



Addington School

ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of term draws to a close, I have been looking back at all the exciting activities and occasions our pupils have been involved in: The World Cup cricket visit, Proms week, the Singing Superstar concert, the Duke of Edinburgh expedition, Tirabad and Kingswood residentials, the sports days and of course the amazing FestforAll. All the activities enrich the learning for our pupils whether academically, vocationally or socially and I would like to thank all the staff who have made them possible. We are very fortunate that staff at Addington give up their time voluntarily for many of these events.

As I write, the new FE Build is underway and will start in earnest as soon as pupils have left. We are hoping to have a new extended car park, 2 new Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs) and two new sensory gardens by our return in September. The old MUGAs will then be completely fenced off for ground works to begin. The new building is modular and will be built off site, to be craned in sometime in the Spring term. It is a very exciting project and will be a wonderful lovely environment for our 16-19 year olds. I will keep you updated as the build progresses.

I would also like to wish our leavers well for the future. Firstly, our students who are all destined for various colleges, some with part time employment. At a very emotional Leavers Assembly we celebrated their time here at Addington and said goodbye to all their families but with a caveat to keep in touch. Also to our staff leavers, many taking promotions in their careers, a huge thank you for all their hard work in supporting the education of our pupils.

Finally, I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing summer break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Thursday 5th September**.

**Sara Attra
Headteacher**



New Building Update!



The contractors are here!

Our Senior Leadership Team



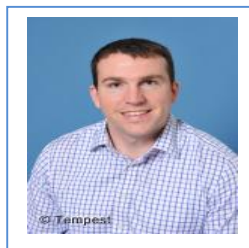
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Headteacher



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Deputy Head



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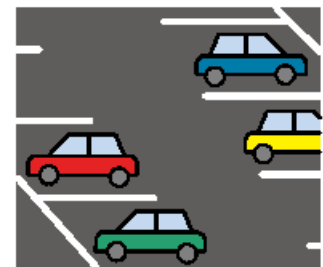
David Maycock
Assistant Headteacher



Sue Tod
School Business Manager

CAR PARKING REMINDER

1. All drivers **must** use the one-way system marked out by the cones and road markings
2. **Only** park in marked spaces and not on the end of rows
3. All pedestrians **must** use the zebra crossing and the pavement when walking children to and from the site. DO NOT WALK on the road by the side of the gates where there is **no pavement** as a short cut. This is very dangerous and could result in an accident



Dear Parents/ Carers

Well, we've made it to the end of the year!

What a year it has been. There has been so much going on, and we have had the pleasure of meeting so many of you over the last year. Events have been well attended, workshops have been really successful and it has been great to work with some of our other departments within school, providing a more varied and exciting programme of events. We will be running more in the next academic year, and are hoping to have even more to offer you all.

The first few weeks of the new year are going to be incredibly busy, settling all the new pupils we have joining us at Addington this year, and helping support their parents. However, once this initial period is over, we are looking to start with a programme of regular events. We are also hoping that there will be more events focused on parents and carers, helping them to take time out for themselves. Keep an eye out for information coming via the Addington app and the school website.

Many thanks to all of you that have made it to workshops and events over the year, and to all the families that we have worked with since last September. We hope the coming academic year will be an exciting and fun filled time for us all!

Although not in full time over the holidays, we hope to have a member of the team in the office once a week over the summer. Please address any email queries to the main PSA mailbox, as we are both able to access this;

psa@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

See you in September 😊

Lucy & Ellie - Parent Support Advisers

School Dinners

This is to inform you that all school lunches must now be paid for online. The school will no longer be able to collect cash on a daily basis.

You will need to register online if you have not done so before. **A letter with your personal log on details has been sent home with your child.** If you have previously logged on to the Tucasi system but have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions on the login screen.

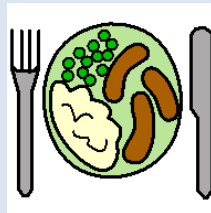
As a reminder:

Primary lunch is £2.05

Secondary lunch is £2.25

Please remember that money for school dinners should be paid **in advance**.

If you have any problems, please contact Wendy Dixon on office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.



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 current term,
come along and try a session.

Contact Wokingham Mencap on 0300 777 8539 for more information.

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

School Mobile App

Our School Mobile App can be downloaded from the links below.

