Sports Day

### Tug of War

For the first time in several years, we were able to hold a Tug of War competition during Sports day. The heats were closely contested and the final results were:

**Yellow Tigers 20 points**

**Green Crocodiles 15 points**

**Red Eagles 10 points**

**Blue Sharks 5 points**

After the pupils' competition, the staff and Waingels Sports Leaders split into two teams and had a go too!



## Races

The weather forecast for the Secondary and 6<sup>th</sup> Form sports day was not very good but the weather gods were kind to us and it remained dry all day so we could fit in all the competitions. The afternoon races were attended by a good number of parents/carers too,



which was the first time they were able to come since before Covid. It certainly made a brilliant atmosphere and the day was such an exciting spectacle. We started with some races in the blue MUGA for pupils who would find the grass surface difficult. Then 40 metre sprints took place, followed by the 140 metre around the track races and relays and the day finished with the continuous obstacle relay race.

Results:

Green Crocodiles 245 points

Blue Sharks 242 points

Yellow Tigers 203 points

Red Eagles 198 points





A big thank you to six Sports Leaders from Waingels College who were with us all day; helping with set-up and take-down, bowling and score-keeping in the cricket, taking part in the Tug of War and recording place finishes in the races. They were a great help to the PE team.



## Early Years, Complex & Sensory Needs and KS2 Sports Day

### Early Years Races

The sun shone again despite the forecast and we were able to finish the whole programme of races for the day. Early Years were able to access a climbing circuit and ball games in the MUGAs while waiting for their races. Parents/carers were able to have a hands-on role in their children's races and a good time was had by all.

Results:

Green Crocodiles 33 points

Blue Sharks 29 points

Red Eagles 27 points

Yellow Tigers 23 points





## Walking and Sensory Races

A sensory race track was set up for Sensory & Complex Needs classes on the blue MUGA. Parents/carers were able to watch or support their children, while our Addington Sports Leaders assisted with the parachutes and sensory rope. Pupils carried a hoop through the course to drop onto a cone and then negotiate the course back again.

Results:

Yellow Tigers 25 points

Green Crocodiles 20 points

Blue Sharks 17 points

Red Eagles 16 points





## KS2 Races

The final part of the Sports Days was the Key Stage 2 races. There was a 30 metre and 40 metre sprint, a 140 metre around the track and the continuous obstacle race. All the pupils competed well in front of numerous parents/carers in the audience.

The weather held out and the Addington Sports Leaders helped with the positional scoring and take-down at the end.

Results:

Red Eagles 102 points

Yellow Tigers 81 points

Blue Sharks 77 points

Green Crocodiles 71 points





## Sports Day 2023 results

The two days covering the six elements of Sports Day were amazing, involving each section of the school and virtually every pupil. Despite dire rain warnings, the days were dry and sunny and we were so lucky to have the help of Sports Leaders from Waingels and Addington. Each competitor received a Sports Day medal.

The Sports Day shield was presented to the House Captains of the winning team.

Overall Results:

Green Crocodiles 392 points

Blue Sharks 380 points

Yellow Tigers 366 points

Red Eagles 361 points



## Early Years and Yoga

### Bluebell Class

We have had a brilliant term in Bluebell Class! We went on two school trips, one to Taplow and one to Chobham farm. The children had lots of fun! Our topic for this term has been Transport, which has been a big hit in our class! In Communication, Language and Literacy we have been looking at 2 different books, *the bus is for us* and *Shabbat is coming*. We really enjoyed looking at the pictures of the vehicles and began to make the noises to match the vehicles. During cooking, we have made fruit rockets, banana split boats, and ice lollies to help keep us cool in the hot weather; the children continue to love cooking lessons! In Maths we have enjoyed exploring number through number songs - our favourite is now 5 little monkeys jumping on the bed! We have also learnt about capacity, shape, length and temperature. We are really enjoying our swimming lessons, with most of the children becoming confident to swim on their own! We love Music and Dance here in Bluebell, so our weekly Music lessons with Sean are always a lots of fun! The children have started signing/ singing along to the songs now! We are all so proud of how the children have settled into the routines of school. We hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and see you in September!



## Daffodil Class

We have been working on learning about *Transport and Journeys* this half term! Our books this half term have been 'The Bus is for Us' and 'The Train Ride' which we have been doing using Call and Response to develop our listening and attention skills, alongside experiencing rhythm and rhyme. We have been working on taking turns to lead the call and response session using the drum and practising our sentence structure with regular Colourful Semantic sessions. Daffodil Class have enjoyed practising for our Proms performance which we performed on the stage for an audience: this was a great experience for us all and a wonderful time to showcase the great Music work we have been doing! Our work on *Journeys* has focused on different places we may visit during the summer holidays as well as learning ways we can keep ourselves safe in the hot weather, such as applying our own sun cream and making sure we drink lots of water to keep us healthy. We have enjoyed different activities this term, such as experiencing a Circus Skills workshop where we were eager to try the different equipment and showcasing our physical skills during Sports Day! More recently, we have been discussing which classes we will be in next academic year through social stories as the next part of our journey at school.



## Daisy Class

This term Daisy class have been out and about! Through our sensory story, 'The Bus is for Us!' and during immersive theatre sessions based on 'The Train Ride' we explored the sounds and sensations of different types of transport and places. We touched bobbly bicycle tyres, ran our hands and fingers through soft shaving foam for clouds, scrunched straw and touched bristly brushes for the horse. Using the beautiful colourful parachute, we pretended we were riding in a hot air balloon being blown by the wind and we tried to stop the cheeky seagulls eating our chips at the beach! We absolutely loved our adventures in the school mini-buses. Who knew going over the speed bumps in the school car-park would be such a fun start to our day trips to the farm and adventure playground in Taplow. All of the Daisy children amazed us with their confidence in exploring different environments and new experiences. Back in school, we've been busy getting creative during Proms week and competing in Sports Day. What a brilliant end to an amazing year in Daisy class. Well done everyone and a huge thank you to our fantastic Daisy parents for your support.



