



ADDINGTON

NEWSLETTER

Dec 2015

HELLO EVERYONE!!

As I write, here at school we have moved into Christmas mood! It is always lovely but of course for us it is a balance of routine, and building in a bit of excitement and change.

The arrival of the Christmas trees at the start of December is really the start of the change of atmosphere. I have the annual pleasure of watching children's faces as they arrive to the tree every morning. What is so delightful, are the little ones decorating the tree in the entrance hall. It is mostly their work so we live with the huge amount of baubles near the bottom of the tree, and often several on the same branch. Absolutely magical!

We are approaching the end of a very long and busy term. Pupils have worked really hard in class as well as participating in clubs, music or sporting events; as you will read in the following pages.

Our group of entrepreneurs have now been running the café at Shute End on Thursdays, for a year. This has proved to be really successful and a great introduction to world of work. Our project in the National Grid is working well and our 4 interns have almost completed their first work placements within the company. It is great to see them develop as they get used to the expectations of a work environment.

We have been working on our new website and have been held up going live because we want to ensure links to Purple Mash are maintained so the children can access their learning opportunities at home. Hopefully this will soon be resolved and we can go live with the new site.

I would like to say welcome to our new parent governor Sukhwinder Sondhi. We do still need one more parent governor. Please think about this over the holidays. It is a very important job but we can keep it manageable, in terms of work load. Just one more volunteer please!

Do have a very Happy Christmas and I wish you all a great start to 2016. School re-opens for students on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

Liz Meek
HEADTEACHER

SPORTS PAGES



Cricket Inter-house 19th & 22nd October

Well done to our all cricketers who participated in the Cricket inter-house competitions. Primary played continuous cricket and Secondary/FE played diamond cricket. The students worked well as a team in their fielding and batting. It was the second time we have run a Primary Cricket inter-house event and 30 students seemed to really enjoy it. 70 Secondary/FE students represented their houses.

Most displayed some brilliant skills and excellent 'sportspersonship'. Thanks you to all the staff that helped to make it such a success, the atmosphere was fantastic. Red Eagles won the Primary cricket competition and Yellow Tigers won the Secondary/FE competition.

THE FINAL RESULTS

Primary

- 1st - **Red Eagles** (6 points)
- 2nd - **Green Crocs** (6 points)
- 3rd - **Blue sharks** (3 points)
- 4th - **Yellow Tigers** (3 points)

Secondary/FE

- 1st - **Yellow Tigers** (14 points)
- 2nd - **Green Crocs** & **Blue sharks** (10 points)
- 3rd - **Red Eagles** (7 points)

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

Well done to all. We are looking forward to the next inter-house competition:





Inter school Tag-Rugby tournament at Brookfields School– 19th November 2015

Addington took two teams to the Tag Rugby tournament at Brookfields School. They played some fantastic Rugby and showed great sportsmanship. Thanks to Jono, Jackie and Chris for their support on the trip.

Primary Athletics at Bulmershe Leisure Centre- November 2015

Nine of our students represented Addington School at the Primary Athletics tournament held at Bulmershe Leisure Centre. There were a number of mainstream Primary Schools at the event where the students competed in activities such as relay races, vertical high jump, javelin, standing long jump, speed bounce and chest throw. Our students were a credit to our school with their effort and sportsmanship.



School Games Silver Award

We were very happy to be awarded Silver Games Mark accreditation for 2014-2015 for KS2 engagement. It is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of sport across their school and into the community. Our school was selected by Youth Sports Trust to be externally validated. Many congratulations to the other successful Wokingham Schools:

Gold Games Mark

Nine Mile Ride
Radstock
Shinfield St. Mary's

Silver Games Mark

Addington

Beechwood
St. Nicholas

Bronze Games Mark

Robert Piggott Juniors



Young Ambassador Training conference November 2015

On the 24th November, two students attended the Young Sports Ambassadors leadership academy at the Madejski Stadium. This day gave Addington's young ambassadors essential training for the Schools Games that will be held in the spring and summer next year. The day started with an inspirational speech from a first class cricketer Tim Linley. The ambassadors then attended 3 different leadership workshops. The workshops included: communication, inclusion and coaching. The students really enjoyed the day meeting loads of new people from mainstream and special schools around Berkshire.





Football tournament – November 2015

On Thursday 26th November Addington took two teams to compete in an SEN football tournament that was held at the Madjeski Training Centre. Both teams competed really well and played some very good football. Huge congratulations to one of our students who picked up the player of the tournament award!



Kurling tournament at Bulmershe Leisure Centre November 2015

Four students competed against students from five other local primary schools. The matches were close and they improved during the tournament winning one game. They behaved exceptionally well and were a credit to the school. The students were cheered on by their families.