[iTunes](#)

[Play Store](#)

Once you have downloaded the School Jotter app **you will need to select “Addington School” from within the app.**

The school mobile App is **FREE to download** and enables you to receive news updates and alerts on your phone or other mobile device. You can also view our newsletters and see photos of the students.

Goodbye and Good luck!

Goodbye and good luck to the staff who are leaving us. We wish them all the best for the future:

Justine James, Lyn Higgs, Kelly Hazle, Sam Hazle, Laura Tumelty, Hannah Smallbone,
Tom De Sausmarez, Emma Maze, Georgina Wilson



Addington School - Annual Awards

Early Years Progress Award

Winner: **Callum Larkin**

Runners Up Nominations

Bradley Oxley

Mahdi Padia

Middle School Progress Award

Winner: **Lloyd Locke**

Runner Up Nominations

Bobby Sawyer

Sulaiman Mohammed

Upper School Progress Award

Winner: **Daniel Skeates**

Runner Up Nomination

Roxanna Abbaspour

Sensory & Complex Needs Award:

Winner: **Lewie Cheeseman**

Runner Up Nominations

Amber Jutla

Lauren Simmonds

Early Years / Middle School Behaviour Award

Winner: **Jan Alpar**

Upper School Behaviour Award

Winner: **Ben Allum**

Friendship Award

Winner: **Mary Ellen Lally**

Work Experience Award

Winner: **Conor Lashbrook**

Sportsperson of the Year Award

Winner: **Levi Barnes**

Most Improved Sportsperson Award

Winner: **Ryan Skevington**

Musician of the Year Award

Winner: **Luke Adams**

Artist of the Year Award

Winner: **Daisy Cripps**

Annual Headteacher Award

Winner: **Roxanna Abbaspour**





SPORTS PAGE



After School Sports Club

We have been lucky this term to have a golf professional from Sand Martins Golf Club coming to After School Sports Club to give our students some golf coaching. We struggled a bit early on in the term with bad weather but we ended with a lovely afternoon at Sand Martins Golf Club where the students watched some golf, looked at the course and had a go on the driving range.



Berkshire School Games



On Friday 28th June, pupils from Swan and Eagle class attended the Berkshire School games at Bisham Abbey. Pupils took part in Cricket skills in the morning with other SEN schools. Pupils also attended the cultural village where they took part in a Martial Arts lesson and attended a motivational presentation from a GB Gold medallist winner.

Boccia Match

On Wednesday 26th June, pupils in Pine and Rowan played in a Boccia tournament against pupils from the All Saints School. Addington 'A' won the tournament.



Cricket at Purley May 2019

A group of students were invited to play cricket at Purley Cricket Club. The 'Chance to Shine' coaches taught the students some skills in the morning and they then played a match against Kennel Lane after lunch.





Dance Club

It has been a very successful year for the Wednesday lunchtime Dance Club with over 50 children enjoying the brilliant routines that Alice, our dance teacher, has put together. During the sunny weather this term, Dance club has been held outside in the Primary playground, which has encouraged more children to join the fun. Thank you Alice, we look forward to welcoming you back next year!



Dance Festival **Woodley Schools Sports Week**

On Monday 20th May, as part of Woodley Schools Sports week, Addington took part in the Dance Festival at Woodford Park. There were 9 Primary schools from the area taking part. Our team of 15 children, from Lower and Middle School, did a routine around the music from The Lion King. Thanks to Suzanne and Eloise for the choreography. Everyone enjoyed meeting the Mayor and having an ice-cream on the way back to school. The children had such a good time that they wanted to perform again at school during proms week, which they did on the field at lunchtime.





Interhouse Rounders FE/Secondary Sports Day

On the afternoon of FE/Secondary sports day we held an interhouse rounders competition on the field. We split the 87 students into two competitions so that players could compete against pupils of similar ability. One competition was traditional rounders and the other was football rounders. We then combined the scores from both competitions.

The final results were:

1st - **Green Crocodiles (9 points)**

2nd - **Blue Sharks (7 points)**

3rd - **Red Eagles (5 points)**

4th - **Yellow Tigers (3 points)**

Thank you to all the staff who supported the students and managed the teams. The students voted Most Valuable Players were:

Yellow Tigers - Zoe Maunder, Presley Shearer, George Mills, Lloyd Locke, Francis Allen.

Red Eagles - Daniel Lawrence, Salih Akyildiz, Sean Verney, Ellie Cave-Humphrey, Harri Bhathal.

