



ADDINGTON

NEWSLETTER



Mar 2016

HELLO EVERYONE!!

This really was a very short term. Easter is upon us already and I am pleased to say that Spring has arrived as well.

As always school has been really busy. The Shutters Café continues to be very popular at Shute End on Thursdays, and our young people are really growing their skills and confidence.

The four interns at National Grid are doing well in their work placements and this half term I had the privilege of meeting their managers and watching our young people actually at work. I have to say that I was immensely proud of them.

Our Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed their Victorian themed week and Lynda and I had the pleasure of tasting and judging their Victorian style cakes. A very difficult decision I am sure you would agree!

Some of our very little ones are now ready to go out and about and have enjoyed their visits to the Thames Valley Adventure Playground.

As I write, Key Stage 3 are enjoying a Science Boffin Day, alongside some visiting schools. I can see some exciting experiments are planned to ensure a wow factor.

Once again the Tirabad trip went really well for both the 6th Formers from the three schools and our own young people. A very cold, drizzly week but great fun had by all once more.

Rehearsals for Addington's 'Oliver!' continue and we are all looking forward to the performances early next term.

Everyone enjoyed our Healthy week including all the exercises in the mornings and fruity recipes. A highlight once again, was the musical composition of 'Happy' put together by the PE team. A little bit of fun enjoyed by everyone.

Once again we have a donation of an Easter Egg for every child, from Loddon Valley Rotary Club and Thames Valley Vultures, a very generous act.

Finally the school Governors have been successful in the recruitment of our new headteacher. Sara Attra will be officially joining the school on 1st January 2017. We will be planning some visits to the school over the next two terms.

Have a lovely Easter and we will see you all on Monday 11th April.

Liz Meek
HEADTEACHER

SPORTS PAGES



County Boccia tournament at Montem Leisure Centre- February 2016

Six of our students represented our school at a County Boccia tournament which included 5 other SEN and mainstream schools from around Berkshire. We took two teams of three, with one team coming second and the other team coming third. The students thoroughly enjoyed the competition and meeting students from other schools. Well played.

Berkshire Youth Multisport Activity Day – February 2016

On Monday 29th February 2016 five young sports ambassadors from Addington took part in a Berkshire Youth Multisport Activity Day which was held at John Madjeski School. There were several other mainstream schools there where students participated in Kung-Fu, Badminton, Archery and Dodgeball.

Ayesha Bibi, George Mills, Harry Shearer, Michael Line and Lucy Craker really enjoyed the day, and getting a chance to meet students from other schools



Volleyball Inter-house – 11th of February 2016

An Inter-house Volleyball competition was played by students ranging from year 5 -14. The inter-house was thoroughly enjoyed by all. 77 students competed against each other and displayed some brilliant skills and excellent sportsmanship.

Thanks you to all the staff that helped to make it such a success, the atmosphere was amazing. Here are the final results:

1st - **Red Eagles** and **Green Crocodiles** - 21pts

2nd - **Yellow Tigers** and **Blue Sharks** - 15 pts

Everyone played brilliantly, but I asked each manager to nominate 4 or 5 MVP's (Most Valuable Player's) from each house and they were:

Green - Piers Heys & Aaron Courtney

Yellow - Ellie Meredith & William Kinge

Blue - Aaron Courtney & Chanique Gage

Red - Salih Akyildiz, Duncan Stonehouse & Tylier Lynn

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



Fitness Week (29th Feb – 4th March)

As part of healthy eating week, the PE department offered students fitness activities each morning. Primary came down to the hall from 9:10-9:30 and Secondary/FE came down from 9:30-10. On Monday and Friday Clare, our Fitness instructor, did Boxercise and wake and shake aerobics respectively. Students enjoyed YOGA on the Tuesday with one of our teachers Mary M. On Wednesday Leanne, our Zumba instructor, delivered a Zumba dance session. On Thursday everyone loved dancing to current songs. Students watched the whole school dance video 'Happington' to the Pharrell Williams song 'Happy'. Each class, including admin staff and management, were filmed dancing and then we edited this into one video. Great fun and the students loved it.

