



ADDINGTON

NEWSLETTER

HELLO EVERYONE!!

July 2016

Once again we approach the end of another busy and successful year, here at Addington.

The half-term has been filled with summer activities. Sports Days were very enjoyable despite having to dodge the showers. It is great to see so many of you join us, it is such a lovely atmosphere. Some of our pupils were very fortunate to be able to go to Wimbledon for the day, through the schools ballot system. I know that they had a fabulous day, including some time spent watching the matches on Centre Court. The Swimming team had a real adventure when they went to the competition finals at the Aquatic Centre. What a privilege to be able to swim in the Olympic swimming pool.

Proms was, as always, a brilliant week and this year we had the additional focus on the arts aspect of our project for our Arts Mark re-accreditation. This week all the pupils are enjoying the Mod Roc animal trail and I have to say, the classes have created some fantastic creatures. The whole school really enjoy Proms Week and the ethos of the school really shines through and everyone supports each other, appreciating their talent, whatever that might be.

Our young people did themselves proud during their Work Experience and we had a lovely celebration event where some of the employers were able to join us to give out certificates.

The end of term also brought us our first 'graduation' from the National Grid. Our four interns each gave a presentation about their year. It is clear that both the National Grid staff and our young people have gained a huge amount from working together and we look forward to our continuing partnership.

As always at this time of year, we say goodbye to our young leavers. It is an emotional moment for parents and the young people themselves, but they are ready for their next challenge and we wish them every success for their futures.

We also say goodbye to some of our Learning Support Assistants who are leaving us for further study. I am pleased to say that a few are heading into teaching. We have some long serving members of staff, retiring. Alison Rumble has done an amazing job with both Hearing Impairment and Visual Impairment, over many years and I very much appreciate the contribution she has made to those pupils and the school. Also retiring is Margaret Owen who has been a Teacher Assistant here at Addington for 26 years. Margaret has worked in most areas of the school and has been a very supportive assistant to many Teachers in her time.

We do, of-course, also say goodbye to Jeanette, who has worked at Addington for 29 years. Jeanette has been a very effective leader of our curriculum and our staff development, and a very valuable member of our leadership team. We wish them all a very happy retirement and thank them for all their commitment to Addington School.

I wish you all a very enjoyable summer and we will see you on 6th September.

Liz Meek

SPORTS PAGES



Berkshire Panathlon Challenge at Woodford Park

On Tuesday 7th June, Addington attended the Berkshire Panathlon Challenge at Woodford Park. 18 pupils competed in several events including Boccia, Kurling, Polybat, Table Cricket, Javelin, Long Jump, Shot Put and Relay races.

They performed really well on the day and finished in 3rd place. All students received a medal in at least one event so they were all delighted.





Football Tournament

On Thursday 9th June, 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 really great football. The Green team finished in 4th place with the Amber team finishing 5th.

A special mention goes to one of our students who received the 'Player of the Tournament' award for the Green League. An amazing achievement, well done!



After School Golf Club – May 2016

This term Golf has been the focus of our after school club and we have been very fortunate to have a pro golfer come and deliver the sessions. One of the sessions was delivered at Sand Martins Golf Club, which was a fantastic opportunity for our students to see a real golf course and give them a chance to have a go on the driving range at the club.

We have been able to establish a good link now with Sand Martins Golf Club and would encourage any students to attend the Saturday sessions and the holiday sessions that Symon will be running.

A huge thank you to Symon and Alan for running the sessions, and welcoming us to their club.

Primary, Secondary and FE Sports Days June 2015

Thank you to all staff and students for making our two sports days so successful. There were a few nervous moments with the weather, particularly for the Primary sports day but the rain stayed away so we could continue to run the whole day.

The secondary/FE was held on the Tuesday and Primary on the Wednesday. Both days started with skills/games sessions in the morning and the races in the afternoon with a Tug of War in between which is always popular with our students.

The Yellow Tigers were proud to take the secondary and FE title while the Red Eagles won it on the primary day. There were only 20 points in it overall but the Yellow Tigers took home the Sports Day Shield for both Primary and Secondary.

There were some fantastic performances and all really enjoyed the two sports days. It was great to see the students and staff representing their houses with their 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.





