



ADDINGTON

NEWSLETTER

Jan 2016

HELLO EVERYONE!!

I have to say that I am so pleased to see the tiny signs of spring, this winter has seemed particularly dark and damp and our young people have been stuck inside for too many days.

Our new website is now 'live' and I hope you have had time to have a little look. I have a few hints from Sharon to help you:

- Use the web address addington.wokingham.sch.uk to direct to the new website. Do not use the current link you may have saved as a 'favourite' location.
- New and information updates can be found under the "local info and events" quick link tab.
- You can download an 'app' for your phone which will send you notifications of important updates. (See the website for further information)

I am pleased with how the website looks. I feel that it is bright, professional and user friendly.

We have, as always, had a busy term and the pupils have been working hard alongside all the lunchtime and afterschool clubs that they attend. The biggest project is for the Addington version of 'Oliver' which is being rehearsed ready for the production in late spring. There is already lots of excitement about this project.

Thank you for the response to my plea for a second parent governor. I am pleased to say Christine Green has joined the governing body so once more we are at full strength. This is really important as work is already well underway with the project to find a new Headteacher for Addington.

The advert will be in the press this week and we are hoping that potential candidates find us a very attractive school to apply for. We have been working with the pupils to ensure their views are heard in terms of new Headteacher appointment. The older pupils have been thinking about the qualities a Headteacher should have and the School Council have been putting questions together ready for a pupil led panel on interview day. Some of their thoughts are very perceptive. I will keep you updated with progress.

I do hope you all have a lovely half term holiday. School is open again on Monday 22nd February.

Liz Meek
HEADTEACHER

SPORTS PAGES



Football tournament

On Thursday 21st January 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. The green team finished in sixth place with the Amber team finishing joint third.

Kurling tournament vs Bulmershe School – 2nd February 2016

A team of six students represented Addington at a Secondary inter-school Kurling tournament. They were up against Bulmershe School. All games were very closely contested and our students represented the school with great sportsmanship. Bulmershe just edged ahead in the final standings.



POLYBAT INTER-HOUSE RESULTS – 27th & 29th of January 2016

65 secondary/FE and 36 primary students recently participated in the Polybat Inter-house. The students were amazing in terms of skill, sportspersonship and enthusiasm. They really enjoyed the event. There were four tables set up and all students played doubles.

It was a very hard fought contest and here are the final results:

Secondary/FE

- 1st place – Red Eagles (47 points)
- 2nd place – Yellow Tigers (46 points)
- 3rd place – Blue Sharks (34 points)
- 4th place – Green Crocodiles (28 points)

Primary

- 1st place – Red Eagles
- 2nd place – Blue Sharks
- 3rd place – Green Crocodiles
- 4th place – Yellow Tigers

Thanks you to all the staff that made this event such a success. I asked the managers and scorers to choose their most **improved** players. Here is the list:

Secondary/FE

- Green Crocodiles – Jasmine Pritchard & Christopher Lyalle
- Red Eagles – Jazz Le Doo and Cameron Baxter
- Yellow Tigers – Finley Jewell & Tom Scott
- Blue Sharks – Joshua Enfield and Jonathan Gillman

Primary

- Green Crocodiles – Ryan Skevington and Tom Cannon
- Red Eagles – Tony Su and Jenny Reilly
- Yellow Tigers – Presley Shearer and Mitchell Mackenzie
- Blue Sharks – Rowan Nyamaradzo and Matthew Nicholls

Well done to all. We look forward to the next Inter-house – Volleyball will be hosted on **Thursday the 11th of February.**



Dance Lunch Club

17 students have been enjoying dance lunch club since the start of the year. They have been learning different dance moves each week with Alice, their dance teacher. This club will be running for the whole of the spring term and the half term after Easter. They will be learning a dance to show to all the local schools, at the Woodley Schools Sports Week.



After school Football club.

This term the focus of our after school sports club has been football. We have been lucky enough to have a brilliant coach Rakeem, from Woodley United FC, come in to run the sessions. These sessions have been excellent with students developing their passing, dribbling and shooting skills.





The Music Page



It has been another fantastic and enthusiastic start to the term and with it brings a new theme. This term's theme is 'Good v Evil' and students have been exploring how effect is created in music. They have been performing the Imperial March from Star Wars and Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, as well as listening to a variety of classical music.

Buddying Project

Some of our younger students have been taking part in a buddying project with Willowbank Infant School this term. This has involved meeting children from Willowbank at our school and at Willowbank Infants to enjoy music together and another activity. They have so far explored monster making and circus skills. The project will continue throughout the term and we are looking forward to getting to know our new friends!



addington radio show

Listen to our Radio Show!

The Addington Radio Show is still going strong and the students are still producing great shows so please check out the latest show. You can access this through the school website. Every show features students from across the school with this year. Enjoy!

Our School Production of Oliver!

Rehearsals are now well under way for our production of Oliver! Around 70 students are in the cast and more will be involved in the art work, props and pre-recorded features. Tickets will go on sale next half term so look out for letters! Performances will take place at 7pm on 26th and 28th April.

Have a restful half term!

Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin

Dear Parents/ Carers

Hello all! Well, we seem to have made it through the winter months and spring is around the corner. It is always amazing how quickly the school year flies by; it'll be summer in no time!