# Lily Class

It has been very busy and exciting summer term in Lily class! Our topic this term has been 'Transport' and we have enjoyed engaging in a range of different learning activities around this topic, including stories, Attention Autism sessions and art activities. We have had lots of special activities happening this term. We enjoyed 'Kids In' day, where we ate yummy ice creams and joined in with a circus experience! We have also welcomed our families for 'Stay and Play', performed on a stage for our PROMS performance, joined in with Sports Day and supported a Lily Class pupil in Addington's Got Talent! We have all had lots of fun this term and made special memories. We hope everybody has a fantastic summer!



## Primrose Class

This term Primrose class have really enjoyed learning about Transport and Journeys. We have focussed on the story 'The Bus is For Us' and have listened to this as a story read by Justin Fletcher as well as a Sensory story. We particularly enjoyed listening to the train and making train sounds!

This term has been really busy and we have had lots of fun. We enjoyed water play and going down the slides at Thames Valley Adventure Playground and races and obstacle courses during Sports Day.

We have also really enjoyed Proms week and *Kids In day* where we could explore lots of different equipment and practise our balancing skills!

We have also been keeping cool during this warm weather and have really liked exploring some cold ice lollies and fruit.

This has been a very fun-filled year and we are excited about a well-deserved summer break!



## Sunflower Class

This term Sunflower class have enjoyed exploring our new topic of *Transport* and have really enjoyed making different vehicles using food in our cooking lessons. Our vegetable vehicles looked amazing! We've learnt about different transport sounds in phonics, created train pictures using different shapes and loved exploring different modes of transport in our sensory trays. We had another great trip to TVAP, thoroughly enjoying being able to use the splash zone in addition to our usual favourites. Kids In day was a very fun event, with the pupils enjoying a circus workshop, ice cream and some great entertainment in the afternoon! Everyone really enjoyed it-it was the best trip yet! The pupils took part in their first PROMS performance and it was wonderful, with everyone joining in and enjoying sharing the experience with their parents. We've also learnt about Shabbat this term enjoying making bread, using tissue paper to make a Star of David and explored some traditional Jewish foods. We have had a wonderful year in Sunflower class and hope everyone has a lovely summer holiday!



## Tulip Class

This term, the pupils in Tulip class have really enjoyed exploring our theme '*Journeys and Transport*'. We have explored shape and space when building and constructing aeroplanes and trains. Pupils have become confident matching and identifying and naming common 2D shapes and developing their confidence with numbers. The pupils also liked pretending to go on journeys on a bus and train, by turning furniture into enormous vehicles. We thoroughly enjoyed '*The Bus is for Us*'. The children engaged brilliantly and demonstrated curiosity when playing the switch buttons and listening to the sounds within our interactive sensory story. We have also continued to enjoy *Make sense* theatre sessions each week. Our highlight this term has been our Taplow trip, which all students loved and wanted to go back the next day too! We have also utilised the lovely weather by learning how to keep safe in the sun by having sun cream put on and keeping cool with lots of water play.

This term has been very busy and eventful! We thoroughly enjoyed Proms week and were extremely proud of all the pupils for participating in Sports Day. We have had a fantastic year and it has been delightful to see each pupil make brilliant progress with their own learning.



## Jumping for July JOY Yoga with Rainbow Claire



Every BODY is a  
YOGA BODY!



Addington School

Across the seven Early Years classes and in my lunchtime club with Poppy and Cherry children, **Yoga** has had a fun and creative focus to it. This term we have been moving our bodies in lots of different poses ( asanas) linked to our topic '*transport*'. We have enjoyed; car, train, ship and hot air balloon pose.





★ On **You Tube** we have loved the movement yoga dance called 'Silly to Calm' by Bari Koral. The most wonderful flow to get the heart rate elevated followed by a moment of calm.



★ Wishing you all a lovely Summer holiday, have a go together as a family, the Summer flow below has lots of benefits for our body and mind. Give it a go! How does it make your body feel?

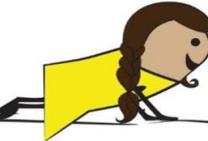
## Calming Flow for Summer



Lion - roar out all of your energy as loud as you can!



Butterfly - imagine you are a butterfly, flying through the sky.



Snake - can you rock from side to side and "SSSS" like a snake?



Crystal - stay here for a moment and rest!

mini me yoga

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# Key Stage 2 Newsletter

## Oak Class

What a term! What a year! I think we can apply the saying "Time flies when you're enjoying yourself" to Oak Class' experiences this term. We've made the most of the lovely weather and enjoyed learning about our natural world in our "Outdoor Adventure" topic. We have walked, raced, chased, explored, shopped, played, planted and observed. We've travelled by coach, minibus, scooters and even boat! Oak class love going on trips - we've been to a farm, a river, the woods and Thames Valley Adventure Playground. We are so proud of the children for building their resilience this year and achieving things they didn't think were possible. Have a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September!



## Pine Class

Pine Class have had a fantastic last term! We have been exceptionally busy with lots of different off-site trips as part of our 'Summer Outdoor Adventure' topic. Firstly, we visited Odds Farm, where we experienced touching the animals, learning facts about animals and we had a ride on the tractor! Then we enjoyed a trip on a boat from Bisham Abbey to Cookham as part of the River Time Boat Trust, we played 'I Spy' and counted how many swans we could see, we learnt the history and purpose of a lock and even got to have our lunch on the boat! We have visited Taplow twice this term; the children thoroughly enjoy Taplow as they feel regulated and safe. This term we experienced a 'Kids In' Circus themed day, the children loved practising new circus skills and tricks and finished with an ice-cream! In PSHE this term, we have continued to visit the shops weekly, practising our road safety skills. The children are confident to cross safely at a zebra crossing and traffic light using our 4 key rules 'stop, look, listen, think'.

