



# ADDINGTON

## NEWSLETTER

July 2015

**HELLO EVERYONE!!**

As always the term seems to have flown by and as I write, we only have a few days left of this academic year.

This summer term started with the building and completion of our super new play area for our secondary aged pupils. It has certainly proved to be popular and we had a lovely event last week, officially opening it. Also the sculptures have arrived for the wobbly path area. These are beautiful and have some lovely textures to feel.

The Early Years Foundation Stage Moderation visit took place on 7<sup>th</sup> May. The visit took the form of a professional discussion regarding the levels that we have awarded the children on the EYFS Profile, completed at the end of Reception year. The moderator studied a total of five children with a range of abilities from both Foundation Stage classes. The moderator agreed with our judgements and commented very positively. "All the staff know the children very well. They are well supported children with lots of individual care provided by a range of staff". We were, of course, very pleased with the outcome.

This term we say goodbye to a few staff who are moving on to new challenges. It is great to know that several of our young staff are choosing to further their careers, working with children. At the other end of the scale we say farewell to Mary Loudon and Ian Ayre, who are both retiring after many years of service. Mary is an outstanding teacher who has made an enormous contribution to Addington pupils over the years. Recently her skills have been supporting our Access groups where her innovative and exciting teaching, has made their lives all the richer.

Ian has given 21 years of service to the pupils, parents and staff of Addington School. He has achieved a lot over those years. Ian has a skilful way of putting into words, the achievements in areas that have made us great. Ian collected the contributions together and was able to put everyone's passion and talent into bids which gave us our Music Specialist status, our SEN status, our Gold Art's award and our Healthy schools. I am sure there are more. A real legacy to leave the school, Ian has lead us in our Data, our evidence of the standards we achieve with the children. He has collected it, dissected it and presented it in such a way that it helped us shine, because it demonstrated our pupils' achievements and the staff commitment to get us there. He has collected our school improvement evidence in our School Improvement Plan, on our SEF, and proved to the world the work we all do and the difference it makes to pupils. He has kept us safe, both in school and on trips and most of all he ensures we know how to keep our children and young people safeguarded from those who mean harm. Ian has been an "outstanding" Deputy Head and I am privileged to have worked alongside him all these years. I could not have asked for a better colleague and friend through the challenges of headship.

We wish them both very happy retirements with time to enjoy the things they have not had time to do.

We wish all our pupil leavers every success at college or their next placement and I wish you all a happy and hopefully relaxing summer break.

**Liz Meek**  
**HEADTEACHER**

# SPORTS PAGES



## Basketball Inter-house– 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2015

70 students competed against each other in BASKETBALL and displayed some brilliant skills and excellent 'sportspersonship'.

Here are the final results:

1st - **Yellow Tigers** 15 pts

2nd - **Red Eagles** - 13pts

3rd - **Green Crocodiles** - 11 pts

4th - **Blue Sharks** - 9 pts

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

**Green** – Alvin Ah-kee, Jamal Medford, Daryl Dollery & Khalil Ankrah

**Yellow** – James McKeown, Matthew Trepte, George Mills & Nathan Hunter

**Blue** - Catherine Dowling, Clive Soutter, Henry Stentiford & Chanique Gage

**Red** – Tom Alford, Shaun Verney, Adam Halliday, Shayne Kirby and Ben Walker

All these awards were for a combination of excellent play and also great teamwork and spirit.