Blue Sharks - Chanique Watson, David Russell, Christopher Smith, Henry Hicks, Kashif Ahmed.

Green Crocodiles - Tom Goldfinch, Liam Fuller, Jack Healey, Ben Reynolds, Fergus West, Jasmine Pritchard.





Orienteering Woodley School Sports Week



On Thursday 23rd May, as part of Woodley Schools Sports Week, Addington hosted an orienteering competition after school. Addington put in a team alongside 5 Primary schools from the area. 12 stations were positioned around the school grounds and pairs of children went out with maps in relays to find them. As should be expected, the Addington team were one of the first schools to finish (as they know the school well!!!). This is the first time Addington has hosted an orienteering competition and everyone was pleased that it went very smoothly and all the children enjoyed themselves.



Panathlon Games Woodford Park



On Tuesday 4th June, 17 Addington students participated in the Secondary Panathlon Games at Woodford Park with SEN schools from the area. We took part in table cricket, boccia, kurling, poybat, beanbag throw, standing long jump, wheelchair slalom, javelin and relay running races. Addington came fourth and received a trophy and medals.





Play Unified Basketball

On Tuesday 18th June, Kite Class represented Addington at the Play Unified basketball competition at Reading University. Play Unified matches SEN students with main stream school pupils to play together in a team. Addington were partnered by Oakbank School. The day started with some coaching and warm up games before some matches against other unified teams from the Berkshire area.



Polybat Competition Woodley Schools Sports Week



On Wednesday 22nd May Addington hosted a polybat competition for Primary schools in the area as part of Woodley Schools Sports Week. Addington plus 4 other schools took part. It was a very successful morning and there was a tie for first place between Southlake and Highwood. Addington House Captains helped with the setup and scoring to make sure the event went smoothly.





SPORTS DAYS RESULTS 2019



The format for our Sports Days changed this year. Secondary/FE took place on Tuesday 9th July and we had the running races followed by the Tug of War in the morning and House Rounders in the afternoon. Medal throwing and jumping events were done in PE lessons before Sports Day.

Primary Sports Day was on the morning of Wednesday 10th July. We started with the Sensory Travel Experience, followed by races and then the Tug of war.

The RESULTS were as follows:

Secondary/FE sports day was won by: **Green Crocodiles**

Primary Sports day was won by: **Yellow Tigers**

Combining all the medal and house events, Tug of War and races for both Primary and Secondary, the **overall winning house** was the **Green Crocodiles**



FINAL POINTS

1st **Green Crocodiles** 420 points

2nd **Yellow Tigers** 400 points

3rd **Red Eagles** 396 points

4th **Blue Sharks** 393 points

SECONDARY & FE FIELD EVENT MEDALS

EVENTS	Gold	Result	Silver	Result	Bronze	Result
Softball Throw Finley Jewell 28.4m (2015)	Daniel Skeates *New Record*	31.33m	Chanique Watson	24.80m	Ollie McGrath	21.0m
Standing long jump Stuart Waters 2.64m (2015)	Cameron Baxter	0.70m	Jack Healey	0.32m	Daniel Lawrence	0.26m
Rowing (30 sec) Liam Alleyne 168m (2015)	Daniel Skeates *New Record*	169m	George Mills	134m	Ollie McGrath	129m

Secondary FE Sports Day Score Sheet

EVENTS	Red Eagles	Yellow Tigers	Green Crocodiles	Blue Sharks
Softball Throw	2	0	0	7
Standing long jump	7	0	3	0
Rowing	2	3	0	5
House Rounders	5	3	9	7
TUG OF WAR	16	6	16	6
Total races	144	159	193	150
TOTAL:	176 (2nd)	171 (4th)	221 (1st)	175 (3rd)



Primary Sports Day Score Sheet

EVENTS	Red Eagles	Yellow Tigers	Green Crocodiles	Blue Sharks
TUG OF WAR	7	3	5	9
Total races	213	226	194	209
TOTAL:	220 (2 nd)	229 (4 th)	199 (1 st)	218 (3 rd)



Mini Triathlon Queen Anne's School

On Friday 5th July, Addington took a team of 11 students to the Mini Triathlon event at Queen Anne's School in Caversham. It was a beautiful afternoon and a lovely venue where our students were able to take part with 1200 other children from schools all over the Thames Valley. We started with a swim around 5 sides of the pool and then straight onto bikes or scooters to ride around a course set on the field. Finally, there was a run around the edge of the playing fields. All the students received a medal for completing the course. An excellent event enjoyed by all.