Students also competed during their PE lesson in a Walking Inter-house competition. Thanks to everyone who made this a fantastic and successful week.



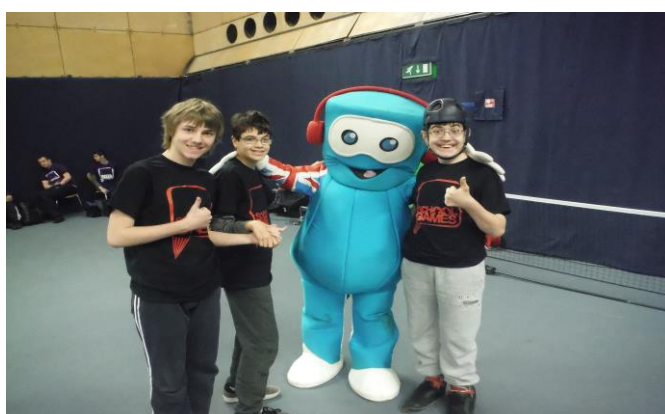
Scooter Hockey Inter-house – 2nd March 2016

72 students from year 5-14 recently competed against each other in Scooter Hockey. Thanks you to all the staff that helped to make it such a success, the atmosphere was incredible. Here are the final results:

1st -	Yellow Tigers -	17 pts
2nd -	Red Eagles -	13 pts
3rd -	Blue Sharks -	12 pts
4th -	Green Crocodiles -	6 pts

Everyone played brilliantly, but I asked each manager to nominate 2-3 MVP's (Most Valuable Player's) from each house and they were:

Green Crocodiles -	Kalem Forde, Usma Jamil & Ryan Skevington
Yellow Tigers -	Shiraz Al Mustafa and Zaid Chowdhary
Blue Sharks -	Jamie Kirkwood and Ben Allum
Red Eagles -	James Whitehead, Cameron Baxter and Ayesha Bibi



Berkshire School Games-Boccia

On Wednesday 16th March, Addington took a Primary team and Secondary team, to the Berkshire School Games which was held at Bisham Abbey. Both teams had qualified by climbing a tournament already, so it was already a great achievement to even reach the Berkshire School Games.

Our Secondary team were not able to keep their crown from last year and came fifth on the day whilst our Primary team did fantastically well to come third and pick up a Bronze medal.

Well done to both teams on this excellent achievement and behaving so well on the day.





Student PE Achievements



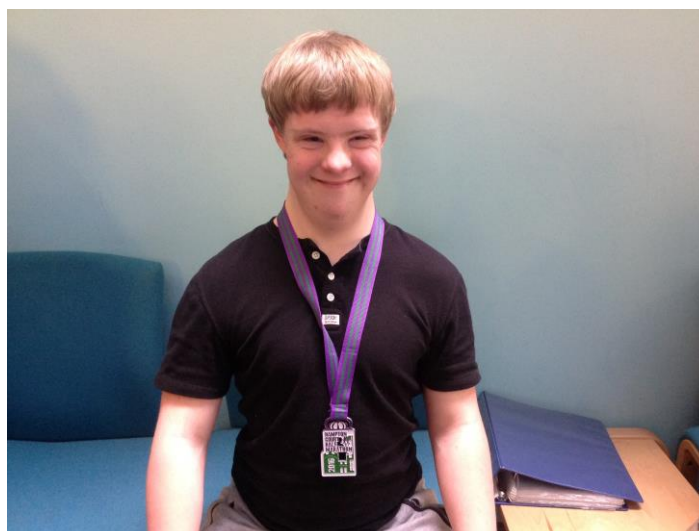
JUDGEMENT DAY RUN FOR CHARITY

One of our students ran a 6km race over an obstacle course for charity. He completed the Judgement Day run recently with his Mum and raised money in memory of Amber who lost her fight against Batten disease (NCL). He enjoyed climbing the cargo nets and was helped over the wall, but did not enjoy wading through the cold water as much. He was cold and tired at the end, but proud to get his medal. He really enjoyed the experience. Well done on your achievement!