In Literacy, our key stories were called 'Freddie and the Fairy' and 'What the ladybird heard at the seaside'; the children enjoyed exploring this story through their senses and through role play. In Maths, the children have focused on Capacity, Time and Money as well as continual provision of Number and Amounts. The children have enjoyed lots of outdoor time, with water play this term, and they have put their Capacity skills to excellent use! Pine class have been an absolute pleasure to teach this year! They have made fantastic progress throughout the year and I wish them all the very best of luck for next year!



## Willow Class

We have had an amazing last half of the Summer Term and are particularly proud of all the Willow pupils' achievements this term but also over the whole academic year. Through our topic 'Outdoor Summer Adventure' we have enjoyed many amazing and memorable experiences which have really promoted the pupils willingness to try new activities and develop their independence and life skills. From our days out at Odds Farm and Thames Valley Adventure Playground to boat trips on the Thames, plus a fantastic "Kids In Day" at school where we participated in circus skills workshops and watched a magic show, we have had a fantastic time. In maths we have focussed on money this half term and the pupils have really developed their understanding of the use of money and the value of different coins alongside other maths skills. They have been able to exchange the correct money for real items in a local shop whilst also developing their understanding of road safety for PSHE and putting this into practice by walking offsite to the local shop and the woods for some outdoor learning opportunities.

In Literacy we have really enjoyed the stories of *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Jack and the Beanstalk* and also *Clean up*, which have all linked to our topic and furthered our understanding of outdoor spaces, growing plants and also introduced the children to pollution and recycling. We have really improved our story retelling skills and been able to order parts of a well-known story.

The term has ended in a fantastic finale of Proms week and Addington's Got Talent with all of our Willow pupils participating at some point. We are immensely proud of every one of them. We wish you all a fantastic summer break.

# Willow Class



## Rowan Class

This half term we have been enjoying our *Summer Adventure* topic, where we have been looking at seasonal features and events such as visiting the beach, picnics outdoors and the sights of summer. We shared stories including *At the Beach*, *Clean Up* and *What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside* in Literacy and we explored postcards, letters and the use of interesting adjectives in our writing. We worked with money in Numeracy, using words and phrases such as 'expensive' and 'costs more than...' and we worked with measurements including length, weight and temperature, often after making reasoned estimations first. We have been exploring the concept of sun safety in PSHE and looking after our mental wellbeing in RSE.

We also loved opportunities to visit Odds Farm and enjoyed an exciting boat trip, as well as a circus skills workshop and our final visit to Thames Valley Adventure Playground. We put tremendous effort into our class Proms performance of *Slow Train Coming* and loved supporting our friends in other classes during their performances. It has been a busy but super rewarding half term for all!



## Complex, Therapeutic and Sensory Needs Department

### Apple Class

This term Apple Class have enjoyed "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "A Little Bit of Help" stories as part of our *A bug's life* topic. They also enjoyed the Immersive Drama sessions and read aloud activity before going home.

We have been practising our counting up to 5 using multisensory props and counting songs. We have been learning and recapping the sounds 'M' and 'S' during multisensory phonics by thinking about things that start with these sounds and exploring pictures, videos and objects that we might find in the classroom.

At the end of the term, the students have been busy performing and watching the Addington proms and participating in the sensory races. They walked or wheeled over bubble wrap, bubble machines, a sensory rope to pass under and a large parachute to go under.

Well done Apple Class!



### Poppy and Cherry Class

This half term we have continued to enjoy our 'Bug's Life' theme which was brought to life with a visit from Zoolab. We got to get up close and hold different bugs, a snake, rat and snail!

We have had lots of messy Bug inspired play and have been outside to find bugs and make the most of the sunshine! We have been using all our senses to explore our environments and have made great progress in our communication and physical skills.

Sports day and proms were brilliant and it was lovely to share with parents and a great way to end the year!

Have a great summer and we will see you in September!



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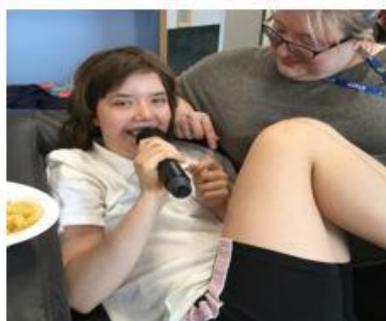
## Access Department (Formally known as the Therapeutic Department)

We have had a busy term in the newly named Access department! The department name change has been due to a curriculum revamp and the introduction of Therapeutic Thinking Skills at Addington which is a whole school approach. Teachers have been busy developing a new curriculum for the department named *The Access to Learning curriculum*. The key learning areas of the curriculum include Regulation, Engagement, Communication, Literacy, Maths, and PSHE. Pupils are supported to learn strategies to support and develop self-regulation, engage within a broadening range of wellbeing and personal development activities, self-care routines, and adult directions and boundaries. Pupils will access Addington's Core curricular of Literacy, Maths, and PSHE when they have achieved appropriate levels of alertness and a sense of security. We have used the best and most current research in Sensory Integration, Therapeutic Thinking Skills, and Engagement to inform the pedagogy and strategies underpinning the curriculum. We are very proud of the provision we can offer the learners within our department and hope that you all enjoy reading about the progress your children have made within the new curriculum on Earwig. We have also expanded this term as Birch class have joined Holly, Lime, and Beech class to form the department. The Access department wishes all families an enjoyable summer.

Kimberley Legg (Department Senior Leader), Kerrie Shaw (Holly Class Teacher), Clare Dunn (Beech Class Teacher), Eva Georgiadou (Lime Class Teacher), and Irene Diaz De Mera (Birch Class Teacher), and all the team.

### Holly Class

We can't quite believe that we have reached the end of the Summer Term. As always Holly class have been working hard this half term focusing on their communication, regulation and cognition skills. They have enjoyed our touch talk story linked to our theme of Bugs Life. They continue to enjoy and benefit from our Attention Autism sessions and loved the bubble snakes. We were amazed by how well Holly pupils coped with sports day. They did us proud and took part with their races. They were excited to earn a medal. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils' achievements this academic year. They all deserve the summer break so they are refreshed and ready to continue with their learning in September.