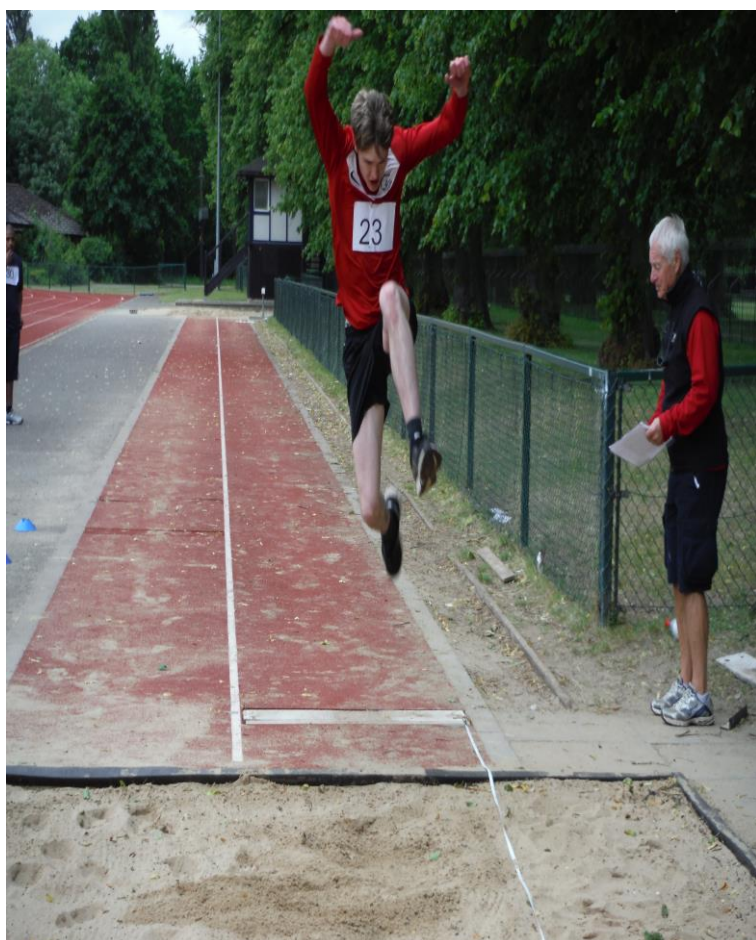


### *Kennet Games – 9<sup>th</sup>* *May 2015*

Addington competed in the Kennet games at the Kennet School in Thatcham.

All pupils competed in Boccia, Table Skittles, Wall Darts, Javelin, Skittles and obstacle races. Well done to all the students for representing Addington so brilliantly.

Thanks to Fiona Hulley and Jonathan Malone for supporting the students during the day



### *Special Olympics – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2105*

A number of our FE students competed in the Special Olympics at Thames Valley Athletics Centre and won!!!! They all competed in two track events, two field events and a relay.

We had three relay teams and all won by a considerable margin. The team spirit on the day was fantastic with all students cheering each other on and also helping out those that suffered injuries.

A special mention goes to our Team Captain who won all of his events, and Jeremy Smith who ran a fantastic 800m race, winning by a huge margin. Well done to you all!!!!!!!!!!



### *Penathlon Games – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015*

Addington attended the Panathlon Games at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium in Aylesbury. 24 pupils competed in loads of events including Boccia, Kurling, Polybat, Table Cricket, Javelin and relay races. They made Addington proud with excellent behaviour and great skills. Addington competed well in all events and ended in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Thanks to all staff for your wonderful support and for making the day such a success.





## **Dance Festival - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

14 Addington students participated in the Dance Festival for the second time.

Most primary and secondary schools in Woodley participated in this event as part of the Woodley Schools Sports Week. The theme was 'Dance through the Ages'.

Our students presented a 1950's 'Rock and Roll' dance. They practised this dance for 8 weeks during Thursday lunchtimes, and worked very hard to make it a successful performance.

Well done to all who performed brilliantly in front of 7 other schools, and parents in the Woodford Park Leisure Centre sports hall. A big thank you to Suzanne, Colette, Ellie M and Tania D for giving up their time and making this event such a success



## **Woodley Schools Sports Week – Paralympics, Multiskills and Athletics – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Primary classes attended either: the Paralympics, Multiskills or Athletics at the Bulmershe leisure centre and field. The pupils competed in many different events including: Boccia, Goalball, Seated Volleyball, Running, Blindfold Beanbag Treasure Hunt and an obstacle course. Addington enjoyed participating with other local primary schools in Woodley.



## *Primary, Secondary and FE Sports Days June 2015*

Thank you to all staff and students for making our 2 sports days so successful. The best sport of all was the weather, the sun shone beautifully for both days.

The secondary/FE was held on the Wednesday and Primary on the Thursday. Both days started with skills/games sessions in the morning and the races in the afternoon. The highlight of both days again was the Tug of War competition before lunch. The Blue Sharks were proud to take the secondary and FE title. The Yellow Tigers won it on the primary day.

There were some fantastic performances and all really enjoyed the two sports days. Thanks to classes who arrived with some very bright colourful house shirts and banners. Most importantly it was great to see so many parents out supporting. A big thank you to our young sports leaders and the sports leaders from Bulmershe for helping to run both days. Thanks again to the Music department for doing the music and announcing on both afternoons. A big thank you also goes to non-class based staff and volunteers who assisted classes.