Students' Medals for events:



Primary

EVENTS	Gold	Result	Silver	Result	Bronze	Result
Table Skittles* (LP)	Kosi Ilonah	46	Meerab Kashif	46	Bobby Sawyer	36
Boccia* (LP) 280pts- Finlay Bennett (2014)	Meerab Kashif	260	Kaylee Machado	200	Alfie Rackley-Davies	200
Rounder's Throw* (UP) 18.14m – Danny Shilton (2015)	Danny Shilton	16.60	Ollie McGrath	15.6	Rowan Nyamaradzo	14.85
Javelin* (UP) 11.1m – Daniel Skeates (2014)	Danny Shilton	10.6	Ollie McGrath	9.65	Jack Healey	8.15
Ball chest push* (UP) 5 meters Ollie McGrath & David Russell (2015)	Danny Shilton	6.3	Jack Healey	5.6	Ollie McGrath	5.3
Standing long jump* (UP) 1.42 m Jack Healey (2014)	Danny Shilton	1.73	Tony Su	1.52	Luka White	1.42

Secondary

EVENTS	Gold	Result	Silver	Result	Bronze	Result
Softball Throw Finley Jewell 28.4m (2015)	Shayne Kirby	27.9	Oliver Smith	22.3	Tyler Lynn	21.95
Javelin Dominic Gardner 24m (2012)	Jeremy Smith	24.75*	Finley Jewell	19.6	Jamie Kirkwood	18.55
Table Skittles (new)	Cameron Baxter	27	Ben Reynolds	17	Kalem Forde	17
Boccia Angus Boyd- Smith 280pts (2013)	Duncan Stonehouse	280*	Ellie Meredew	260	Becky Halls	220
Ball chest push Shayne Kirby 8.25m (2014)	Liam Fuller	10.5*	Khalil Ankrah	10	Jamal Medford	10.
Standing long jump Stuart Waters 2.64m (2015)	Jeremy Smith	2.34	Jamie Kirkwood	2.04	Conor Lashbrook	2.00
Archery Oliver Kent & Dominic Spicer 29pts (2014)	Lucas Pidgeon	25	Ayesha Bibi	24	Shayne Kirby	23
Rowing (30 sec) Liam Alleyne 168m (2015)	Jamie Kirkwood	158	Jeremy Smith	152	Shayne Kirby	148

*School records c/b – Count Back

Woodley Schools Sports Week - 23rd of May – 27th of May

On the week starting Monday 23rd May, Addington attended various events for Woodley Schools Sports Week. First up was the Dance Festival where a group of 15 students from different classes that had been attending Dance Club made up a dance and performed it in front of the Mayor and many different schools in Woodley. Each school had a different country as their theme and ours was USA, so we performed a country and western dance which was fantastic!

Addington were also invited to attend Multi-skills, Paralympics and Multi sports events during that week. The following primary classes participated: Abi S, Ness, Alex, Kelly M, Mark, Fiona and a few from Steph's class.

A big 'thank you' to all staff that helped with the organisation of this fun week, and a special mention to Suzanne Bello for choreographing the dance.





Swimming Panathlon Finals at London Aquatics Centre

On Tuesday 5th July we took our victorious swimming team who won the regional Swimming Panathlon, to the South Eastern Swimming Panathlon finals. This was held at the London Aquatics Centre in the Olympic Village.

This was a brilliant event and our students competed in various individual and team races. The team were fantastic and managed to pick up a bronze medal, meaning we have the third best swimming team in the whole of South East England - including London!

A huge 'thank you' to Alison and Catherine's class for coming to support the team on the day.



Wimbledon!!!

On Monday 4th July we took nine lucky students to Wimbledon!

We had two Centre Court tickets and 10 Court two tickets. We could not have asked for a better day with Roger Federer, Serena Williams and Andy Murray all playing on Centre Court.

The children (and staff) absolutely loved the experience and were learning the rules of Tennis throughout the day. They behaved wonderfully in the heavy crowds and came home with some souvenirs from the gift shop.

Our appreciation goes to Mel for entering us in the ballot and organising this fantastic trip!





Triathlon – 8th July 2016

On Friday 8th July, 5 pupils competed in a Triathlon at the Queen Anne's School in Caversham. Pupils started by swimming in the pool, then quickly got changed and rode a bike for 2 laps. The boys finished by running across the field to the finish line. Well done to the pupils that competed, they worked really hard!

Primary and Secondary/FE Football Inter-house

Another successful Inter-house competition happened on Monday 11th July. 43 students competed in the Primary competition while 46 students competed in the Secondary/FE competition. Congratulations to the BLUE SHARKS for winning the Primary football Inter-house and to the RED EAGLES for winning the Secondary/FE competition. Thanks to all the staff that helped to make it such a success, the atmosphere was amazing.