Special Olympics



On Sunday 26th May, Ned and his 11 year old brother Zach, took part in the Unified Mile in London, raising money for the Special Olympics. Sir Mo Farah came to greet the runners which caused great excitement!

The Unified mile is a very special event for those with and without disabilities. Thanks to Steph, the head coach for inclusion at Reading Rockets for enabling him to do this.

Running a 'marathon' in London was something Ned had always longed to do.

He has never found running easy, but he really gave it everything. Ned and his brother Zach were a great team; raising £337 for Special Olympics.





Addington School was immensely lucky and received a number of tickets in a free ballot for schools for the ICC World Cup cricket match between South Africa and India at the Hampshire Bowl cricket ground near Southampton on Wednesday 5th June. This gave 22 students supported by 6 staff a chance to see top class cricket at a wonderful sporting venue. It was a long but very enjoyable and successful day.



D of E

After a year and a half planning, training, volunteering and practicing, it was finally time for the Qualifying Expedition which would bring to an end the journey of Addington's first cohort of Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students. The sun shone on us for both days as we walked 14km from Cookham to Hurley and 13km from Hurley to Shiplake. The students had to be more independent than the practice expedition; they packed their rucksacks, navigated, set up/dismantled camp, cooked and helped each other get through the 2 days. They were assessed by a D of E assessor over the 2 days and passed with flying colours!

Having completed the physical, skills and volunteering sections, the expedition was the last piece of the jigsaw. All seven students have now officially passed their D of E bronze award.



Farm visit – Hall Hunter Partnership

A mix of Robin and Kestrel classes visited a strawberry, raspberry and blueberry farm in Charvil recently. The students enjoyed a tractor drive around the farm, learnt about tools, clothing and jobs on the farm. They picked raspberries and then taste tested different varieties to see which they preferred, as well as tasting strawberries and blueberries. Each student was lucky enough to take home a punnet of fruit each.

It is wonderful to have such a great link with a local farm and we look forward to visiting in the new school year with different groups.



Outdoor Classroom Week

(20th-24th of May)

Addington classes participated in the Outdoor Classroom week recently.
Here are some of the photos:

“
74% OF UK
CHILDREN SPEND
LESS TIME
OUTDOORS THAN
THE 60 MINUTES
RECOMMENDED FOR
PRISON INMATES.
LET'S FIX THIS.
”
Edelman Berland for Unilever,
2016



Outdoor Learning Staff Training

30th April 2019



Staff enjoyed an outdoor learning training session to give them ideas and resources to base more of their lessons outside. As a school, we are looking at transforming more spaces to make them more accessible for outdoor learning. We also see the importance of outdoor learning for our students and that is why we will be prioritising it more. In order to get the students out more, it would be really helpful if parents could send students in with the correct kit:

- **Outdoor shoes** (wellies for the wet and mud and sandals in the summer)
- **Hat, sunglasses and sun cream** for warm/hot weather.
- **Beanie, gloves and warm jacket** for cold weather
- **Waterproof gear** (jacket, trousers or an all in one suit)
- **A change of clothes**

Mel Pengraeve (Head of Outdoor Learning)

OUTDOOR
CLASSROOM
DAY

PROJECT
DIRT

dirt is good

Learning
through
Landscapes

Mathletics 2019

July has seen the return of Mathletics – an outdoor learning trail around the school grounds involving more than 40 different Maths activities. Many classes took part in this inter house competition. Highlights included Cherry class counting the spins they did on the roundabout, Chestnut class chalking out a Carroll diagram on the playground to sort natural objects, Willow class playing parachute games, Maple class finding out how many times they roll down a hill and Swan class measuring the perimeter around the School field. Well done to the Yellow Tigers who gained the most points!



Early Years

We have had a lovely second half to the summer term and the children have really enjoyed the activities associated with the theme 'Under the Sea and the Seaside'. We have also had some wonderful weather enabling us to extend our learning and play activities into the courtyard especially with lots of sand and water play. We have enjoyed exploring shells and used them to explore different shapes, sizes and patterns. We have listened to and role-played some great stories including Rainbow Fish and Octopus Socktopus where we learnt about sharing items with our friends. We enjoyed having lots of pirate fun with an interactive sensory story and exploring lots of pirate treasure and sound effects.