Secondary Boccia tournament at Bulmershe Leisure Centre-November 2015

Six of our students represented our school at a secondary Boccia tournament which included other SEN and mainstream schools from around Wokingham. We took two teams of three, with one of our teams just missing out on 1st place. One of our teams came 2nd, with the result coming down to just points scored, as they finished on the same amount of points. Well done guys!

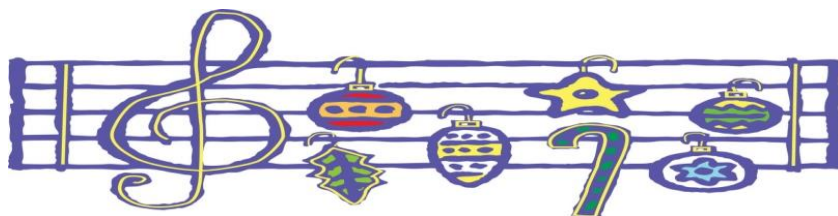
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Year 5 + 6 Athletics at Bulmershe Leisure Centre- November 2015

Nine of our students represented Addington School at the Year 5 & 6 Athletics tournament held at Bulmershe Leisure Centre. There were a number of mainstream Primary Schools at the event, where the students competed in activities such as relay races, vertical high jump, javelin, standing long jump, speed bounce and chest throw. Our students were a credit to our school with their excellent behaviour and effort.



The Music Page

This term has been full of music and music events. As the term draws to a close the music team is busy singing festive songs in the school and the wider community.

Lessons

At the start of the half term many classes were playing 'Ghostbusters' and learning about the roles of instruments within an ensemble. Students following our sensory curriculum have been exploring songs and sounds on a river journey and our younger students have been looking at autumn songs.

Gamelan Sessions



Our Key Stage 3 classes took part in a gamelan music session at Wellington College earlier in the term. They had the opportunity to play on authentic Javanese instruments and really enjoyed the amazing sound of the instruments.

Music Workshop

We enjoyed a workshop day in November where students experienced playing the spoons. They learnt different ways to use body percussion and create rhythmic patterns.



School Production: Oliver!

We have now fully cast our school production which will take place at the end of April. We were so impressed with the enthusiasm and talent of the students that auditioned, and we're really looking forward to rehearsing next term.

Carol singing



Lots of Addington staff and students joined us in Woodley Precinct for our carol singing afternoon. We really enjoyed starting the festive season with our favourite songs!

The music team wishes you all a merry Christmas and a very happy and musical new year!

Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin

Dear Parents/ Carers

It seems only a moment ago I was welcoming you all back and now Christmas is upon us! Christmas is always the most amazing time of year at Addington and hopefully I will have caught up with, or will catch up with, many of you at one of our fantastic Christmas events.

Parent Support has been busy as ever. We have run two further workshops this half term; PECS and Understanding Autism, and are putting together plans for workshops to run in the new year. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for topics you would like to see covered. We are also keen to get more Addington dads, granddads and male carers involved with Parent Support events, so any suggestions about what would be interesting, or even just suggestions for a social event, would be greatly appreciated.

I wish you and your families a restful holiday. However you celebrate this time of the year, I hope you have a wonderful time!

Lucy Sayer – Parent Support Adviser

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 lunch MUST be paid for every day.



Good Behaviour Award Winners



Congratulations to the following Students who achieved good behaviour awards for the 2nd half of Autumn Term:

Lewie Cheeseman. Jan Alpar. Eden Chafer. Chloe Wilkins. Tommy Hunter.
Haadiya Ahmad. Lloyd Locke. Presley Shearer. Christopher Smith.
Tom Cannon. Chanique Gage. Daniel Skeates. Mary Ellen Lally.
Jasmine Pritchard. Sofia De Mesquita. Liam Wardle. Shaun Verney.
Tom Goldfinch. Harry Shearer. Jay Kruger. Scott Denton. Jamie Kirkwood.
Nataasza Wolfenden. Christopher Lyalle.

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

Simone Pengraeve
Behaviour Support Teacher

The Wizard of Oz Pantomime



The Rotary Club of Loddon Vale are sponsoring a free performance of the Twyford and Ruscombe Theatre Group's annual pantomime. They have been sponsoring this event for over 30 years, for children with disabilities and their families in the local area.

The performance this year will be **The Wizard of Oz**, held on Tuesday 12th January 2016, starting at 7.45pm at Loddon Hall, Twyford.

Please can you let the office know if you intend to go, so that we can let them know numbers to expect. office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk

Addington Association



Already we're at the end of the term and we've had some lovely events. The Disco was a lovely evening with so many children and parents enjoying a boogie. We look forward to next year's already.