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas coffee morning, and I was reminded that parents and carers really do enjoy these chances to get together. There will definitely be an Easter coffee morning in the next half term, so hopefully I'll see many of you there.

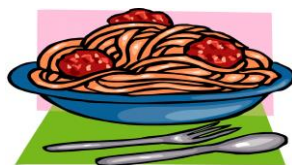
This half term has been filled with a lot of collaborative work with the University of Reading. We have run focus groups looking at ways we can support parents and carers of anxious young people, and will be inviting some families to take part in workshops based on this work in the summer term. Exciting times are ahead! I am also arranging to run a three part Behaviour Support workshop for parents with our Behaviour Support team in the coming months, so keep an eye out for information coming home.

As we are all settled into the rhythm of school life now, I would like to reassure parents and carers that there is support available to help with challenges you may be facing. Support may come from one of our specialist teams, or we can guide you to the right source of support from other agencies, if an issue is one we cannot help resolve ourselves. Please contact me if you feel there is an issue you would like to discuss, lucy.sayer@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

Regards,

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:

Mannat Kaushal. Kelsie Kemp. Eshal Zara. Rhys Mullenje. Amber Jutla.
James Benjamin-Philip. Rowan Nyamardzo. Kris Dziaduch. Tony Su.
Sam Hardman. David Russell. Angelina White. William Kinge. James Doncom.
Harri Bhathal. Brigitte Muzeen. Salih Akyildiz. Ben Reynolds.
Joshua Booth. Harry Shearer. Jamal Medford. Laura Maze. Soneem Pun.

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

Simone Pengraeve
Behaviour Support Teacher

Addington Association

Hi everyone I hope you all had a good Christmas and that the New Year has started well.

Addington Association is just planning what events we will be holding this year...and we will let you know as soon as they have been decided.

Firstly we will be holding our annual Easter Raffle for a lovely hamper of Easter goodies and many other prizes of Easter eggs/Easter bunnies and chicks etc. and a letter will be sent home shortly with the details of how you can support our cause.

Also...we have set a date for the Association AGM...this is where we elect/re-elect our committee members and discuss how the past year has gone in terms of fund-raising etc. The date for the AGM is TUESDAY 19th APRIL. We would love to see you at the meeting...you will not be pressured in any way to join the Association...just come along as see how we operate....after all, the Association is for all parents/carers etc.

Regards

Barbi Takyar MBE
Events Co-ordinator

Natalie Walker
Association Chair-person

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.

!! Scarlet Fever !!

Please be aware that there is currently a national increase in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever.

Scarlet Fever, which is very contagious, is characterised by a rash, red swollen tongue and flushed cheeks. It is often confused with measles; though unlike measles it is easily treatable with antibiotics.

If you have any concerns please take a look at the 'Frequently Asked Questions' provided by Public Health England, which can be found on the school website. This includes a list of symptoms, details of diagnosis and treatment.

If diagnosed, the exclusion period is for 24 hours after a course of antibiotics have commenced, to prevent the spread of the infection.

If you suspect that your child has contracted Scarlet Fever please follow the advice on the NHS Choices website, if you still have concerns phone your GP or NHS 111.

WORK RELATED LEARNING

National Grid

We have almost reached the midway stage of the Supported Internship programme and it has been so wonderful to see how all of the students have slotted into the National Grid workforce. The students, who have moved to new roles this term, have settled well into their placements. Chelsea has started working as part of the Reception team and absolutely loves this new role. Daniel is now working as part of the 14Forty team and is responsible for postal delivery, replenishing resources and booking rooms as well as lots of other tasks. He enjoys this new role very much, especially meeting lots of people in all the different departments.

As well as continuing their job roles, the students worked very hard on organising a Christmas Fair for all the National Grid staff. This involved a lot of organisational skills and the students worked really hard together to make the event successful. The Fair was enjoyed by everyone and raised a superb £600 for Macmillan Nurses.



Work Related Learning

Four students who will be leaving this year, have now started extended work experience placements in the local community. This work experience involves working one day a week for twelve weeks and also a week's block placement. The students are undertaking placements in the local community such as the Wokingham Borough Council and Wyevale Garden Centre.

We are also continuing with the Transition programme with key stages 4 and 5.

Kelly's class has visited Broad Street Mall in Reading where they were introduced to how the shopping centre operates and the number of job roles involved.

William's class visited the Best Western Moat House Hotel in Sindlesham where they were given the opportunity to learn about running a hotel, what opportunities are available in the Hospitality Industry and the skills that are needed to work with customers.

Abi's/Julie's class visited the Slough Sewage Works where they were able to find out about how the sewage treatment process works and to learn about the various job roles.

Young Entrepreneurs 2015-16

The Young Entrepreneurs group continues to go from strength to strength. The group has worked consistently hard each week preparing all the products for the café and then running the café every Thursday. We are really pleased that the group has gelled very well together and as a consequence, the café runs very smoothly, even with less support. They have also undertaken City and Guilds assessments and have all been successful so far. Everyone practices and develops their catering skills through a number of different activities and they recently planned and organised the refreshments for a company who were running a course in school. The visitors were all very impressed by their politeness, customer service, the quality of refreshments and their team working. We were very proud of them all.



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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