## Beech Class

We have nearly made it to the end of the school year, and what a year it has been!

This half term our text for Literacy has been the new David Walliams book *Robodog* and have read *Superworm!* As part of our curriculum theme 'A bug's life', we have been using speech bubbles in our writing, using adjectives to describe the creatures and looking at how the different characters may feel. The students particularly enjoyed thinking about how the hedgehogs would feel just before they got squashed!

Last half term we learnt to take responsibility and to care for others and hatched caterpillars. We were able to finally release our beautiful butterflies on the field, and say goodbye to them. When the students have seen butterflies in the playground they have told me the butterflies have come back to see them!

Beech class continue to engage in sports as a wellbeing activity and have been practising in anticipation of sports day. The track has been marked and we have been practising starting positions, and passing the baton. We are praying for good weather, and keeping everything crossed.

This last week has been proms week, we have enjoyed watching the other classes perform and visiting schools. Our own performance of "hit the road, Jack" was brilliant, with the students being in fine voice, and playing their chosen instruments beautifully.

As we approach the end of the year, and reflect on all of our achievements, I look back with huge pride at everything the students have accomplished. Beech class is a fun, calm, and hardworking

class, and we see ourselves as the Beech class family, and I am immensely proud of them all. We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming you back in September!



## Lime Class

This term, Lime class have made the most of the warm weather and have enjoyed a lot of water play to develop our engagement and wellbeing. Pupils explored the water and different water play equipment to develop cause and effect understanding, independent use of tools, and to develop their fine motor skills. On our weekly trip to Camp Mohawk, children enjoyed the swimming pool, outside space and soft play which has provided us with lots of regulation and engagement opportunities. At TVAP the swings have proved popular, as well as the bike and trolley area, and of course soft play. Our topic for this term has been 'A bug's life' and we have incorporated this into our personalised core learning, and engagement activities such as messy play and cooking. Some of our students have practised matching using bug pictures and have also created mini beast art! Immersive theatre continues to gain high engagement from Lime pupils and this term we have enjoyed a train journey to the beach, with naughty cows sleeping on the track, a dark tunnel and the delicious aroma of fish and chips. The students have worked on their communication through a variety of opportunities including decorating biscuits, communication games as well as using PECs and communication boards for a number of activities.

See you all in September!



## Birch Class

Birch class has had a wonderful summer half term. We have continued to learn about bugs for the curriculum theme 'A Bug's Life!' alongside our personal targets and core learning. We have done a great job in literacy, numeracy and phonics and the whole team are so proud of what each student has achieved this year. Our biggest achievements have been in engagement and regulation where we have started to see the students use the strategies with greater independence and in some cases communicate their needs more effectively. *Open Circle* continues to be a highly engaging session where pupils are initiating interactions with their familiar adults (who use lots of big gestures and slap stick responses) and explore a range of enticing props.

Have a fantastic summer!



## Key Stage 3

### Aspen Class

Aspen Class have had a wonderful summer term at school. We have focussed on the topic *Where We Live* and explored our local area through arts and craft. In literacy we have been writing sentences about who we are and where we live which has linked to our PSHE skills *all about being safe in the community*. In maths we have focussed on practical maths skills such as money and temperature and are learning how to pay for items in shops and how to identify the temperature of different items. We have really enjoyed swimming this term and have developed our kicking and breathing skills that will support us to progress the next time we go swimming. We have had a great time at Camp Mohawk and built shelters and dens, plus played in the music room and practised our performance for proms. Hope you have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you all at school in September!



## Cedar Class

Wow! What a fantastic year we had in Cedar Class and the last term of the year was full of great fun and opportunities. We continued to learn about *where we live* and learnt about houses and different rooms in the house as well as how to be independent and safe at school and at home. We also carried on going to the local shop and improving our independence skills like following instructions to complete a recipe. This term we also went to Bulmershe Centre for our swimming lessons and we enjoyed swimming at Camp Mohawk as well. Finally, we had a great time performing at Proms and enjoying Sports Day!



## Chestnut Class

It's been a busy half term in Chestnut class with lots of special events to enjoy. Here's what the students had to say about it:

"Sports day was good because it was fun." *Leo*

"Proms week was fantastic because I enjoyed singing a solo in Three Little Birds." *Natalia*

"I am singing and dancing with my friends because I like it." *Teigan*

"I was singing in Addington's Got Talent. I felt good." *Maya*

"Aytan is buying a stamp at the post office." *Aytan*

"I am sending the post in the post box." *Taran*

"I liked cooking because there's no writing to do. My brother liked the couscous I made." *Billy*

"I liked the football tournament because I played at the Reading training ground but it was disappointing at the end because we were losing." *Anamol*

"I'm very gutted that Craig who ran the football tournament has left. So who is going to run it now? The tournament was really good - our team kept losing but it's all about the taking part."

*Finn*

"I liked computing club." Melek

"The swimming gala was a good experience. It's a very nice, modern swimming pool." Reid



## Elm class

Austin: I have enjoyed making new friends this term! I have also loved my Art lessons.

Aisla: I had fun when we walked to Woodley shops to practise using money. I bought some ice lollies! Also, I love it when I see Bailey.

Tom: I have enjoyed Camp Mohawk. I loved Proms week too, especially when me and Ryan performed in our Rock Band with Ollie and got a standing ovation.

Ryan: I have enjoyed Art when we made a giant map of the area. I liked making new friends. My favourite moment of Proms was playing guitar on stage.

Jenna: I liked playing with my friends in Maple class.

Ruby: I loved swimming at Bulmershe this term, especially going in the deep end. I enjoyed cooking too, when we made *Pasta n Sauce* by ourselves.

Daisy: I really liked Sports Day because I am a super runner! I have also enjoyed swimming this term, especially jumping in for the first time.