Berkshire School Games Parathon Winners – 12th of July

Well done to the team for winning Gold at the Berkshire School Games Parathon. Well done to George and Ayesha for being great Young Sports Ambassadors





Student PE Achievements



Junior Park Run achievement

A student in year 3 has been awarded her yellow wristband for completing 50 Junior Park Runs. Each run is 2km in length, so she has run 100km - the equivalent of an ultra-marathon. Congratulations on your amazing achievement! Well done and keep going.



If any other parents are interested in getting their child involved in this **free event** then please have a look at: www.parkrun.org.uk.

It is run every Sunday at 9:30 at Woodford Park. All you have to do is register your child and print up the barcode. You are also allowed to run with your child to help them along. It is an amazing event.





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 during Proms week. Pieces included 'Imperial War March', 'One Love' and 'Sunshine in my heart'. Some students performed in the large hall and others performed in the sensory theatre. Classes worked hard to give their best performances and all of them 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 chase to showcase our ensembles and groups. Our Addington band performed and showed how much they have progressed over the year. The Theatre Club performed a set of exciting songs including 'Hushabye Mountain'. Xylophone and percussion club



performed 3 pieces which featured a solo from every member in the group and both the senior rhythm group 'Team Tempo' and Junior rhythm group performed some energetic pieces. Our Production club shared some of the songs they have composed and some students shared the skills they have developed on the sound beam.

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 7 and year 14 taking to the stage.

Art work

This year we added some art activities to Proms week. Every student produced a canvas which was then displayed on the corridor between reception and the hall. Some students worked with an artist during the week on a special project. All classes produced an animal sculpture and then students took part in an art trail.



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

Also this term...

Superstar Concert

Our Addington choir were joined by choirs from Kennel Lane and Brookfields to perform in this very special concert. Students met for the first time after school and took part in some musical games and activities before rehearsing in preparation for the concert. Addington had two featured soloists. Well done to all that took part.

Key Stage 1 singing event

This half term we have hosted a morning of singing for Key Stage 1 children in the local area- Nearly 300 children came to join us for fun singing morning-

Nine Mile Ride School

A group of our Key Stage 2 students have been taking part in a project with children from Nine Mile Ride School- They met every week and learnt a piece of music together which they then performed in Proms week-

Pantomimus

Some of our younger children took part in a series of music sessions with Margareta Burrell- They explored new songs and movement and all enjoyed meeting Max the Mouse!

Wishing you a restful and sunny summer holiday!

Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have reached the end of year!! This has been a lovely term, and it has been great to see and meet with so many of you at Proms and Sports Day. It was also lovely to meet some of our new parents who have young people joining us in September.

I have written a short article about the Anxiety and ASD workshops that we ran successfully in May and June; this is just one of the courses that we offer to parents, but we would like to make sure that what we are offering is what you really want.

Because of this, I have put together a survey to ask parents what they would like from the Parent Support programme. I would really appreciate if you could take just a few minutes to fill it in, (anonymously!), online with your thoughts and comments. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X392HGN> I also hope to be able to send the link to those of you who have provided email details, making the process even easier.

As the long summer holiday approaches, please check my Parent Adviser page on the Addington website for details of activities and clubs that may suit your young person, or the whole family.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and restful summer break and I look forward to meeting and working with you in September!

Lucy - 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.

Anxiety and ASD Workshops at Addington

This half term, we ran a second series of Anxiety and ASD Workshops, written and presented by Dr Fiona Knott of the University of Reading. Addington staff have worked closely with Dr Knott in tailoring the courses to support our pupils, and the latest series was aimed at our younger students with limited communication.



The sessions, which ran in May and June, were attended by parents and staff, helping us to work as a team and provide consistency in supporting our youngsters experiencing anxiety. The sessions were full of information and provided plenty of chance for collaborative working. Below are some comments from those who attended, taken from the course evaluations:

‘..... I got so many tips to try.....’

‘.....good for building relationships/ trust....’

‘....it’s been hugely useful to hear the parent’s perspective....’

‘....it has been excellent, thank you....’

We hope to continue working closely with Dr Knott to support more families in the future. If you would like to be considered for any future workshops, please register your interest by emailing lucy.sayer@addington.wokingham.sch.uk. Also remember to keep an eye out for other courses being offered to parents in the coming academic year.



Good Behaviour Award Winners



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

Finlay Bennett. Andrey Sementsov. Haadiya Ahmad. Katherine Turrell.
Alex Henwood. Kashif Ahmed. Pierce Macmahon. Charlie Manning.
Daniel Skeates. Conor Lashbrook. Charlie Soutter. Abigail Wong.
Daniel Thrower. Ayesha Bibi. Jamie Kirkwood.