## Secondary & FE Results

EVENTS	Gold	Result	Silver	Result	Bronze	Result
Softball Throw	Finley Jewell *	28.4 m	Liam Fuller	26.7m	Charlie Soutter	24.7m
Javelin	Jeremy Smith	20.9m	Stuart Waters	17.76m	Shane Chaplin	17.27m
Discus	Liam Alleyne *	21.50m	Shane Chaplin	21.30	Phillip Spriggs	20.20m
Boccia	James Doncom	200	Hayley Neal	170	Jamal Medford	140
Ball chest throw	Stuart Waters	7.50m	Jamie Kirkwood	6m	Tom Alford	6m (c/b)
Standing long jump	Stuart Waters *	2.64m	Alex Carey	2.30m	Liam Alleyne	1.98m
Vertical Jump	Clive Soutter *	54cm	Tom Goldfinch	44cm	Luke Adams	38cm
Archery	Daniel Silk	21pts	Alex Carey	18pts	Khalil Ankrah	16pts
Rowing (30 sec)	Liam Alleyne *	168 m	Shane Chaplin	164m	Phillip Spriggs	156m

\*School records

c/b – Count Back





### Primary Results

EVENTS	Gold	Result	Silver	Result	Bronze	Result
Rounders Ball Throw	Danny Shilton *	18.14m	Joseph Kenneh	16.89m	Adam Halliday	16.20m
Javelin	Danny Shilton	8.10 m	Adam Halliday	7.6m	Charlie Manning	7.2m
Kurling	Ria Lakhanpal *	150	Lauren Simmonds	110	Sofia De Mesquita	105
Boccia	Isaac Sheikh	250	Jake Hitchman	170	Kosi Ilonah Bobby Sawyer	150
Ball chest throw	Ollie McGrath *	5m	David Russell	5m c/b	David Bentley	4m
Standing long jump	Danny Shilton *	1.34m	Jack Healey	1.38m	Grace Gessey	1.34m

\*School records

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## Berkshire School Games – Tennis and Parathon – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015

A group of 12 students attended the Berkshire School Games representing the Wokingham district at Wellington College. 4 competed in the Tennis against other mainstream schools and won bronze medals. The other 8 students won gold medals for competing in the Parathon consisting of Seated Volleyball, Athletics and Swimming. Well done to all the students, who really enjoyed their day out.

## Football Interhouse

Another successful Inter-house competition happened on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July.

25 students competed in the Primary competition while 60 students competed in the Secondary/FE competition. Congratulations to the **RED EAGLES** for winning the Primary football Interhouse and to the **GREEN CROCODILES** for winning the Secondary/FE competition.

Thanks you to all the staff that helped to make it such a success, the atmosphere was amazing.



## **Bulmershe Gymnastics Club**

Over the last two terms, some of our Primary classes have been lucky enough to visit Bulmershe Gymnastics Club, a purpose-built gymnasium, for a few sessions. The pupils have all had great fun trying out the sprung floor, beams, bars, vault and trampoline, as well as braving the jump into the big foam-filled pit! They have worked so hard and really shown some surprising talents, especially on the bars and the trampoline - some gymnasts in the making perhaps! The year 5/6 classes that have been using the gym this term have been working towards their first gymnastics badges, which they have had to perform lots of skills for and they are all very excited for receiving them at the end of the term. Thank you to all the class staff who have joined in with such enthusiasm and made the sessions such fun for the pupils!

**Fiona**







# BEAT THE STREET

Well done to all the classes and individuals who participated in the 8 week **‘Beat the Street’** competition. It was a great scheme to get everyone out to walk, cycle or run more. It was lovely to see families out too.

I am proud to say that 158 Addington students and staff participated and managed **1183 miles** (23,650 points) in the 8 weeks. 4274 Woodley students and residents participated and managed 54,708 miles.

Our top scorers were:

- Ellie Meredew **39.5 miles** (790 points)
- Henry Stentiford **37.5 miles** (750 points)
- Hannah Shawcross **35 miles** (700 points)
- Dalia Omer **32.5 miles** (650 points)
- Vincent Miles **21.5 miles** (430 points)
- Jake Hitchman **18.5 miles** (370 points)
- Khalil Ankrah **10.5 miles** (210 points)

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# The Music Page

*This school year has really raced by and already we are nearly at the end of the final term! It's a busy but exciting time for the music team as students take part in performances and show how much they have improved over the year in our Proms Week*

