



ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last term has been, without doubt, the most challenging term so far with our pupils, families and staff facing an ever changing landscape! However, it now looks like we are gradually coming out of lockdown and as I write the sun is shining and the summer ahead feels full of promise with a return to some sort of normality.

The return of the pupils from 8th March has been very exciting and it was wonderful to see them back, many high fiving their friends in the excitement of being reunited with them once more! Still in our bubbles, the curriculum restarted and pupils began to get used to school routines again. For the vast majority it was as if they had not been absent for 3 months, for some the return to school life and all its busyness has been more of a challenge. We are working with these children to provide a recovery curriculum, easing them back into work expectations and increasing outdoor and offsite activities once we are allowed after Easter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who engaged in the home learning that teachers provided. I know how challenging the lockdown was for many parents juggling your own work, home schooling siblings and having to learn ways to engage your child with learning difficulties. We have received the most amazing photos and videos of all you have done at home to teach your child and are extremely grateful for everything you have achieved.

The newsletter is a mix of home learning and on-site activities and a particular highlight over the last fortnight has been watching the live eggs in Early Years and KS4 hatch into fluffy chickens! This prompted many opportunities for learning at many different levels as well as causing immense excitement amongst the pupils and staff alike. It has certainly heralded the arrival of spring and an optimism about more fun and exciting things to come in the Summer Term.

On that note, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter holiday and hope that as restrictions ease, a relaxing time is had by all.

I look forward to welcoming all pupils back on **Tuesday 20th April.**

Sara Attra



Dear Parents/ Carers

We are now approaching the Easter break and with all the uncertainty with which we have been surrounded over the last year, hopefully we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. We would like to thank all the parents/carers who responded to our 'Virtual Coffee Catch Up' survey and those who have attended our sessions. We understand that all of our parents/carers have busy lives so we appreciate that it is not possible for everyone to attend. We will be hosting virtual catch ups every half term and hope eventually to be able to arrange some face-to-face workshops. When that happens we will be putting in the correct safety guidelines in order to safeguard all that attend.

Next term we will be sending all parents a survey to complete: it will be your chance to tell us about any issues or problems you might have and we will do our best to help.

We now have a wonderful Family Support room where parents/carers can come and sit down in privacy and comfort. We will offer guidance and support and if we do not have the answer that day, we will find out the relevant information and get back to you as soon as possible. We are here to listen and try to help you no matter what the problem might be, so please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our email addresses are: ellie.robinson@addington.wokingham.sch.uk
lewist@addington.wokingham.sch.uk

Whatever you decide to do and plan through the Easter holidays, we hope you have a warm and enjoyable break. We are sure lots of lovely chocolate will be consumed and the Easter Bunny will be very busy.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

Yours sincerely

Ellie and Lewis
Family Support Workers

Our Senior Leadership Team



Sara Attra
Head teacher



Lynda Wood
Deputy Head



David Maycock
Deputy Head



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Assistant Head
teacher



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teacher



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Parent Contact Information

Our communications with parents are mainly via emails, our school mobile app, texts and our school website www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

In order to do this, we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers. If you have not been receiving emails from us, please let us know.

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.

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.

School Dinners

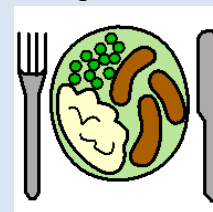
This is to inform you that all school lunches must now be paid for online. The school will no longer be able to collect cash on a daily basis.

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

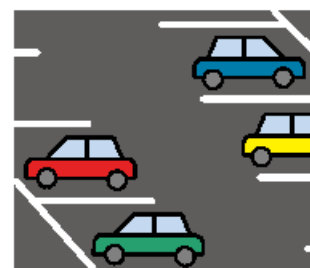


Please remember that money for school dinners should be paid **in advance**.