HAMPTON COURT HALF MARATHON TRIUMPH

One of our students trained for many months to run his first half marathon. Part of his training was to also participate in 26 Park runs, which are 5km each and total 310km. He completed his first Half Marathon on the 21st of February 2016 with his cousin. Well done to him! This is a huge achievement and he should be very proud.





The Music Page

Although the spring term is short, we have been busy fitting in lots of exciting activities.

In lessons

Students having lesson in the music room have continued to explore music about Good V Evil. They have been composing music to create a mood, exploring sounds and rhythms, as well as playing the theme from Batman! Students in the sensory theatre have explored music about a superhero journey, and our younger students have been singing songs about Dinosaurs.

Buddying with Willowbank Infant School



This term a group of children in KS1 and 2 have been regularly meeting children from Willowbank Infant School, at both Willowbank and Addington. They have made friends with their 'buddy' and worked alongside them to take part in music activities and arts and crafts. A highlight has been the 'buddybus' which they made on a visit to Willowbank and is now on display in their school hall.

Well done to all students that have taken part and made this project a success



Team Tempo

Team Tempo are our senior rhythm group, and this term they have started their tour! We began with a warm up concert to Addington students. We then visited Colleton School in Twyford, showing their excellent rhythmic skills by performing 3 pieces and then working with a group of children in a rhythm workshop. The audience were very impressed with their talent and the group thoroughly enjoyed the workshop!



Arts Award

Key Stage 2 enjoyed their arts award week this half term, based upon the Victorians. They took part in some exciting activities including bridge building, puppet design, Victoria sponge making and decorating and went to watch a Punch and Judy show.



Student concerts

Throughout the year we arrange concerts for students who have instrumental lessons to share their playing with their friends, in our 'Addington Concert Series'. This term we enjoyed concerts featuring our violin and cello students. Classes in Key Stage 2 who have singing sessions with our visiting teacher Flis, also shared their work with each other.



Samba workshops

We were pleased to welcome Drum Runners Paul Midgely back to Addington this half term to run a Samba workshop. Students from across the school took part, exploring samba instruments and rhythms.



Oliver! - the School Production

Students have been working hard in rehearsals of Oliver, learning lines and songs. There are around 70 students taking part, with two choirs alongside actors and a back stage crew. Students across the school have been involved in art work relating to the show. Tickets are now available and a letter has been sent home with an order form. Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

Addington Radio Show

The new edition of the Addington Radio Show will be available to listen via the school's website. Listen out for some student interview and articles.

Have a fantastic Easter!

Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin



Performance dates:

Dress rehearsal to the school (for students only, not open to parents) - Friday 22nd April

Dress rehearsal to visiting schools (by invitation only -not open to parents) - Monday 25th April

Evening performance - Tuesday 26th April 7pm

Evening performance - Thursday 28th April 7pm

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

Dear Parents/ Carers

I have to start this newsletter with an apology - I have not managed to fit an Easter coffee morning in this half term as I had intended to do. There have been so many events at school that it has been impossible to find a day when something else has not been running. I hope to arrange something in the first few weeks back after Easter, so I do hope you will be able to join me then.

As I mention last half term, I will be running a three part behaviour workshop with the Behaviour Support team after Easter. This has been run before, and parents have found it really useful, both in understanding some of the strategies we use at school and in finding strategies that may help with challenges at home. We will be inviting parents and carers by letter after Easter, but if you think this would be helpful for you, and you would like to come along, please email me - lucy.sayer@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

I hope that you all have a restful break, and that the weather is kind to us. I look forward to seeing you at the start of the summer term - where has this year gone?