Lots of the children have enjoyed sensory experiences including various types of water play and exploring edible sand! The class have also been busy learning lots of seaside songs and have got involved in sensory stories that have been led by staff.



We also had our very own beach and sea. Lots of children enjoyed playing and exploring out there, and this encouraged some children to extend their play skills, for example when staff introduced a large box and with the children's help, we turned it into a boat.

We have also enjoyed many fun days providing exciting opportunities for our pupils including; Sports Day, Proms, Stay and Play, trips to Thames Valley Adventure Playground, Kids in Day with yummy ice cream and circus skills, a Samba workshop and a Bamboozle sensory workshop.

We have been busy meeting our new pupils for September, and the children have enjoyed getting to know their new friends. We also welcomed our new teachers for September, Kaylea and Rebecca, who met their new pupils.

We wish you all a wonderful summer and pass on our best wishes to those children moving into new classes with new staff.

Steph and Yvonne



Middle School News

Summer Term has been lots of fun in middle school. The good weather has provided many opportunities for activities and education outdoors as well as indoors.

Key Stage 2 enjoyed some Circus fun at Kids In Day. Thank you to The Rotary club who paid for a circus skills workshop followed by an ice cream from Paul's Ices and then an entertaining magic and music show.





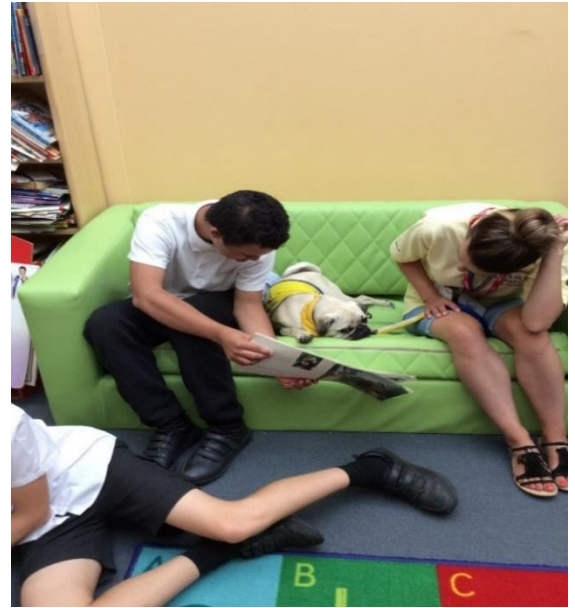
Key stage 3 enjoyed participating in some outdoor art. Here are Sycamore class 'yarn bombing' the trees in the playground with colourful wool and pompoms ready for FestForAll. As a reward for their hard work everyone enjoyed a picnic in the marquee.



Sycamore and Maple class found some interesting water creatures including this dragonfly when they went pond dipping to Dinton Pastures



One of our students reads a story and another enjoys some relaxation time with PAT trained dog 'Jeffrey the pug' in the library



Meanwhile Holly class enjoyed a colourful experience during music and art therapy and Cherry class explored sensory materials in a great 'Soundabout' session entitled Under the Sea.



Yvonne Edwards
Head of Middle School

UPPER SCHOOL



Local and national employers came to visit upper school students at Addington School. Students enjoyed learning about the different types of job roles in the retail industry, services and the tourist industry. Highlights of the day included bread-



making skills with Caterlink, and handling some really interesting artefacts from MERL museum. Students were also challenged to meet the high expectations of Marks and Spencers by folding jumpers to their standard nationwide level. Students who have a preference for outdoor learning enjoyed working with Ridgeline to pot and plant seeds for growing in the greenhouse.

Students have been developing their horticulture and landscaping skills at Loddon School. Having had time to develop their work based skills during winter months, the students have shown that they can independently follow instructions, work on less preferred tasks and use their own initiative to find jobs that need to be completed. They have also had the chance to develop their creativity skills by upcycling everyday materials into unusual plant pots and selecting a range of plants for display.



Another creative venture was taking place for students at Reading University. Addington students have been working in the art department to develop their film production techniques. Using self-made props, students made a short film while also learning about



dubbing editing and lighting techniques.





Upper School students have been learning about the tourist industry through the summer term project 'I'm a student...get me out of here.' As part of the



project students took part in well-established British traditions - one of those being an afternoon cream tea. Before preparing their own cream tea, students visited the Wyevale garden centre restaurant at Winnersh to find out how the tea is served and what makes afternoon tea so special.