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

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





Headteacher's Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students who achieved awards this half term:

HEAD TEACHER AWARD – SPRING TERM 2021

Winner:

Key Stage 4

Jake Gray

Runners Up

Early Years

Cloey Spenceley

Aiden Shinoy

Key Stage 2

Jeremy Eitokpah

Evie Cooper

Key Stage 3

Branden Yates

Candice-Grace Brink

Key Stage 4

Tony Su

Key Stage 5

Ben Allum

Zoe Maunder

Sensory & Complex Needs

Jamie Buckland

Tom Canon

Headteacher Award Winners – Feb-March 21

Foundation / Key Stage 1

Adam Hussain

Alayah Briggs

Alfie Cook

Amelia Nobes

Ananya Uppal

Arjun Kamineni

Arjun Singh

Brian Matondo

Charlotte Wills-Parsons

Dominic Podolean

Freddie Page

Harman Bedi

Jack Dimmick

Oliver Tyrrell

Owen Lewis

Samuel Gibson

Shay Bowyer

Thomas Bothwell

Valerie Egwuagu

Key Stage 2

Anamol Rai

Austin Samways

Daniel King

Jai Karwal

Key Stage 3

Amadu Diallo

Billy Sawyer

Bradley Johnson

Chloe Wilkins

Emily Potter

Fergus West

James Benjamin-Phillip

Joshua Heys

Joshua Martin

Katharine Turrell

Leo Van Cao

Sophie Chatt

Key Stage 4

Chloe Weavers

Ellie Cave-Humphreys

Grace Gessey

Jack Healey

Summer Tingley

Key Stage 5

Delia Tobol

Henry Hicks

Lucas Pidgeon

Luke Adams

Usma Jamil

Sensory & Complex Needs

Ben Felton-Hodson

Jamie Buckland

Leon Henry

Lourdes Mirza

Muhammed Asad Khan

Sam Hardman

Tom Cannon

Tommy Hunter



SPORTS PAGE



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2020-2021



At last we are back at school and face-to-face DofE lessons can take place. We did all of our indoor lessons on Teams during lockdown and we are now learning our outdoor skills in preparation for the Practice and Qualifying expeditions which are only a short time away. Focus has been on using a stove for outdoor cooking and tent building.



The pupils have also been working hard, mostly at home, on their skills, physical and volunteering sections with activities such as litter-picking, cooking, bike maintenance, walking and cycling.

Bronze practice expedition: Wednesday 26th to Thursday 27th May

Bronze qualifying expedition: Thursday 1st July to Friday 2nd July



Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award 2020-2021



In virtual lessons during lockdown, the Silver students re-visited skills such as first aid, cooking and discussing their expedition aim. Now we are all back at school, they have been brushing up on tent building and learning fire-lighting. On their expeditions they will be making their own fires on which to cook their meals while camping. The practice and qualifying expeditions will be upon us soon and will be a real challenge for the boys; two nights camping and 20 miles walking over 2 days for the practice and two nights camping and 30 miles walking over 3 days for the qualifying.



Silver Practice Expedition Wednesday 19th May to Friday 21st May

Silver Qualifying Expedition Wednesday 23rd June to Friday 25th June



Mel, Ian and Amanda

Healthy Lifestyles Week

March 2021



The first week of March was Healthy Lifestyles Week and despite being in lockdown, the PE Team put together a calendar of activities throughout each day including:

Live movement and exercise sessions and quizzes on Teams with the PE team
Strava walking/cycling/travelling challenge
Dance video with Alice
Fitness and boxercise videos with Clare
5 minute healthy food ideas
Healthy eating lessons
Wellbeing sessions with Simone
Yoga with Claire
Whole school disco with the PE Team
Walking on Sunshine production

Pupils took part in school and at home. Well done to all who joined in, we hope you enjoyed it and feel healthier as a result!



5 minute healthy meals



Joining in with fitness in class



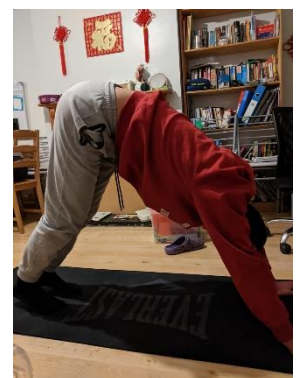
Getting out and walking at school



Healthy eating lessons



Walking on sunshine video



Yoga at home

Dance with Alice for 6th form

6th form classes have enjoyed online dance lessons with our dance teacher Alice. They learned dance routines and enjoyed freestyle dancing too.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