Bobby: I enjoyed going into town and also doing Art this term.

Tommy: I have had fun this term. I enjoyed the swimming gala. I liked Drama when we made short films.

Cody: I have loved junk modelling. I am looking forward to being in Year 10. I enjoyed my ALERT sessions with Sharon too.

Jake: I liked teaching Bailey the PAT dog some new tricks. I loved Sports Day too.

Milena: PE has been really fun. I love seeing all my friends at school! I liked Drama lessons when we made videos.

Aaliyah: Swimming has been so fun this term. I loved doing Proms and cooking and going shopping. I can't wait for next year!



## Maple Class

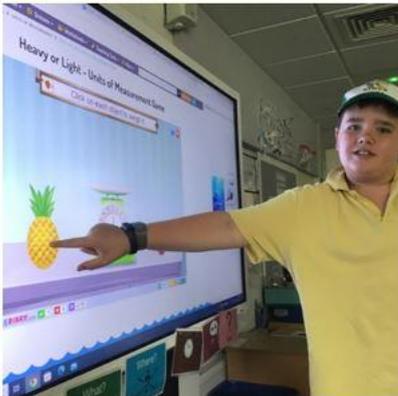
Maple class had a musical, arty and sporty end to the summer term. We spent weeks rehearsing for our proms 'Fly me to the moon' and WOW, on the day we were amazing. The audience loved our skills and passion for performing. All students engaged in the rehearsal in school and even rehearsed at Camp Mohawk, and they brought it together on the day. We also spent weeks running around the sports field and riding our bikes in preparation for sports day. We increased stamina and practised skills.

In the kitchen we made meals such as baked beans on toast, stir fry and curry and rice. We worked in teams and shared cooking; we served it up and ate it together while chatting.

As part of the arts award some of the year 9 students visited South Hill Park and put on an exhibition of the photographs they took.

In Maths, we explored weight by holding a sweet shop and finding their weight and ordering them, as well as being an 'Amazon' delivery service and weighing parcels.

Maple have had a fantastic year!



## Sycamore Class

In Sycamore Class we have been enjoying lots of summer activities.  
Swimming at Camp Mohawk:



Practising for our class performance for Proms:



Learning about recycling with Grace:



We have had a great year experiencing lots of new things!

## Key Stage 4

### Swan Class

This half term we have continued to take part in lifelong leisure on a Monday afternoon. We have taken part in a variety of activities, to help build 'soft employment skills' such as team work, leadership, problem solving and communication. We have completed a variety of orienteering activities on-site in school working in teams and then we visited Dinton Pastures to complete the permanent accessibility orienteering course. The students worked really well in their teams to successfully complete the course. We have additionally been playing team games such as football and normal rounders, learning new rules and also Archery onsite. The Archery was led and supported by our year 11 sports leaders.



### Trip to Grays Farm, Wokingham

As part of our project 'I'm a student get me out of here' and our current topic of *Healthy Eating* this term we visited Grays Farm. We took a tour of the farm to see all the different types of fruit and vegetables that are grown and tried some straight from the plants, including strawberries, raspberries, redcurrants, blackcurrants, carrots and green beans. The students then chose to pick either a punnet of strawberries or raspberries which we weighed. We even discussed the different types of jobs that took place on the farm.

After a lovely morning walking around the farm, we enjoyed a picnic lunch before returning to school.



### Trip to cinema

Our class went to see *Spiderman Across the Spiderverse* at the Showcase Cinema. We wrote a film report on it for Arts Award. After the film we went to McDonalds for our lunch



## Kite Class

It's been busy as ever in Kite Class this half term. In our *accessing the community* work we have been locating and trying to remember the locations of the public toilets in Woodley. Most pupils have been trying to find £1 coins to pay for an item and working on remembering to ask for a receipt.

The pupils have absolutely loved the crazy crew from Make Sense Theatre leading us in Drama sessions each week.

We were lucky to be invited to Loddon School Wildmoor Festival where the highlights were a disco dome bouncy castle, a Bucking Bronco and a Bubbleologist who blew giant bubbles.



The pupils have continued their weekly kitchen skills work preparing their lunch each week. We now have some expert potato peelers and choppers in the class. We have continued to work hard on becoming more independent at road crossing and on using buses.

Pupils have worked in Kore Café and worked on Laundry skills in their work experience sessions.



All term we have continued to learn about Windsor Castle and we had an AMAZING trip to the castle. The castle was closed to the general public so Kite Class had the entire castle to ourselves. We saw the magnificent rooms, suits of armour, guards and much, much more. The pupils demonstrated that they had remembered a lot of the work we have done. It was an excellent way to end our topic.



## Sixth Form News

### Eagle Class

Another activity filled, enriching academic year has flown by. The year started with a number of nervous, diffident, new faces in Eagle class; but that was not to be for long. In a very short while one couldn't tell the new from the old. The class soon became a close knit team.

Over the course of the year we have enjoyed a number of new experiences in preparation for adulthood. There have been opportunities for developing home management and independence skills, town and travel training, cultivating a work ethic through internal and external work experience, and engaging in a number of sports and leisure activities in the wider community. These varied experiences have helped our young people to further develop their social skills and independence, and grow in confidence.

*Photographs are the stories we fail to put into words and photography is the art of making memories tangible. So we shall be brief and resort to photographs.*

All that remains is to wish Charlie and Henry, as they leave us this year, all the very best in the future; and to all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.



## Kestrel Class

Kestrel students have been consolidating a lot of their learning this term. They have spent a considerable amount of time accessing the community. They have worked in small groups and with the assistance of technology have independently navigated around various town centres. They have recently visited Henley on Thames using the bus and train.



Students continue to develop their independent living skills. They have all had the opportunity to use a washing machine and tumble dryer, along with practising their ironing skills.



While shopping in various locations students have been exploring what good value looks like and comparing like for like items. They have also been using manned and self-service checkouts.



Well done to all the students for a fantastic year.

