



ADDINGTON

NEWSLETTER

HELLO EVERYONE!!

Dec 2016

Christmas is such a lovely time in school. The children are delightful to watch, decorating the trees and then enjoying their handiwork every time they go past.

There have been lots of fun activities - craft activities shared with parents; carol singing in the Precinct, The Shutters Café and National Grid; Christmas fairs; and treat outings. I know sometimes it is hard for the routine to be changed, but on the whole pupils enjoy their supported activities and love the awe and wonder of it all.

It is my favourite time of year in school and so it explains why I wanted to enjoy this last Christmas with the children before I retire.

I have been here at Addington for over 21 years and can honestly say that I have absolutely loved my roles here. Both the Deputy Head role and Headteacher role have been very rewarding, but I have to say that the last 12 years as Headteacher have been amazing.

I consider it a privilege to have been Headteacher of this fantastic school. I am proud of the journey that we have travelled together and the achievements over the years. The school has gone from strength to strength and it is the contributions of everyone that make the school the place it is.

All the staff work very hard to help our young people be the best that they can be. The support that you give us as parents is crucial, and we are very fortunate to have a really committed group of Governors.

However, it is our pupils who make the school the very special place that it is. It is wonderful to watch them grow and develop and I am very proud of the young people they grow into over the years. Our pupils have so much to offer the community and increasingly we have seen them at their best, out on work placements as confident young people contributing effectively to the workplace.

Thank you for supporting me on my Headship journey. I am confident that that school will continue to grow and develop further despite the challenges which inevitably will present themselves. I am sure that I will keep in touch and hear all about the exciting developments in the future.

Thank you so much.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Liz Meek
HEADTEACHER

SPORTS PAGES



Access classes INTER-HOUSE results

Access classes competed in the following inter-house competitions: Boccia, Kurling and Table Skittles and here are the results:

BOCCIA:

Team result;

- 1st - **Yellow Tigers** - 1694pts
- 2nd - **Blue Sharks** - 1449pts
- 3rd - **Green Crocodiles** - 885 pts
- 4th - **Red Eagles** - 680 pts

Top individual results;

- 1st - Harry Robottom-390 pts
- 2nd - Lauren Simmonds-340 pts

KURLING:

Team result;

- 1st - **Blue Sharks** - 1202pts
- 2nd - **Red Eagles** - 740pts
- 3rd - **Yellow Tigers** - 638 pts
- 4th - **Green Crocodiles** - 438 pts

Top individual results;

- 1st - Finlay Bennett-350 pts
- 2nd - Amelie Ledger-300 pts
- 3rd - Ria Lakhanpal- 240 pts

TABLE SKITTLES:

Team result;

- 1st - **Blue Sharks** - 241pts
- 2nd - **Red Eagles** - 143pts
- 2nd - **Yellow Tigers** - 143 pts
- 4th - **Green Crocodiles** - 123 pts

Top individual results;

- 1st- Lewie Cheeseman-57 pts
- 1st- Amelie Ledger-57 pts
- 1st- Amber Jutla- 57 pts



Tag-Rugby Tournament

Massive congratulations to our Green and Amber teams for winning both Tag-Rugby Tournaments on Monday 14th November. The tournament was held at Brookfields School and both teams were absolutely fantastic on the day, going unbeaten throughout the tournament and deservedly winning their finals!



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Volleyball Inter-house – 1st December 2016

On Thursday 1st December, 53 Addington students competed in the Inter-house Volleyball competition. The competition was thoroughly enjoyed by all and some brilliant skills and excellent sportspersonship were displayed on the day.

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

- 1st - **Yellow Tigers** - 18pts
- 2nd - **Green Crocodiles** - 15 pts
- 3rd - **Blue Sharks** - 11 pts
- 4th - **Red Eagles** - 9 pts

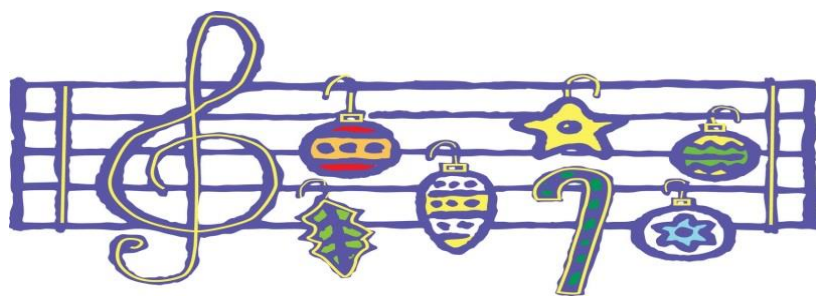
Everyone played brilliantly, but each manager was asked to nominate 4 or 5 MVP's (Most Valuable Player's) from each house. These were:

- Green** - Johnny Delehanty; Luka White; Jack Healey & Aaron Landor
- Yellow** - George Mills; Tom Nicholls; Daisy Cripps & Francis Allen
- Blue** - Daniel Skeates; Rowan Nyamardzo; Levi Barnes; Jonathan Gillman; Christopher Smith & James Hardman
- Red** - Cameron Baxter; James Whitehead; Duncan Stonehouse & Tony Su

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

We look forward to the next inter-house, which will be Polybat.





The Music Page

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



SingIN!

At the start of the half term a choir took part in our SingIN! Concert in Bulmershe Theatre. This was the end to a fantastic buddying project involving 22 of our students linking with Highwood Primary School and Waingels College. After a launch day, students met weekly to rehearse and get to know their buddy. The final concert was a fantastic evening featuring the choir, along with a community choir comprising of Addington staff, parents and friends, and accompanied by a rock band.



Key Stage 2 Arts Award Week

This term students in Key Stage 2 took part in an arts week working towards their Discover Arts Award. They explored various art forms with activities based upon this year's BBC Ten Pieces.



Addington Concert Series



Throughout the year we give opportunities for students who are having instrumental lessons to share some of their work with their friends. This term we enjoyed concerts from our guitar students and drum



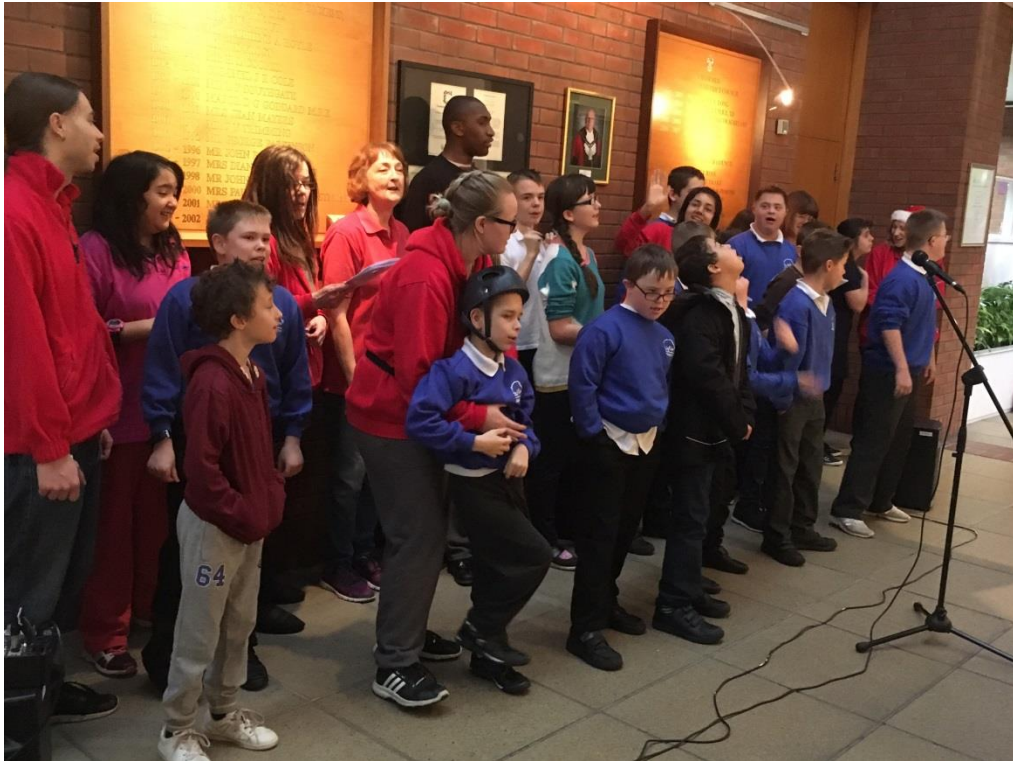
students. They all showed some excellent progress throughout the term. They are all now using our Addington Progress Charts to move towards new targets and continue improving their skills.

Following our band afternoon last half term we now have a band of 15 students who regularly come to rehearsals after school on Thursdays. They have already mastered several pieces and performed them to classes in a special showcase concert as part of our Concert Series.



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! We have also taken choirs out to sing at Shute End and the National Grid. Students have really enjoyed sharing their Christmas cheer in the wider community!