## Addington Proms

### Class Performances

*Every class group performed brilliantly throughout the week and students should be very proud of their achievements. Classes had performed a huge variety of music, from a country performance of 'Sweet Home Alabama' to some different dance styles like the tango and salsa. It is always hard to pick out highlights but Lynda and Esther's class mash up of 'Where is the love?' and 'Price Tag' displayed some excellent*



*independent instrumental and ensemble skills and Abi S' class really showed how much they had improved over the year with performing marching band rhythms on drums. We also had a few performances in the sensory theatre where classes shared an example session with visitors.*





## 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

Our Addington band and theatre club performed during the Proms week. This year we also featured new ensembles. The xylophone and percussion club did an outstanding performances of 'On top of spaghetti' and 'The prehistoric animal brigade'; all taking turns to perform solos. The school choir performed 3 popular songs displaying their growing development with singing. We also had performances from both primary and secondary rhythm groups, which really impressed us with their samba beats and ensemble work.





### Addington's Got Talent!

*The Talent Show was a fantastic end to the week and brought the whole school together. Yet again our students showed their talents of singing and dancing as the afternoon was filled with students between year 1 and year 14 taking to the stage.*

*Thank you to everyone who supported the week and well done to every student!*

*Also this term...*

### Rhona is back!

*We would like to welcome back Rhona who returned from her maternity leave after having her daughter back in the autumn. The school has missed you and are glad to see you back. ☺*

### Ten Pieces Concert - The Hexagon

*KS2 were invited to attend the 'Ten Pieces' concert at The Hexagon in Reading. They had listened to performances of Holst's 'The Planets' and '2001: A Space Odyssey' performed by professionals from Berkshire Maestros.*

### Key Stage 1 singing event

*This half term we have hosted a morning of singing for Key Stage 1 children. Over 350 children came to join us for a morning and sang together.*

*Wishing you a restful and sunny summer holiday!*

*Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin*





# Horticulture



With the very warm weather our tomatoes are ripening really fast. The students have enjoyed picking and eating them. The onions are the largest we have ever grown and our garlic is looking a good size. We are at war with blackfly on the runner beans and Chard and the slugs are causing more than a few problems at the allotment. We were very pleased with our courgettes but then they all were destroyed overnight by a fox.

The students have done very well planting up hanging baskets this year, raising over £100 for the Calvert Trust, and receiving very good feedback from the customers.

5 FE students have now successfully completed their Diplomas, and 7 their Certificates in the City and Guilds Practical horticulture qualification. They have worked really hard in all kinds of weather, without complaining and should feel very proud of their achievements. Both groups have played a big part in keeping the school gardens looking good - dealing with the weeds and planting up the beds and containers

The chainsaw sculptures for the wobbly path recently arrived and some of the FE gardeners helped to dig the holes and to postcrete them in position.

Several other classes have been working on their raised beds and in their courtyards, growing flowers, tomatoes, peppers, and beans.

**Chris Jones**



## Dear Parents/ Carers

Summer is finally upon us, and as always this half term has been fantastic at Addington. With Sports Days, Proms and all the trips and events that have been organised, it has been great to see the children so happy and involved.

This has also been an interesting half term in Parent Support. It has been fantastic to greet Dr Cathy Tissot from the University of Reading to present parent workshops on Autism and Sexuality; this is a very important topic for parents and carers so I am very happy she has agreed to share her research with us. We are also working with the University of Reading by running a parent focus group, looking at the availability of provision for parents of youngsters with special needs. Hopefully this work will help inform future opportunities for our youngsters.

Please continue to use the Parent Support Page on the Addington website for information, advice and support and do not hesitate to contact me either through class or via reception if you feel I may be able to help you and your family in any way.

I wish you and your families a happy, restful and sunny summer holiday, (though not too hot!).

**Lucy Sayer – Parent Support Adviser**

ASD Family Help have produced a newsletter which outlines the support that they can provide for families and specific activities available over the summer. This can be found on their website [www.asdfamilyhelp.org](http://www.asdfamilyhelp.org)

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# 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 Summer term,  
come along and try a session.

Contact Wokingham Mencap on 0300 777 8539 for more information.

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# Good Behaviour Award Winners



Congratulations to the following Students who achieved good behaviour awards for the 1st half of Summer Term:

Lewie Cheeseman. Finn Bedford. Grace Gessey. David Russell.  
Christopher Smith. Luke Adams. Summer Dixon. Charlie Soutter.  
Corey Roberts. Brigitte Muzeen. Bobby Sawyer. Ayse Akyildiz.  
Tafari Wynne. Matthew Lawrence. Liam Wardle. George Mills.  
Hannah Shawcross

Well done everyone....keep up the good behaviour!