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 the Spring Term:

Nischita Panta. Jeremy Eitokpah. Kosi Ilonah. Riley Farmborough.
Billy Sawyer. Ben Felton-Hodson. Candice-Grace Brink. Joshua Heys.
Ollie McGrath. Luka White. Usma Jamil. Luke Adams. Jazz Le Doo.
Becky Halls. Hayley Neal. Liam Fuller. Ned Taylor-Clague. Lucy Craker.
Joshua Enfield. Abi Hart. James Rolfe. Cameron Baxter. Usamah Sheikh.

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

Simone Pengraeve
Behaviour Support Teacher

Addington Association



Easter Egg Raffle - Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for the Easter Raffle, I hope you are delighted with your prizes they look fabulous and the corridor will look very empty without them. I think the children have been fantastic as they haven't eaten any of them.

AGM - this year's AGM will be held on the 19th April at 7pm. Please come along and find out about how the association has spent all the money we have raised over the last year and find out what we're planning for the future.

Summer Funday - make a note in your diary 18th June we are having a family funday. With lots of activities and games, we have SAM the train coming as well as Quirks animal roadshow with lots of exotic animals for the children to interact with. We will also have old favourites such as the coconut shy and the stocks. More details will follow next term.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter.

Natalie Walker

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 anti-biotics 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

The students are now almost two thirds of the way through their supported internship programme. Two of the students changed their placements and have now really embraced their new positions. The other two students stayed in their original departments as it was decided that they would have the opportunity to gain new skills as well as consolidating what they had learned already.

They have also been great ambassadors for the 'Employability' programme at local events e.g. they hosted a stall at the Green Park Conference where the Minister for Disability Justin Tomlinson and Rob Wilson, a local M.P., were speaking to local businesses to encourage them to support people with a disability into work. Our group of students networked so brilliantly and we were very proud of them all.

Work Related Learning

3 students are currently undertaking extended placements on a one day a week basis for 12 weeks. The students are enjoying their placements and working hard in their different sectors.

We have 25 students from Key Stages 4&5 who are currently working on and making decisions about their work experience placements that they will be undertaking in the near future. They are working on CV writing, interviewing skills and completing application forms.

Young Entrepreneurs 2015-16

The group is continuing to work really well and have now completed lots of their Hospitality assessments successfully. Next week they will be attending the meeting of the 'Overview and Scrutiny' committee at Wokingham Borough Council. The council will be discussing the 'Shuters Café' project and they want to hear about the views and experiences of our students throughout the programme. It will be a great opportunity to showcase the amazing way our group of young entrepreneurs organise and run the café together.

Careers Job Safari

We held a very successful 'Job Safari' for all our students from year 8 onwards. This consisted of 8 interactive stalls run by companies from different Business sectors such as Thames water, M&S and Baxter Storey. The students had a wonderful morning finding out about the work of work in very practical ways.



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*

New Futures Residential Trip to Tirabad (2016)



This year's New Futures residential trip to Tirabad, as always, was again received with mixed feelings and some trepidation, particularly by first timers and their parents, and ended on a high.

The week is now a memory of good times had by all and when new friendships were formed. It was a week where we were given the opportunity of facing and overcoming new challenges and fears; making new friends and working within supportive teams; to developing a sense of duty towards and care for others; building self-esteem and developing independence.

Some of the physically demanding challenges each day involved gorge walking, caving, canoeing and archery, after which there were the evening activities of a social nature. These were in the form of a fancy dress competition, party games and a disco which were indulged in with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

The old adage "all good things must come to an end" was proved true on the Friday, which seemed to come around far sooner than expected. We were on the coach by 8:30 a.m. for a necessary but reluctant departure, after hasty goodbyes.

It would be right to say that if a group of uncertain strangers were observed leaving Addington on the Monday, a team of good friends, and more confident, caring and responsible young people returned on Friday.

A big thank you to our Abi Storey, Fiona Hulley, Chris Whatley, and the Sixth Formers from Charters, Emmbrook, Maiden Erlegh, their teachers and the Tirabad staff for making the trip the enjoyable, memorable and enriching one that it was.



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



ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES
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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