The Music Team wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and musical New Year!

Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin



Good Behaviour Award Winners



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

Brayden Caston. Mannat Kaushal. Lucas Weatherley. Gabriella D'Isanto.
Ria Lakhanpal. Connor Richardson. Chloe Wilkins. Presley Shearer.
Danny Shilton. Carys Westgate. Nathan Hunter. Charlie Soutter.
Mary Ellen Lally. Laurence Parsons. Lucas Pidgeon. Aaron Landor.
Joshua Enfield. Harry Shearer. Katherine Turrell.

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

Simone Pengraeve
Behaviour Support Teacher

Addington Association



Christmas Fayre - Thank you to everyone who came and supported our fayre, we raised just over £2000 which is a fantastic effort. I would especially like to thank all the staff (and long suffering family members) who helped set up and run stalls without their input the fayre couldn't happen. Please consider joining the association next year to help us raise the additional money the school needs to replace the minibuses as they age and run an after-school club. These are important resources for the pupils (and parents) but school funding can only stretch so far. Details about how you can join us will be sent out next term.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Natalie Walker
Chair of Addington Association



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.

WORK RELATED LEARNING

National Grid

All 5 students have had a very successful term. The end of term celebration event was very well attended by members of each staff team alongside the Site Leads and members of staff from school. We were all really impressed by the presentations that each student had set up and also really impressed by their presentation and communication skills. We were really proud watching each student standing up and speaking so confidently at such an event! Everyone involved in the programme has been really delighted to see how they have all grown in confidence and also the amount of new work skills that they have developed!

Next term 2 of the students are staying in the same departments, although working on different targets and the other 3 students are moving to new areas.

The students all worked very hard organising a very successful 'Christmas Fair'. They raised an amazing sum of £700 which the NG matched and this was donated to the 'Alzheimer's' charity. They worked extremely hard, researching possible stall holders and inviting a good, cross-section of businesses. They contacted local businesses for raffle prizes and liaised with NG departments and site control. They also invited 2 classes from Addington to sell items they had made in Business Enterprise.

We were very proud of all their efforts, especially their organisational skills and their superb communication with everyone involved.



Hospitality

The students have worked very hard this term and have managed to keep their '5 stars' which is a great outcome! They have also completed very successful 'City and Guilds' assessments. These have demonstrated how many skills the students have developed and the sheer volume of knowledge they have acquired.

The café continues to be very busy and quite often items are sold out by lunchtime. Throughout the term, the students have surpassed all expectations of their progress in both catering and social communication skills.

This term we celebrated the second anniversary of the opening of the café and some of the original students came back to share some cake as well as great memories!

A group of our catering, young entrepreneurs ran a cake stall at the Woodley Business Conference. It was a great way to showcase their catering skills to local businesses as well as providing a great opportunity for them to find out about jobs in the local community. The Business representatives there were very impressed with how well our students communicated with everyone and the standard of their cakes and pastries. Very well done to everyone involved.



Buddies

The Buddies have continued to work well this term supporting playground activities. It is great that they all are remembering to turn up at their allocated times. They have also attended a workshop led by the Behaviour Department where they discussed the attributes of an 'Ideal Buddy' such as 'helpful', 'caring', 'polite' and 'listening'.



Citizenship

A choir from school participated in Christmas concerts at Wokingham Borough Council and The National Grid Headquarters in Wokingham. These were wonderful events and really showcased our students' ability to entertain and involve local communities. The audiences were really delighted and joined in the singing as well. The events were so successful that the choirs have been invited back next year! The students sang their songs with gusto and were a real inspiration to everyone. They were very happy that Santa was waiting to meet them at Shute End and that he had some presents for them under the tree!



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 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.

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.

Caterlink (our school dinner provider), have put together a parent survey on Survey Monkey.

They would really appreciate hearing your feedback.

This survey will be live until 31 December. Please click on the link below to complete:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6MMN8MY>

Parent Contact Information

We want to cut down on the amount of paper we send to parents and to get in touch more electronically, via emails, texts and our school website (www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk). Apart from the money saved on printing costs, electronic communication is instant. In order to do this we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers – **if you need to update us please email: office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.**

We also now have a school app which you can download (see links on our website), enabling you to receive news updates and alerts on your phone or other mobile device. You can also view our newsletters and look at photos of the children.



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



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– school closed

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Training Day for Staff – Wednesday 3rd January – school closed

Summer Term 2018

Wednesday 18th April – Tuesday 24th July

May Day Holiday – Monday 7th May

Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Training Days for Staff – Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th April – school closed