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

Simone Pengraeve
Behaviour Support Teacher



Buddy Elections

This year we decided to hold our Buddy Election to coincide with the E.U. Referendum Elections. This helped to underpin the democratic process of voting and to understand the concept of being an 'active citizen'. This underpins our British values of respecting others points of view.

Addington students throughout the school participated in the Buddy Elections. Twenty-two students put themselves forward as candidates and voting took place in the school library on the 23rd June 2016. The whole school took part in the election process by either, placing a vote in the ballot boxes or by postal vote if they were off site. Students also participated in the electoral process by acting as tellers and scrutineers. Candidates were encouraged to lobby voters outside the Polling Station.

The following 9 students were elected:

Jack Healey, Danny Shilton, Presley Shearer, Mary Ellen Lally, Luke Adams, Liam Fuller, Benjamin Reynolds, Zaid Chowdhary and Jamal Medford

All Buddies will receive training in helping with playground games and supporting students who are new or perhaps feeling a little uncertain at playtimes. Buddies also take part in the Proms, sports days and visitor days by showing people around the school.

We thank the outgoing Buddies for all their commitment and hard work.

Trish Meadway - HLTA Work Related Working



In the spring term, four staff members commenced their Aromatouch Practitioners training course, with Stephanie Lord to complement the existing Touch Talk programme delivered in school.

They completed a two day Aromatouch course, followed by 70 hours of training involving carrying out numerous case studies and compiling a portfolio.

The training developed their understanding of emotional health and well-being, massage techniques, essential oils, anatomy and physiology.

In the summer term Ellie Robinson, Jane Austin, Carole Gardner and Michelle Jennings successfully achieved their Aromatouch Practitioner's qualification and are now members of the International Federation of Aromatherapists. Aromatouch is delivered to individuals using essential oils and massage to help improve physical and emotional wellbeing already with much success at Addington!

Aromatouch is delivered to individuals on a case by case basis and forms part of the personalised programmes delivered to a number of pupils across the school, you will be contacted should it be deemed appropriate for your child at some point.



Addington Association



Family Funday - We had a great turnout for the Funday and thankfully the weather held out. It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the wonderful grounds and having fun on the stalls.

We managed to raise just under £1000 which is a fantastic effort. My thanks go out to all the volunteers who made the day such a success.

I would also like to thank The Courtney family for sponsoring Quirks animal roadshow to honour their son leaving Addington this summer.

The Rivers family sponsored the raffle tickets and worked very hard to obtain a huge amount of prizes ensuring that we have a big prize list for our Christmas raffle too. This was to honour their son also leaving Addington this Summer.

Finally a big 'Thank You' to all who donated to the raffle in no particular order -

Parkers Estate Agents, Butterfly Therapy, Cozze restaurant, The Entertainer, Henry Street Garden Centre, Winnersh Garden Centre, Wokingham Super Bowl, Palmer Park Stadium, Hollywood Bowling Bracknell, Mad Hatters Pottery Café, Woodley Pets, Chapter One Bookstore, Kids N Action, Madhouse, The Lookout, Wellington Country Park, Beale Park, Carnival Leisure Centre, Co-Op, Amy Lalla at Let me Play, Elaine New at Reading Football Club, Tackle Box, Golden Tanning, Kidz Kool Kutz, Topiary Hair, Forget-Me-Not Florist, Yogzang, Hanna Hussain, Neil Palmer Photography, Vue Cinema, Goals Woodley, The Living Rainforest and Reading Glass.



Addington Association has a Facebook page which we try to keep updated with all the news about events. Just search for Addington Association and like our page..

Regards

Natalie Walker

Chair of Addington Association

WORK RELATED LEARNING

Horticulture

The current City and Guilds gardening group have worked well this term. Two of the students leaving to go to the National Grid, have achieved their Certificates, gaining 24 credits each. A third student who is leaving to go to college has achieved his Award with 6 credits. The remaining 3 students will continue with the course and, hopefully, achieve the full Diploma.

The 3 Bulmershe students, who have been working with some of our students on Thursday mornings, will be joining us again next year and working towards the City and Guilds qualification.

We sowed our tomatoes in January so that they were ready before the summer holidays and we have already had lots of ripe tomatoes.

We are hoping that the slugs will leave us some runner beans as they have eaten almost everything else as soon as we have planted it at the allotment. Next year we intend to come up with a safe but deadly deterrent!