An Introduction to fire lighting

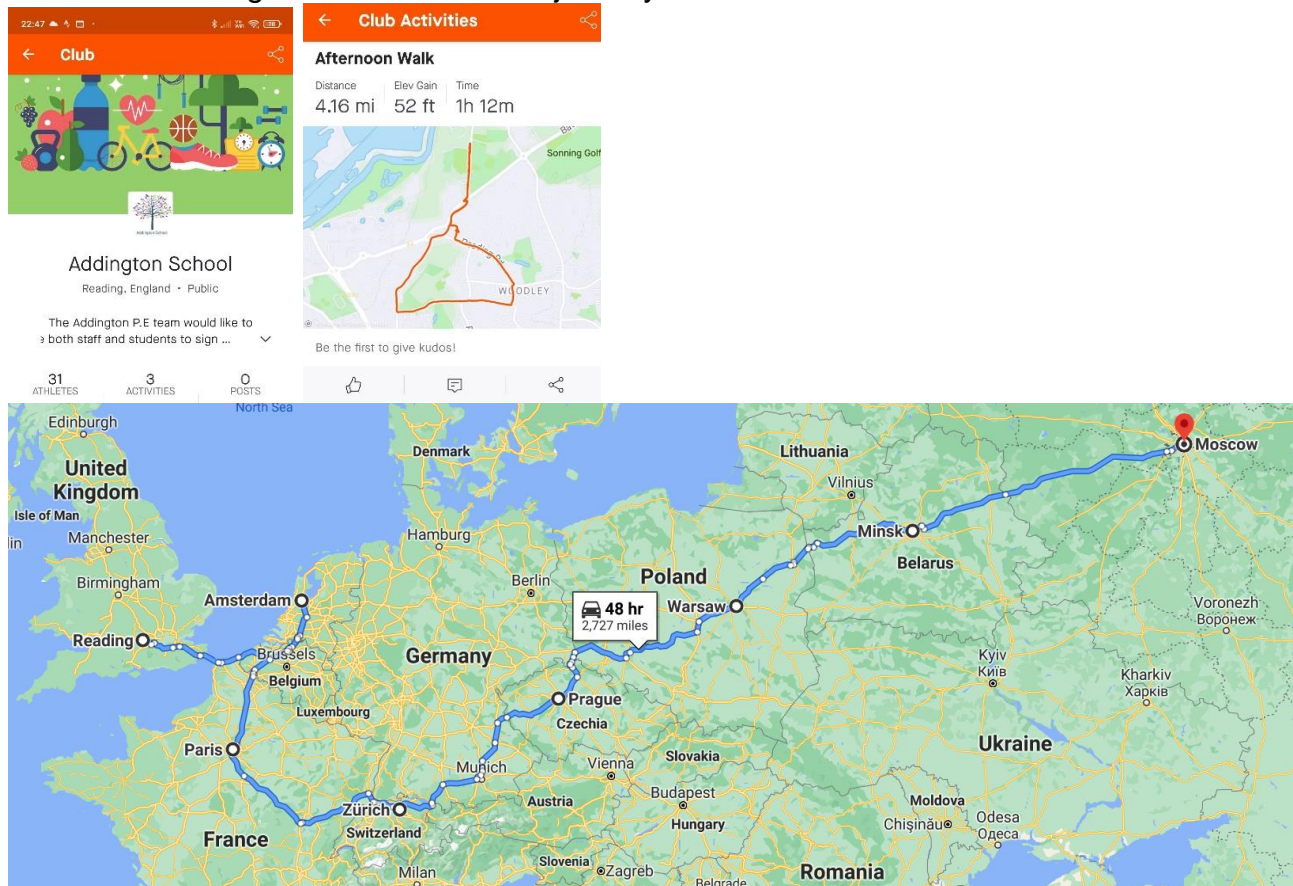
Students in KS 3, 4 and 6th form have enjoyed learning how to safely start and extinguish a small fire. They have started them the traditional way, with a flint and steel, have added sticks they have found to fuel the fire and enjoyed toasted marshmallows or breadsticks. The students have loved the adventure.



Mel Pengraeve
Head of Outdoor Learning



We have reached MOSCOW – STRAVA challenge


Well done to all students, parents and staff who have signed up to the Addington Active club page on STRAVA and recorded their movements. We have finally reached MOSCOW after 8 weeks of amazing effort. This was our journey:



Reading, U.K.  to Amsterdam, Netherlands 

Amsterdam to **Paris**, France 

Paris to **Zurich**, Switzerland 

Zurich to **Prague**, Czech Republic 

Prague to **Warsaw**, Poland 

Warsaw to **Minsk**, Belarus 

Belarus to **Moscow**, Russia 

TOTAL:
2727 miles

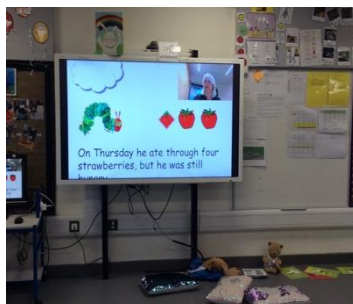
NEW STRAVA SUMMER CHALLENGE – deliver the Olympic torch to TOKYO

There is a new Summer Term Addington Active challenge. Please do sign up to STRAVA or e-mail us at physical@addington.wokingham.sch.uk if you use another device to record distance. The summer challenge is to travel by wheelchair, bicycle, scooter or on foot to deliver the OLYMPIC torch to the **Olympic host city – TOKYO**. More details to follow after the Easter holidays. This is the ultimate challenge and will require more people to join.

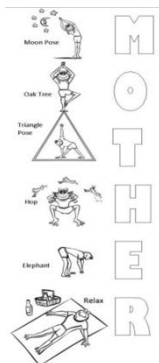


Yoga with Music and Movement with Rainbow ☐☐♀☐ ☐ Claire in Marvellous March

This term we have had lots of creative fun celebrating the joys of Spring ☐. We have enjoyed yoga flows and mindful moments linked to our story books: “**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**” and enjoyed sharing the story “**Elmer and Wilbur**” in the **Sand** room on **World Book Day**.



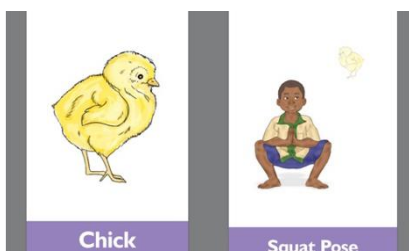
We enjoyed our **Mother's Day** yoga flow and having quiet mindful moments using my relaxing **flicker pillows**.



We have loved playing my **ukulele's** this term, exploring how we can pluck and strum the strings. We have enjoyed learning lots of **Easter songs** and our yoga flow to feel the energy of the new season, Spring.



Our favourite yoga pose of the term has to be **Chick (squat pose)** to celebrate the wonderful chicks ☐ hatching in Daffodil class.



Lots of fun with eggs and mindful resources to develop our strength and well-being at the end of term too.



Finally, please welcome **'Meddy Teddy'**, my new yogi bear 🐻 at Addington school who likes to copy our yoga poses and then the children love putting him into their own made up poses. Here is Sammy's from Lily class, the 'Sonic relaxing' Pose.



Have a great 🐣 Easter 🐣 break everyone.
Rainbow 🌈 Yoga 🧘🏻 Claire



26th February 2021

Mel, Danny & Ian
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To all the students at Addington School

Thank you very much for the very generous donation of £332.04 received following your school field challenges. We are incredibly grateful for your support.

We really do appreciate the amount of effort and hard work it must have taken to raise this much, especially as the weather no doubt made the challenges more difficult. We hope you enjoyed completing the challenges too. Special thanks to your P.E department and Mel, Danny & Ian for organising this.

The money you have donated will enable New Beginnings Reading to continue to provide services to ensure that disadvantaged families and individuals in our local community have a place to go for help and advice, food, shelter and conversation. We also use the funds to help our work with a number of partners and to provide a link with other essential services.

Last year we provided

- Over 250 sessions
- 4500 volunteer hours
- Over 30,000 meals for families and individuals in Reading
- Overnight accommodation for those in need

On behalf of the people of Reading and the surrounding area, thank you very much.

Grace Gomez
Chairperson

Early Years

Daisy Class



It has been a wonderful few weeks in Daisy Class as we have all enjoyed having nearly all of our class members back full time and having our normal school routines and activities back in place. The children have been very settled and responding very well to familiar routines and activities.

This half term we have been thinking about springtime and enjoyed some entertaining sensory stories. A favourite was 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and also 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt' as we approach Easter. We also had a lovely week thinking about colour and rainbows as we shared 'The Hungry Caterpillar' which turns into a bright multi coloured butterfly. As always we have lots of fun through exploratory sensory play whilst incorporating every child's personal targets.

We have had a strong focus on early communication and been encouraging our pupil voices through Intensive Interaction and also choice making. The class find our brightly coloured parachute very engaging and motivating so through the use of familiar songs and games we have been continuing to express enjoyment and requesting more of a song or game.