As part of their investigations into Reading tourist attractions the students visited Reading museum to view the 'Bayeux Tapestry' replica. Some interesting photographs also emerged from the Ladybird Book display at the museum! Students also went for an exploratory walk around Reading to research local tourist attractions. They checked out Reading Museum and Reading Abbey before walking by the river to find the new lido centre. After a picnic lunch in Forbury Gardens, students were ready to complete a traveler's guide to Reading town centre historical attractions.



Tourism investigations were completed by a tour of Dinton Pastures to find out about the standards of amenities at a country park. They investigated the café restaurant, the facilities, play areas, picnic areas and the water sports provision.



Upper School students have been working throughout the year with Jan from the Newbury Agricultural society. She has cooked a range of seasonal recipes with us such as rhubarb muffins, apple crumble and vegetable soup. This term we met Jan at Cobb's at Engelfield – the farm shop where she sources all of her ingredients.

Jan provided a tour of the shop; students learned about the different groceries, the services provided by a farm the visit was completed with a butchery demonstration. Not for the faint-hearted!



Upper School students enjoyed a celebratory picnic in the sun before the beginning of the 'leavers' season. Each class made savoury and sweet foods; really delicious dishes that were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Some students also made their own picnic blankets as well as some fresh lemonade. They invited school governors to join in, and it was lovely to be able to meet so many of the governors again before the end of term.



Students have been practising skills for leisure time, as well as enjoying leisure activities. This has included learning how to pack a suitcase, iron clothes and even putting up tents. We are definitely prepared for summer holidays!



Other classes in Upper School have been getting busy down on the farm. They had a fabulous day out at Hall Hunter partnership farm – they picked raspberries, taste tested blueberries raspberries and strawberries. Students learnt about PPE, health and safety and tools used in different jobs on farm. The highlight of the day was a ride on tractor to do a tour of the farm.





Students learning to become more independent shoppers have been town training in and around Reading. Classes have been focusing on different types of cleaning products. They have been comparing prices, functions of cleaners as well as reading labels to try to become more knowledgeable about identifying dangerous chemicals, or COSHH, in the workplace.

As part of the 'I'm a Student...Get Me Out of Here' project students have also been developing their skills and knowledge around how to actually plan and pack for a holiday. They have visited a range of department stores in Reading to check out seasonal clothes and to compare prices in budget, mid-range and high-end stores. They have factored in sun-creams, luggage allowances and medical supplies into their holiday budgeting.

City and Guilds students have completed in the café and in the green-houses. Addington students and Bulmershe students have completed their City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma in Horticulture and in Hospitality. Internship students completed BTEC level 1 award in Workskills, and B-Tec level 1 in Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy. End of summer term in Upper School also comes with a series of endings and goodbyes. This term saw students come to the end of their successful internship at Sodexo (Johnson & Johnson) and National Grid. Two graduation ceremonies took place for recognition of student achievement.





In school, we had an afternoon tea party for students and employers to celebrate successes. Optalis Supported Employment Service joined us for the celebrations. We are delighted that three of our young people have secured paid employment following their experiences.

The year has finished in Upper School with the annual Leavers Assembly followed by Leavers Disco. It has been really sad saying goodbye to some people who have been in our lives for quite a long time. Families, friends and staff enjoyed Leavers telling them where they are going to next year; it was lovely to hear such a range of destinations, including Reading College, employment, Bracknell & Wokingham College, Newbury College and Foxes Academy. Good luck to all of our leavers!



2018 – 2019 Residential Trips

Residential trips are an integral part of our co-curricular activities at Addington. These outdoor educational trips afford our young people of varying abilities the opportunity to access adventurous activities and challenges, which give our students, not only enriching experiences, but the opportunity to grow in self-confidence; and develop their social and independence skills. With the view to providing our students similar experiences, irrespective of ability, we have organised three residential trips this academic year.

In May 2019 our Access class went to the Calvert Trust in Barnstaple, Exmoor where they experienced abseiling, archery, cycling, canoeing, crate stacking, horse riding, the giant swing and the zip wire. The evenings were more recreational, involving socialising and a disco.



Some of our Key Stage 5 students went to Grosvenor Hall in Kent, also in May this year for five days and four nights. They enjoyed a very full programme of outdoor challenges, involving climbing, problem solving and team building activities.