We are slightly more hopeful with the crops being grown in school- carrots, sweetcorn, lettuce, onions, broccoli, pumpkins, runner beans, peppers, herbs and courgettes.

Our bedding plants did well this summer; the students are very pleased with the tubs and containers they planted up around school.

Lots of students took home plants that they had grown on from tiny plugs.

C Jones



Hospitality

The Young Entrepreneurs are now coming to the end of their year running the café at Shute End, and it has been a really successful one. Alongside gaining invaluable work and independence skills, all 6 students have completed their City and Guilds Hospitality accreditation. The café has provided a real life working environment and we have seen all the students develop great skills in working together as a team, taking individual responsibility and also catering skills such as making snacks and hot drinks. We were so pleased to see how each of the students matured and developed soft skills such as gaining confidence and self- esteem. We believe that the experience our students gain at the café can also support their job applications. One of the members of the group has now undertaken a weekend job in one of the local cafes, and her employer noted and commented about her cafe experience that she had included in her CV!

We have been really pleased that the Chief Executive of Wokingham Borough Council has taken a great interest in the development of the café over the last 2 years, and has developed a really good rapport with the group. They invited him to school on the 25th June to see how they prepare the food for the café. He stayed for an hour and a half and took a great interest in their Hospitality folders and observing all the hard work involved in the process.

National Grid

The students are extremely busy at the moment consolidating their skills in their final placements and working towards future employment opportunities and college placements.

Recently, we have been working alongside the National Grid, organising and running the application and interview process for next year's supported internship programme. We are really pleased that 5 of our students have been accepted on to next year's programme. Their parents and carers have had the opportunity to meet the National Grid staff and to have a tour of the building. All the parents were very impressed by the Power Point presentations that our current interns gave about their year at the 'Grid'.

We have been delighted and amazed with the progress this first group of students have made both in their work ethic and maturity and we have great hopes that some will be offered paid employment in the very near future. We are looking forward to building on the success of our partnership with the NG and to widening and developing our links over the coming year.

Work Related Learning

This half-term, we have had a group of 5 students carry out some work shadowing at Wokingham Borough Council. This was a great opportunity to see at first-hand how some of the council departments function, and gave an insight into the working life of different employees. The staff at the council are always very supportive and work very hard to give our students a valuable experience. They worked across different departments such as the Children's team, Waste and Recycling, Sports and Leisure and Business Management. They had a great morning at Reading Football Club where they found out how many different departments are necessary to run their business.

We are hosting our 'Celebration Assembly' this half term where we will celebrate the success of all our students who have taken part in the 'Transitions', and also those who have taken part in the Work Related learning programme



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.

Optalis Transition Team Lead coming to Addington!

At Supported Employment Service Optalis, we work with a variety of different people who have different employment needs and are covered by the disability provision of the equality act 2010. This includes people with Learning Disabilities, Mental Health Issues, Sensory Needs, Acquired Brain Injury, and Long Term Health Conditions. We also provide support for Carers and people with Substance Misuse issues.

As Transition Team lead, I am passionate about engaging with young people in order to give them the best possible chance of achieving their goals and aspirations in employment. School and College leavers are at such a vital time in their lives. Getting the right employment support and experience at this time can have a huge impact on the rest of their lives, increasing their confidence, independence and long term employability.

As a client of Optalis you can expect a dedicated service, with passionate and experienced job coaches who will help provide the support you need to become employable. We understand that no two people are the same. As such we pride ourselves on being able to provide a tailored service, structured around the needs of the individual. Support we provide to clients can include:

- 1-1 appointments
- Travel training
- Support with CV building, Job searching and Application Forms
- Confidence building and communication skills development
- Support understanding the expectations and standards of the working world.
- Work Experience
- Advice and Guidance with Benefits
- 1-1 job coaching
- Employer support and reasonable adjustments.

The reputation of our service and development of the clients we support has led us to work with several different Colleges and Schools across Berkshire. Working in conjunction with Reading College, we facilitate a 1 year Supported Employment Course. We provide an Intensive employment course, working closely with local employers to help the students find paid, permanent employment in line with their goals and aspirations. The course is about to enter its third academic year, the previous two years have resulted in 90% of students receiving paid job offers.

We are always keen to work with families, and adopt a person centred approach. If you would like to hear more about our service, I will be in the Careers office on Thursday 30th September, Thursday 24th November and Thursday 26th January from 2pm until 4.30pm

Donna Morgans



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

190 days for pupils