Now the weather is starting to get warmer we have been exploring the outdoors again and enjoying going for a walk around the grounds focusing on our senses, having fun on the outdoor wheelchair roundabout and some students enjoying the basket swing. We have also continued to enjoy weekly Rebound sessions, sensory room sessions and hydro sessions.

We have had a nice start to our Easter focus by having 10 eggs hatch in school and the students have loved experiencing holding and watching the little chicks. We have also enjoyed an egg hunt to find sounds and different spring animals through our story 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt.'



Sunflower Class



This term we have really appreciated being back together as a whole class again! We enjoyed Healthy Living Week at the start of term and loved the story "Handa's Surprise" learning about different fruits and chopping some to see what they looked like inside. We also joined in with live P.E lessons with the P.E department which was lots of fun. We liked making cards and biscuit gifts for Mother's Day and used some handprints to make a flower bouquet. Sunflower Class did some gardening for the first time this term and had fun planting sunflower seeds and learning about how the seeds grow and get bigger before they flower. We have also enjoyed some Easter activities, and been very excited to visit the chick's eggs and the chicks once they hatched!

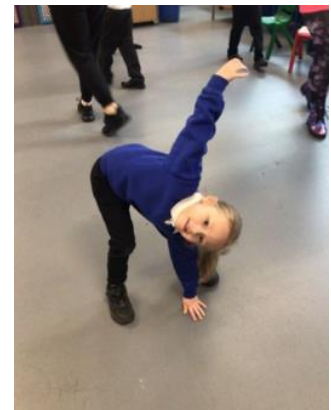


Tulip Class



Tulip Class have enjoyed being back together as a full class, so that we can share some of our favourite activities altogether again, especially Bucket! We are learning about spring this term and our book focus has been "Jessie's Flower" where we have been exploring flowers and what they need to grow. Another book focus has been "The Very Busy Spider" where we have learnt about different animals, their sounds and what they like doing!

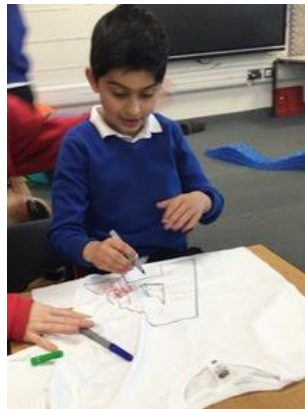
Tulip Class always look forward to Yoga sessions on a Thursday where we practise different Yoga poses and focus on our breathing techniques to keep us calm and happy.



Primrose Class



This half term we learned about spring. We enjoyed a sensory story about the changes in weather and in nature. We also counted and tasted different fruits as part of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" story and we explored lots of different textures as we went on a Bear Hunt. We enjoyed practising our mark making skills as we painted cherry blossom trees, printed caterpillars and decorated Mother's Day cards. We also decorated Easter eggs and a T-shirt for the whole school banner. The last 2 weeks of term have been filled with fun Easter activities.



Lily Class



Lily Class have enjoyed role playing stories including 'Raindrop Plop', 'Jessie's Flower' and 'Farmer Duck' and accessing different activities based around the theme of 'Spring' this term. We have measured plants from the school garden; made weather in a cup with shaving foam (which showed some good collaboration skills); grown cress and have eagerly awaited the eggs to hatch and enjoyed seeing the new chicks. We had an enjoyable World Book Day and Red Nose Day finding the red noses around the playground and participating in a rather fun red nose and spoon race. We enjoyed working in a small bubble during lockdown but have transitioned back to the Early Years bubble together exceptionally well and smoothly. Children have obviously also worked incredibly hard at home; the progression in terms of PLPs has been really positive so well done and thank you all Mums, Dads and Carers (we know home learning was a huge challenge for everyone!).



Daffodil Class



Daffodil Class transitioned brilliantly back to being a full class again and were all so pleased to have all their friends back together again. We have been learning about spring and spring animals. We were very fortunate to be the 'home' of the living eggs until the chicks hatched. We watched eagerly with anticipation and some of us even got to watch a chick hatch live during class time! We have enjoyed handling the chicks and noticing changes as they have grown very quickly. We have also really enjoyed going outside for PE this term, exploring new equipment and joining in group games. This term we have celebrated World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Mother's Day, Epilepsy Awareness and healthy living and fitness week. We have dressed up and baked and had fun developing our communication skills.