## Owl Class

This term we have been expanding the range of transport we use as part of our PFA community inclusion curriculum. We have been on an accessible boat on the Thames in Henley as well as using the local Reading buses to tour Woodley and get to Woodley library and of course our class favourite – Greggs! We also took a train ride from Twyford to Henley for a picnic in the sun as well as exploring the market in the town centre. We have been working on our communication, increasing our key vocabulary recognition in relation to our travels and transport experiences. The Owl class team would like to wish all the students a happy, relaxing and most importantly FUN summer holiday and we look forward to seeing most of you back in Owl class next year. We have one student leaving us at the end of the summer term so we want to say good luck to Haaris and we hope you come and visit us if you're not too busy with your new college friends!





## Robin Class

Robin class have taken full advantage of our summer term project “I’m a student, get me out of here!” going out in the community, working on town and travel training targets, as well as making memories as we prepare to say goodbye to our leavers.

As usual we have enjoyed the traditional summer term fun activities such as proms and Sports day – how lucky we were this year to have perfect weather – not too hot and not too cold! I can’t believe that the end of the academic year is upon us! It is time for us to say goodbye to our leavers, with a little sadness, but most of all with pride for all they have achieved, and as we always say they will be – they are ready to leave Addington ready for the next stage of their journeys at Reading College and BCA. Good luck Robin leavers – we will miss you!





## 2022 – 23 Residential Trips

Residential trips are an integral part of our co-curricular activities at Addington. These outdoor educational trips afford our young people of varying abilities the opportunity to access adventurous activities and challenges, which give them, not only enriching experiences, but the opportunity to grow in self-confidence; and develop their social and independence skills. After a period of disappointments, this year we finally managed to reintroduce Residential trips for our students.

With the view to providing our students similar experiences, irrespective of ability, we have organised three residential trips this academic year.

In March this year some of our students in the Upper School went to PGL at Liddington, for five days and four nights. They enjoyed a very full programme of outdoor challenges, involving climbing, archery, canoeing, problem solving and team building activities to name a few. Later in the year, in May, some students from Key Stage 3, Year 9, also went to PGL Liddington and enjoyed similar enriching experiences.

In June 2023, some of our students with sensory and complex needs went to the Calvert Trust in Barnstaple, Exmoor where they experienced abseiling, archery, cycling, canoeing, crate stacking, horse riding and the giant swing. The evenings were more recreational, involving a visit from the local zoo and a disco.

Prior to these trips there is understandable trepidation all round, especially among parents of first timers. On our return it is clear that our young people have grown in self-confidence and independence, and developed their social and team building skills.

None of these trips would be possible without the dedication of the staff who give up their time to accompany and support our young people. Special mention needs to be made of Jo Oldreive, Jules Sharman, Kate Perkins, Sarah Parry, Jess Crehan, Gemma Toms, Lauren Willoughby, Bryn Watkinson, Gemma Baston, Cathy Sullivan, Emma Slade, Amelia Silvester, Beth Blaxall Jane Buckland, Emily Howell, Sue Harty, Dhanush Karan, Ian Brown, Nathanael Kent and Lou Duran, who went on one or more residential trips. A big thank you to Shelley Holland, Jackie Young and Ian Brown is also necessary for driving 386 miles to drop off and pick up the group that went to Calvert Trust.

To get some understanding of how beneficial Residential trips are for the wellbeing of not only our young people, but also their parents, some excerpts from parents' feedback about the trips are included.

- This was the first time our son was staying away from family and had been determined to go. Told us a lot about what he did and for him it has been a joyful and happy experience. The feedback he gave us indicated that the Residential had given him confidence on how to be more independent. If there is to be future residential trips there will be no hesitation from mum, who was nervous this time round, to send him next time.
- The residential trip to PGL offered our son a fantastic opportunity to try new activities and interact with new people. He has limited opportunities to do these things usually, so we are extremely grateful that he was able to participate on this trip. He seemed to have lots of fun and was able to talk about several of the activities he had enjoyed. The trip also offers an important opportunity for developing independence, alongside offering some much appreciated respite for parents and siblings. Thank you to all the staff who supported the students on the trip :)

- Our son thoroughly enjoyed his first residential with the School. He loved spending time with his friends and having sleepovers which he wouldn't normally get to do at home. As he has medical needs it was respite for my husband and I to not have to be doing his stoma care for a week.
- Looking forward to next one as it gives me quality time with other child and it also reminds me he is capable and I don't have to do everything for him so allow him to spread his wings and he survives.
- Our daughter absolutely loved the residential trip. I think her self-confidence has grown and she feels part of a group of friends with that experience as a bond.
- Our daughter, a wheelchair user and due to have spinal surgery, had a great time from what I could see and feedback from staff. We knew she was looking forward to going. We knew with the team of staff going that she would be in safe hands. It made leaving her with them easier for me without (so much) worry. As a result, I was able to enjoy a great week myself and recharge the batteries a little (though I missed my sidekick!) and gave her a real taste of grown up independence - something that doesn't come along all that easily or often for her.

I've just asked my daughter if she'd like to go again if she was able to and I got a very definite 'yes' in return! So fingers crossed it'll happen again!!

Residential trips in 2023



## Horticulture

The students from horticulture have been working hard this term planting the vegetables they grew from seeds in the greenhouses. The results are amazing and the students are all very happy with the results.

The City and Guilds students have been working towards gaining their diploma, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year students have now completed this qualification so MASSIVE WELL DONE TO THEM!!! They should all be very proud of themselves.



## Hospitality

This term in Hospitality the students have been busy completing their last units towards their City & Guilds qualification.

We served tea and cake at the Upcycled Auction this week and have had another super busy term in KORE café, keeping everyone going with sweet treats and fresh fruit smoothies!



## TeamSport Mechanics

This summer term our students have completed all their units of Health and Safety, MOTs and Inspections and Introduction to spark ignition power units, achieving a Level 1 diploma in Motor Vehicle Studies.