Simone Pengraeve

Behaviour Support Teacher



## Addington Association

### Grand Draw

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and donated items for the draw. £570 was raised which is a fantastic amount. I would like to thank Barbi for organising and running the draw for the Association, and also for her continuous support for all our events.

### Dates for the diary!!

Already we look to our events next term and we have 2 things planned.

First after the success of our school disco last year we have decided to have another one! It will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and as before will be separated into Junior and Senior.

Secondly we have contacted Santa and he is free to attend our Christmas Fayre on the 28<sup>th</sup> November! We have also booked Tempest photography for those all-important family portraits. We will be asking for donations of alcoholic bottles for our popular tombola and as always are open to any ideas you may have for stalls or games. You can email any suggestions to [nataliemwalker@virginmedia.com](mailto:nataliemwalker@virginmedia.com)

We are also looking for raffle prizes for the grand draw so if you have any contacts who may be able to support us we would be very grateful. The fayre is only as good as the support that we receive from you the parents. All the money we raise goes directly to the children of the school.

I hope you all have a lovely summer break filled with sunshine and fun

Natalie Walker

Chair of Addington Association

# WORK RELATED LEARNING

## Young Entrepreneurs

The students are continuing to run a very successful café at Shutters and they are now approaching the end of the first year's trading! We have all been really amazed at how everyone has matured and grown in confidence. We are so proud of this group and how they have performed throughout this project. We have had wonderful feedback from customers about how much they value the café and how impressed they are with the service that they get from all our students. It has been a great forum for them to develop their catering skills in a real life business setting as well as developing their social and work skills. They look forward each week to Thursdays and have built up a great rapport with the staff from the council. We are delighted that this has been such a successful project and we look forward to it continuing next term.

## National Grid

We have been working very hard to ensure that everything is organised for September. Martina Christie and Judith Shannon have been appointed as Job Coaches and they have undertaken Training in 'Systematic Instruction' to ensure that they can break down the work tasks for the students in their placements. They will support each student in their identified department until they are confident that the student can work independently and achieve a successful outcome.

The students attended a Taster Day where they undertook tasks in the different work areas alongside the NG managers. It was a super day and everyone was pleased at how well the students participated in the activities and worked so well together. The National Grid also organised a morning for parents to visit. This was such a great opportunity for parents and staff to get to know each other, to find out about the company and the jobs that the students would be undertaking from September. It was a wonderful morning and now everyone is looking forward to the future and a good working partnership.

## Work Experience

The work placements this year have been very successful with some students being offered employment at their places of work! We have used a number of new companies this year and have been very pleased with their support and input. It has been wonderful to hear the students talk about their placements and for some, how their experience has influenced their thoughts for the future. Some of our students have since applied for part time work and also engaged with the Job Recruitment Centre!



## Citizenship

On the 7<sup>th</sup> May, we had a well contested election of school Buddies. Lots of students put their names forward as candidates and produced great posters detailing why everyone should vote for them! Students addressed their department assemblies to take part in question and answer sessions and it was great to see their enthusiasm.

Some students who needed to go off-site on Election Day, applied for 'postal votes' and this gave them an understanding of how this system works in a General Election.

On Polling Day, the prospective Buddies campaigned outside the polling station and lots of students volunteered to act as scrutineers. It was interesting to watch democracy in action as each student in school queued up to vote. Some knew exactly who they were going to vote for and others took a little bit of time to think about it!

It was great to see our students taking part as active citizens and making individual decisions.

There was great excitement as the new Buddies were elected at the 'count' and they looked forward to starting their new roles. We said thank you to all the students who took part and also a thank you to our Buddies who had completed their term of office.

## SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE LIST



**Primary Pupils..... £1.95 per day**  
**Secondary/FE Pupils.....£2.15 per day**

**All monies should be paid in advance.**

**ONLINE PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE please ask for details**

**Please remember that your child does need to bring money in on a daily basis, lunch **MUST** be paid for every day.**



**ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES**  
**2015 - 2016**

**Autumn Term 2015**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Half Term:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Training Days for Staff – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Spring Term 2016**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**Half Term:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Training Day for Staff – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Summer Term 2016**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

May Day Holiday – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – school closed

**Half Term:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Training Days for staff – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – school closed

**190 days for pupils**