Key Stage 2

Hi Everyone

It's really good to be back in school after a challenging few weeks of working from home. Well done everyone for the brilliant support you gave to your child in following the Home Learning curriculum. We hope you enjoyed the amazing variety of activities that our team put together. Here are some of the highlights of our curriculum since we came back.

Yvonne Edwards HOD

Rowan class worked on the Adventurers 'Journey Around the World' topic this half term, where we explored aspects of countries such as Cyprus, India, Peru and Ethiopia. They made cups of Indian-style tea and used a popcorn machine to create flavoured popcorns, linking it to maize, a product from Peru. They've also been working on time, money and symmetry in Numeracy and exploring the use of adjectives (as 'describing words') and punctuation in Literacy. We ended the term with some Easter-themed crafts and cooking, after sharing the Easter Story.



Willow class have been inspired by our topic Spring to make some lovely arts and crafts like these colourful chicks.

They have used Communication boards to make requests when playing games with friends

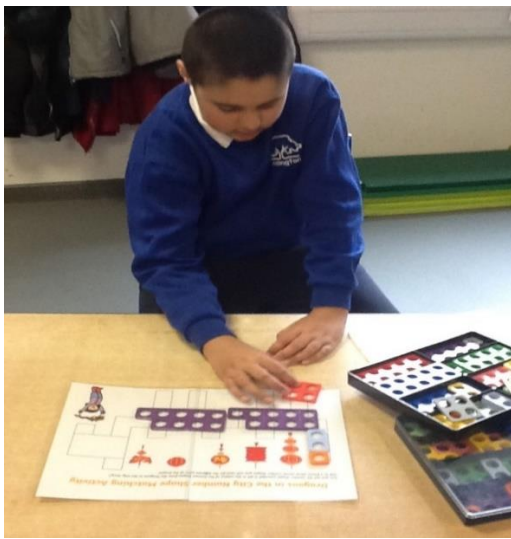




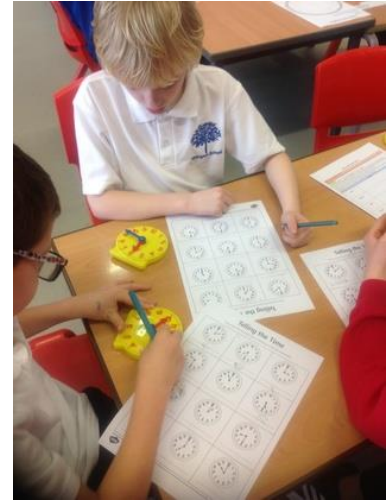
★ Making a T shirt for World Autism Awareness Day

★ Birch class enjoyed sensory play and maths activities and dressed up for World Book Day.





Pupils in Pine have been working on independence and motor skills in cooking by using a range of equipment and following visual instructions.



Pine pupils have been developing maths skills in a variety of explorative and functional ways.

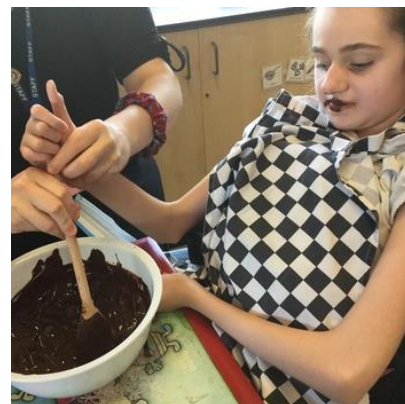


We have all enjoyed the use of the trampoline in PE

Complex, Therapeutic and Sensory Needs Department

Cherry class

We have loved seeing everyone back in school! Our theme this half term has been Spring and we have enjoyed exploring flowers and looking at different animals and their habitats. We got to see the chicks that hatched in school and made a bird feeder during horticulture. We have been developing our visual skills in the sensory rooms and outside. We have been really good at using our different types of communication to show what we like and don't like. Have a lovely Easter break!



Poppy Class



Poppy Class students are very happy to be back in school! They have enjoyed a variety of activities this half term. They dressed up for World Book Day, enjoyed St Patrick's Day messy play, Easter arts and crafts. Hydrotherapy is one of their favourite activities too, and they also enjoyed our Campervan trip sensory story.