They demonstrated their ability to deconstruct and reconstruct a go-kart engine and name each part, as well as working alongside TeamSport staff to rebuild a rear axle and fit it into the Kart. Students have also made great progress in their driving ability when testing karts for customer use – following track rules and traffic light systems and controlling the karts carefully with steering and brakes.

This course has been a fantastic opportunity for our student to develop their work ready skills and gain a recognised level 1 diploma in mechanics which will open up opportunities for employment in the manual labour field.



## News from the Workshop

What a busy term!! All the auction items were complete and many 6<sup>th</sup> formers wrote the accompanying descriptions in the catalogue that brought much laughter to the auction that took place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. We are still awaiting final monies but it is looking like we took just over £300 on the day. The students had a great time as Jules (Kestrel teacher) played Auctioneer. Several items had bidding wars.

We also spent some of this half term making greetings card which were very popular at the auction sale. If anyone has any card making bits at home that are spare please feel free to send them into school and ask the class teacher to pass on to me – Gail. We also spent time measuring, bagging, labelling, pricing and sorting items ready for sale. There will be more opportunities to purchase our products next term. Watch this space...





# The Creative Arts Page

This school year has really raced by and already we are nearly at the end of the final term! This term is always a busy but exciting time for the Creative Arts team. Proms Week returned as students took part in various performances and we had our Special Superstar concert for the first time since 2019!

## Addington Proms Week

Proms week is a chance for every student at Addington to perform and share their talents with family and friends. Yet again we were so proud of the performances of every student and our Addington community celebrated and supported everyone as they shared their music. EY and KS2 took part in Art and Drama workshops and our Drama 6<sup>th</sup> Form Community group performed their version of 'Hamlet' to KS3 classes.



## Class Performances

Every class group performed during Proms week. Pieces included 'Three Little Birds', 'So What', 'Play Some Jazz' and 'Fly Me to the Moon'. In the sensory theatre, classes have enjoyed their performance based upon 'The Lion King'. Some Early Years classes enjoyed their performances in their classrooms, singing and playing along to songs they have enjoyed this year. Classes all performed brilliantly; everyone should be very proud of their achievements.

## Instrumental Concerts

All of our students that have instrumental lessons performed with the support of their teacher. They really impressed everyone with how much they have developed their skills over the year and have inspired some of our students to try new instruments.

## Addington Ensembles

The week was a chance to showcase our ensembles and groups. Our Addington Band performed new pieces and showed how much they have progressed as an ensemble over the year, with their best performance to date! Our Sixth Form Music Community Group performed some pieces they have taken out to schools recently as part of workshops they have been delivering. Our Superstar choir had their chance to perform with a few soloists, singing 'Flashlight', 'Spaceman', 'All of Me', 'Fix You'. We also see the return of Xylophone and Percussion club and our Rock Band, who performed 'Come As You Are' and 'Get It On'.

## Visiting Schools

Once again we had local schools visit us during Proms week to perform. They included Willowbank Infants, Emmbrook Juniors, Westende, Willowbank Juniors, Walter Infants, Keep Hatch and Bearwood.



## **Addington's Got Talent!**

The Talent Show was a fantastic again this year and brought the whole school together. There were two concerts which was filled with students across all age groups taking to the stage, including solos, duets and class groups!



## Drama

In KS3 students have finished their film projects. Students created short films based on local locations. Students created interesting stories. For example;

At Greggs Bakery, they ran out of sausage rolls and gave everyone donuts!

At Bulmershe Leisure Centre, the fire alarm went off so the football match was cancelled. At Woodford Park, students found a cat and then someone fell in the pond!



In KS4, students have completed their arts award projects. Students have been involved in drama activities to develop communication, self-expression and collaboration with others.

In KS5 students perform their last showing of Hamlet the Game to students in Key Stage 3 at Addington School. The audience enjoyed watching this tense and energetic performance. Finn in Chestnut class said he liked the fight scene between Hamlet Jr and Claudius. Milena in Elm class commented that she would like to perform in the show.

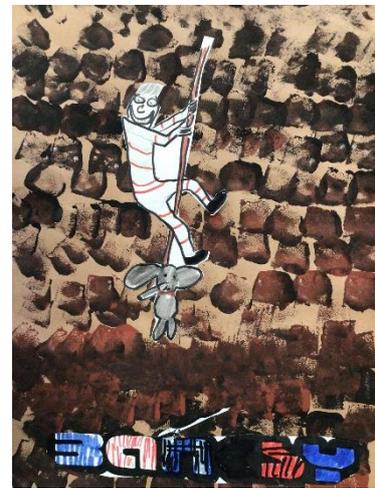
In addition, students in the Wonky Veg Theatre Company lead a drama workshop after the performance. Students were in groups and each led a drama game with the KS3 students. This is part of gaining their arts award and showing leadership.



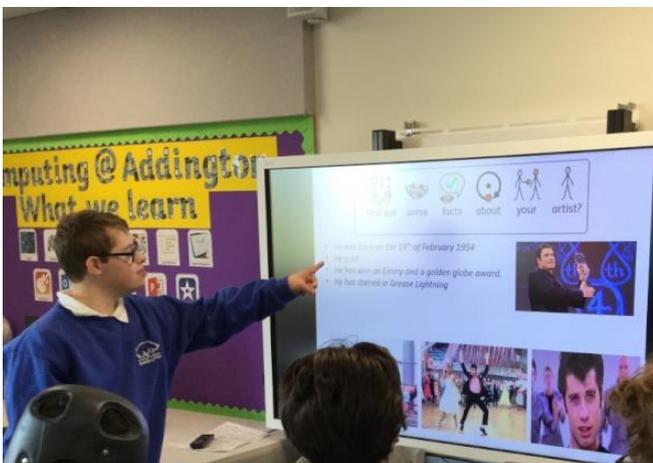
## Art

Key Stage 3 have continued exploring maps and creating images relating to the topic 'Where we Live'. Sycamore, Elm and Chestnut Class have almost finished a large scale collaborative map of Reading and surrounding areas. Within this piece of work they have used a wide range of materials and processes such as printing, drawing, painting and collage.