In June, thirteen Key Stage 4 students went on the annual New Futures residential trip to Tirabad, in Wales. This trip involves our students buddying-up with Sixth Form students from The Charters, Emmbrook and Maiden Erlegh schools. During the New Futures residential students do caving, gorge walking, canoeing and archery. They have the opportunity to develop their self-help and social skills.



Prior to these trips there is understandable trepidation all round, especially among parents of first timers. On our return it is clear that our young people have grown in self-confidence and independence.

None of these trips would be possible without the dedication of the staff who give up their time to accompany and support our young people. Special mention needs to be made of Leila Oliver, Justine James, Cathy Sullivan, Jordan Laurent, Steph House, Roz Gilbert, Eleanor Baraclaugh, Lauren Carter, Gail Scholey, Sam Hazle, Jane Buckland, Ian Brown, Emma Slade, Abi Storey and Fiona

Hulley who went on one or more residential trips.

Accolades also go to Sophie De'Ath from The Charters; Katie Smith from Emmbrook and Les Dearman from Maiden Erlegh school, and their Sixth Formers, who played a pivotal role in making the New Futures residential trip to Tirabad the success it was.

Some feedback about residential trips:

Tirabad was the most rewarding experience of my life. Seeing how positive and care free the kids were was so inspiring to watch and proves that they are not limited to their disability. I hope it's something I can take with me through the rest of my life.

Sixth Former

Shawn had a great time on the trip, he doesn't tell us much about what he did but he is always happy about going and not so happy about coming home so he must have had an amazing time.

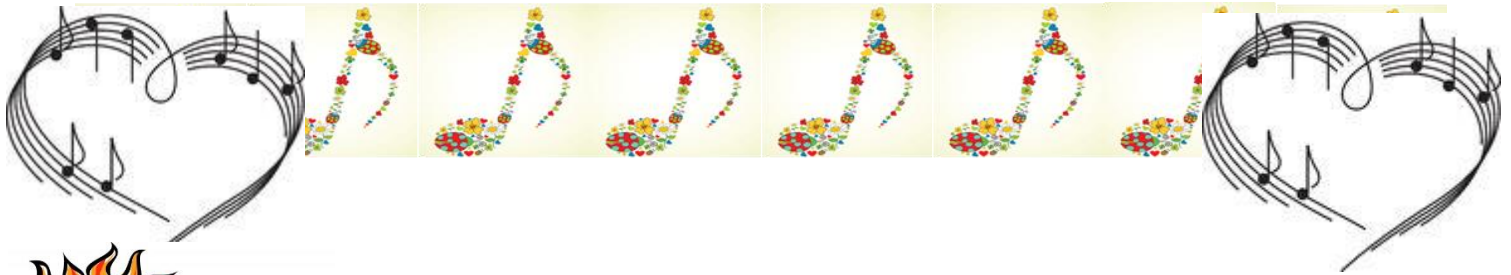
I know he's well looked after and Thankyou to all the staff that enable the young people to have such a great time.

Parent.

It was a wonderful experience for Nathan, I was so apprehensive on Nathan going as I wondered if he would be able to cope physically with all the activities but the staff was so reassuring at putting my mind at rest and Nathan had a wonderful time.

Nathan has already expressed he would like to go next year. He was full of wonderful stories not only of all his activities he did but of his six former that equally made the games & experience fun. (Jess).

I Appreciated the phone call mid week for a update from the teacher. I thought it was run very well & organised well. It was run very well & organised well. I would say is Nathan



The Creative Arts 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 various performances and families come and enjoy our FestForAll!

Addington Proms - Proms week is a chance for every student at Addington to perform and share their talents with family and friends. Yet again we were so proud of the performances of every student and our Addington community celebrated and supported everyone as they shared their music.



Class Performances

Every class group performed during Proms week. Pieces included 'Yellow Submarine', 'One Way or Another', 'Our House' and 'Shotgun'. Some students performed in the large hall and others performed in the sensory theatre. Classes all performed brilliantly everyone 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 chance to showcase our ensembles and groups. Our Addington band performed new pieces and showed how much they have progressed as an ensemble over the year, with their best performance to date! The Theatre Club performed a set of exciting songs from different musicals including 'Grease' and 'Blood Brothers'. Xylophone and percussion club performed a medley of 'Don't Stop Believing' and 'Let It Go'. 'Team Tempo' and Junior rhythm group performed some energetic samba pieces too. Some students shared the music they have exploring on the sound beam and music production students shared some of their compositions.