The Christmas fayre was a great success raising £2300 towards another minibus whilst also providing a really fun filled afternoon. I want to thank everyone who gave up their time to get things ready or to work on a stall, the fayre really couldn't run without you.

Next term we'll be holding our AGM as well as an Easter raffle and thinking ahead to our summer events.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you

Natalie Walker
Chair of Addington Association

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 winter term,
come along and try a session.

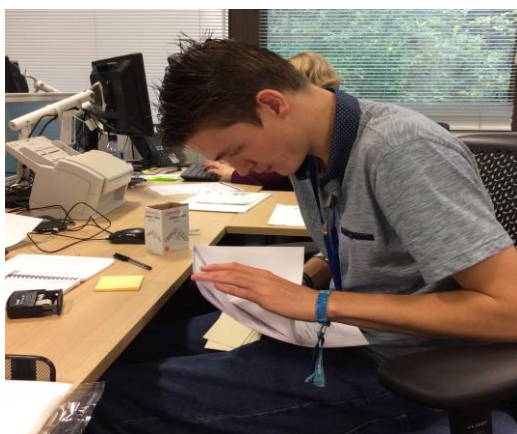
Contact Wokingham Mencap on 0300 777 8539 for more information.

WORK RELATED LEARNING

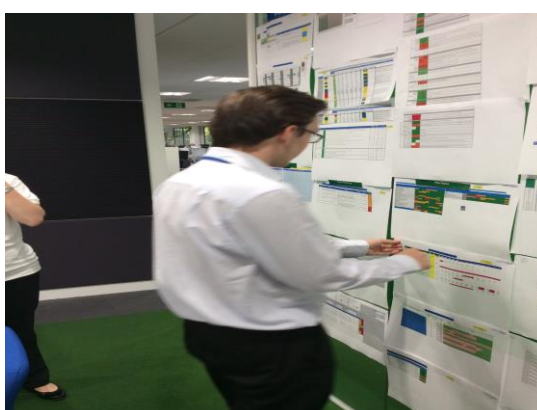
National Grid

We have almost reached the end of term and it has been so wonderful to see how all of the students have grown in stature and confidence, since embarking on their supported Internships at the National Grid (NG)

The students have settled well into their first placements and have each been on a very steep learning curve as they have undertaken tasks and activities in each of their work areas.



The job coaches have worked very hard with the students and their work colleagues and managers to ensure a gradual and successful transition to working independently. The NG host teams have been super at welcoming the students into their departments and the success of the placements very much depends on their support and good communication between them and the job coaches.



A wonderful event took place in October when the students were invited to attend an event in London with Justin Tomlinson, the Minister for Disability, at the NG Headquarters. The occasion was to mark the signing of the Disability Pledge between the National Grid and the Government. Our students were great ambassadors for Addington and as well as giving their views on their supported internships they also interacted and chatted to all the visitors, including the Minister, and were a credit to themselves and the school. It was wonderful to see our young people in this situation and to see how they have started to mature since starting at the NG.

Young Entrepreneurs 2015-16

This year we decided to keep three of last year's students to help support and mentor three new students. They have really risen to this challenge and we have been very proud of how they have worked with and supported the three new young people. The team has gelled well together and have built on last year's success. The team will be researching areas for development and finding out from customers how they can grow and develop. The students are regularly asked to provide catering at local events as their reputation for providing good products and service grows!

We have had some students from FE who have been great ambassadors for Addington carrying out activities in the community. Two of our students attended the 1st birthday party of Elevate in Wokingham. They served coffee and homemade cakes to all the visitors and it was great to see how they interacted and chatted confidently to the visitors. They were great Ambassadors for Addington.

We also had 2 students attend the Woodley Business Conference to serve some homemade tray bakes, as well as having the opportunity to attend a workshop focussing on 'Ella's Foods'. They enjoyed the experience very much and enjoyed visiting the different Business stands especially those associated with Health and beauty products!

ASD Family Help have produced a newsletter which outlines the support that they can provide for families, and specific activities available throughout autumn.

*This can be found on their website
www.asdfamilyhelp.org*



ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES
2015 - 2016

Autumn Term 2015

Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 18th December

Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Training Days for Staff – Tuesday 1st September

Spring Term 2016

Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 24th March

Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Training Day for Staff – Monday 4th January

Summer Term 2016

Monday 11th April – Friday 15th July

May Day Holiday – Monday 2nd May – school closed

Half Term: Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Training Days for staff – Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th July – school closed

190 days for pupils



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2016 - 2017

Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September – Tuesday 20th December

Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Training Day for Staff – Monday 5th September

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5th January – Friday 31st March

Half Term: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

Training Day for Staff – Wednesday 4th January

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April – Friday 21st July

May Day Holiday – Monday 1st May – school closed

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Training Days for Staff – Tuesday 2nd May
Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July – school closed

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