Maple and Aspen have also continued exploring mixed media creating work relating to key landmarks in Reading – including Banksy's artwork.



KS4 have been finishing their stop motion films. They are now on the website if you'd like to have a look. Students have also been creating PowerPoints of people in the arts that inspire them. Some presented their presentations to their peers.



6<sup>th</sup> Form Art community group have completed all of the canvases for the new classrooms at Addington School and they are all hung!

We then set to work on creating resources for an early years 'Active Art Workshop'. Some early years classes were able to come outside and enjoy some of our activities before the weather eventually got the better of us.



### **Special Superstar**

We were delighted to see the return of Special Superstar to Addington School. We were joined by Kennel Lane and Castle School for the concert where everyone had been learning the songs our 'Superstars' had been rehearsing. It was a great event where our students were able to interact and socialise with our children from the visiting schools. Our choir and superstars did themselves so proud. Well done everyone!

### **Key Stage 1 Singing Event**

This half term we have hosted a morning of singing for Key Stage 1 children in the local area. Over 250 children from schools across the Wokingham Borough came to join us for a fun singing morning including some Addington pupils from Bluebell, Primrose, Lily and Daffodil Classes.

## Year 9 Photography Project

This year, our Yr9's have been working towards achieving their Explore Arts Award with Jules through a photography project. They have explored taking pictures of people, still life and nature. They have picked their favourite photos and commented on why. All students have visited South Hill Park Arts Centre in Bracknell or Woodley Library to find out more about local arts organisations. All their chosen photos were displayed in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Hall at the end of June for students to come and view. The photographs were amazing and some very original. Well done everyone!



What an amazing year! Wishing you a restful and sunny summer holiday!

The Creative Arts Team



# News from the Association

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## Addington Association Update

- The new Co-Chairs (Nicola Perkins and Chris Bothwell) and Treasurer (Graham Turrell) have been getting stuck into their new roles and planning ahead for next term. If you have any questions or ideas for the Addington Association - or just want to get involved - please let us know at [addingtonassociation@gmail.com](mailto:addingtonassociation@gmail.com)
- Did you know the Addington Association has its own [facebook page](#)? We'll be getting it up-to-date with information about upcoming events shortly - in the meantime, please do head on over and follow the page



- The Addington School Lottery continues to generate winners, with another winner from the Addington community this month. If you're interested, you can sign up [here](#), with funds raised supporting and enriching the Addington experience for our children as well as giving you a chance to win the £25,000 grand prize.
- We know it's the height of summer, but it's only 160 days until Christmas, so we're starting to plan ahead for the Christmas Carol Concert and the Addington Christmas Fayre. Dates are still TBC - keep an eye out here or on our [facebook page](#) for dates and details as they become available.

While you are doing your shopping online why not go via the EasyFundraising website so that every purchase gives a small donation to the Addington Association at no cost to you? Companies such as John Lewis, M&S, Boden, Expedia, eBay, all the major supermarkets, holiday operators, insurance providers, plus a wide range of smaller online shops can all be accessed via EasyFundraising. To get started just register on the site using the following link and then start shopping via the website. You pay exactly the same price for your shopping as if you visited the retailer's website directly.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/addingtonschoolassociation](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/addingtonschoolassociation)

Nicola Perkins and Chris Bothwell  
Co-Chairs  
Addington Association

## ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022 - 2023



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### AUTUMN TERM 2022

<b>Inset Days – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Friday 2 September &amp; Monday 5 September 2022</b>
<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Tuesday 6 September 2022</b>
<b>Inset Day – (Closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Friday 21 October</b>
<b>Half Term – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October inclusive</b>
<b>Inset Day (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 31 October 2022</b>
<b>Term Restarts</b>	<b>Tuesday 1 November 2022</b>
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Tuesday 20 December 2022</b>

### SPRING TERM 2023

<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Wednesday 4 January 2023</b>
<b>Half Term – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023 inclusive</b>
<b>Term Restarts</b>	<b>Monday 20 February 2023</b>
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Friday 31 March 2023</b>

### SUMMER TERM 2023

<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Monday 17 April 2023</b>
<b>Bank Holiday for the Coronation of the King (school closed)</b>	<b>Monday 8 May 2023</b>
<b>Inset Day – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Friday 26 May</b>
<b>Half Term – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023 inclusive</b>
<b>Term Restarts</b>	<b>Monday 5 June 2023</b>
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Friday 21 July 2023</b>

#### **Inset Days – School closed to pupils**

Friday 2 September 2022  
 Monday 5 September 2022  
 Friday 21 October 2022  
 Monday 31 October 2022  
 Friday 26 May 2023

## ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023 - 2024



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### AUTUMN TERM 2023

<b>Inset Days – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Friday 1 September &amp; Monday 4 September 2023</b>
<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Tuesday 5 September 2023</b>
<b>Inset Day – (Closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Friday 20 October 2023</b>
<b>Half Term – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023 inclusive</b>
<b>Inset Day (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 30 October 2023</b>
<b>Term Restarts</b>	<b>Tuesday 31 October 2023</b>
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Friday 15 December 2023</b>

### SPRING TERM 2024

<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Tuesday 2 January 2024</b>
<b>Half Term – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February 2024 inclusive</b>
<b>Term Restarts</b>	<b>Monday 19 February 2024</b>
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Thursday 28 March 2024</b>

### SUMMER TERM 2024

<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Monday 15 April 2024</b>
<b>Inset Day – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Friday 24 May 2024</b>
<b>Half Term – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May 2024 inclusive</b>
<b>Term Restarts</b>	<b>Monday 3 June 2024</b>
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Tuesday 23 July 2024</b>

#### **Inset Days – School closed to pupils**

Friday 1 September 2023  
Monday 4 September 2023  
Friday 20 October 2023  
Monday 30 October 2023  
Friday 24 May 2024