Visiting Schools

Once again we had local schools visit us during Proms week to perform. They included Bulmershe, The Avenue, South Lake Primary, St. Nicholas Primary, Manor Green, Keephatch Primary and Colleton Primary.



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 Reception and year 14 taking to the stage, including solos, duets and class groups!



Art work

This year students have been making feathers in preparation for a whole school art piece which will be assembled and displayed in September. Watch this space! They also 'wool bombed' trees around the playground and fields to add some colour outside!

Superstar Concert

We hosted the Special Superstar concert in June. The concert involved a choir of Addington students, along with choirs from The Castle School, The Avenue, Arbour Vale, Kennel Lane and Brookfields. The concert featured songs chosen by students, soloists and a massed choir of 90 students singing together. Well done to everyone 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 400 children from schools in the Wokingham borough came to join us for fun singing morning.



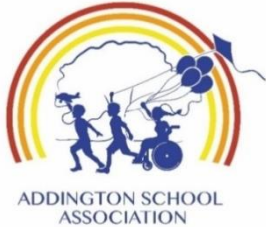
FestForAll - Our second FestForAll took place on Saturday 13th July and was a huge success. Lots of our families were able to come along and enjoy the many games and craft activities, along with the live music on stage. A highlight was an amazing set by Danyl Johnson!





Wishing you a restful and sunny summer holiday!

Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin



News from the Association

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July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I'd like to start this newsletter with a roundup of some of the activities that have been completed either by the Association, or on our behalf, since I wrote last. We have had some wonderful fundraising challenges, with Louise completing the Jurassic Coast walk and Jenny completing the Great North Swim. Between the 2 events the ladies raised in excess of £700 which is an amazing amount! We've also received £300 from Waitrose in Woodley from their 'Green Token' scheme. The Association ran a stall at the Woodley Carnival in what were extremely challenging weather conditions. We all survived but the same cannot be said for our gazebo! We were also pleased to be able to support the Festforall last weekend. In addition, Suky, organised and ran the highly successful Summertime Ball which raised a wonderful £1,178!

I'm pleased to be able to say that we're already in planning for events to be held next term, so watch out for news about our Autumn coffee morning, school disco, Grand Christmas Draw and Christmas Concert. We're also planning to hold a Christmas Fayre this year! Apologies to all for even mentioning Christmas when the summer holidays are only just beginning!

We do have one imminent fundraising challenge taking place that I'd like to share. We are very proud that 2 of Addington's wonderful students, Tom and Vincent, are taking on their very own 'London Transport Challenge'! They're aiming to travel on trains, boats, buses, bikes and even a high-speed lift on 8th September. They're fundraising for 4 charities close to their hearts – one of which is the Addington School Association. If you'd like to support the boys, please use the following:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tomandvincentaddingtonassociation>



Please keep up to date with all our planned activities by following our Facebook page, or, if you're at the school please see our noticeboard located just outside of main reception. Our next meeting date is 10th September.

I look forward to writing to you early in the Autumn term with updates on all of our planned events. In the meantime, on behalf of the Association, I'd like to wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer break.

Dawn Adams - Chair – Addington School Association

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Our Facebook page

You can donate to the Sensory Garden project via our JustGiving page.

Our Pupil Leavers



goodbye and good luck for the future!





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ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES **2018 - 2019**

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Training - Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 September
(school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 5 September - Wednesday 19 December

Half Term: Monday 22 October - Monday 29 October (inclusive)

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3 January - Friday 5 April

Half Term: Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2019

Staff Training - Tuesday 23 April (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 24 April - Tuesday 23 July

May Day Holiday - Monday 6 May

Half Term: Friday 24 May - Friday 31 May (inclusive)

190 days for pupils



ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES **2019 – 2020**

Autumn Term 2019

Staff Training – Tuesday 3 **and** Wednesday 4 September
(School Closed to Pupils)

Term Dates: Thursday 5 September to Friday 20 December (inclusive)

Staff Training - Friday 25 October - (School Closed to Pupils)

Half Term: (School Closed to Pupils) -
Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November **and** Monday 4 November (inclusive)

Spring Term 2020

Term Dates: Monday 6 January to Friday 3 April (inclusive)

Half Term: (School Closed to Pupils) -
Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2020

Term Dates: Monday 20 April to Tuesday 21 July (inclusive)

May Day Holiday (School Closed to Pupils) – Friday 8 May

Half Term: (School Closed to pupils) -
Friday 22 May **and** Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May (inclusive)

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