Lime Class



It has been lovely to have everyone back in school, and everyone has settled back into Lime Class so well! We have been enjoying our Spring theme this term, exploring lots of different resources through Sensology and Sensory Story. We have been working hard on our independence and communication skills and will continue to do this throughout the Summer term. Our topic next term is 'Around the World' and we will be joining up with Apple Class to 'visit' lots of countries around the world! Have a lovely Easter everyone.

Apple Class



In Apple class this half term we have been looking at the story "Wild Symphony". This story links animals and their actions to classical music. We enjoyed listening to the music and exploring different sensory items. We have also been working on our independence skills and pupils have shown lots of progress in being physically more independent and also using their PEC's books more for requests.

Holly Class



Holly Class have enjoyed coming back together again as a whole class. They have all coped well with slight changes to our routine and have accepted taking part in Maths, PSHE and phonics sessions following a group session. This has been new to the pupils but they have coped with this new demand well. We have also continued to work on pupils emotional regulation and independence skills over the course of the day. Our timetable will be changing slightly next term but I will inform you all of the changes once it I have finalised everything. Some of the pupils within our

class will be going offsite for forest school sessions and trips to the shops to support their independence. If this is your child I will be in contact with you for more information. We hope you have a great Easter break.



Beech Class

This half term Beech class have continued with our regular timetable, focusing on time and money in our maths lessons. We incorporate real life scenarios whenever we can, buying ingredients for our cooking lesson on a Friday and we are hoping that we can get back to going to the shops after the Easter holidays.

In literacy we have introduced the students taking turns to choose a story and read to the whole class; we have had some lovely choices and the students are so engaged you can hear a pin drop when they are listening!

We have also enjoyed filming ourselves singing and dancing and completing artwork to submit to The Addington Show. We love watching this in class, especially seeing our friends, some of which we have not seen for a while due to Covid.

We are lucky enough to swim once a week and the students are making great progress, growing in confidence, going underwater and improving their strokes.

We have been loving the sunshine and warmer weather and have started taking our speaker outside at break times to have music to sing and dance along with. Some of the classes favourite tunes are "Better when I'm dancing", "Shotgun", "Roar" and "Happy". We have been practising for our live dance lessons with Alice, which is great fun; we learn a new routine and then play musical statues.

We are all looking forward to the Easter break and then returning to school for the summer term.



Key Stage 3

Key Stage 3 Spring Newsletter

Well done Key Stage 3 on transitioning back to being in school this term. It has been so lovely to see everyone in person again and to join in with group activities within our bubble such as drumming and singing. Students have all worked hard on their learning this term for our topic looking at different countries around the world. We have enjoyed taking part in Red Nose Day raising money for Comic Relief.

Wishing everyone a happy Easter holiday!

Lydia Colios – Head of Key Stage 3

Aspen Class

This term we have been learning about different countries around the world. We have created art from India and eaten a fantastic feta salad from Cyprus. We discovered that Peru has mountains, rainforests and deserts. It also has a lot of Alpacas. While learning about Ethiopia we made some Injera bread. Everybody enjoyed eating this!

In maths we have continued learning about the days of the week, months of the year and seasons. We are getting very good at telling the time accurately by playing lots of maths games. The whole class have been practising their signing and at the same time learning some new songs. They have done incredibly well – well done Aspen Class!

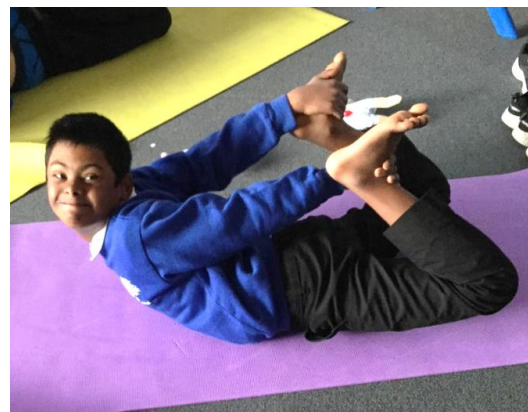


Maple Class



We are absolutely loving having our class back together in school. Although we've had a shorter term than usual in school, we've been busy: continuing a tour of different countries and their food (thank you Maitreyee for the delicious vegetable curry, which we ate with the chapattis we made); learning about what's inside the Earth and eating a cake which represented all the different layers (thank you Caz for this amazing feat of baking!); painting volcanoes ready for an explosive experiment; relaxing with some yoga sessions...and much more!

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and we can't wait for what the summer term will bring.



Sycamore Class

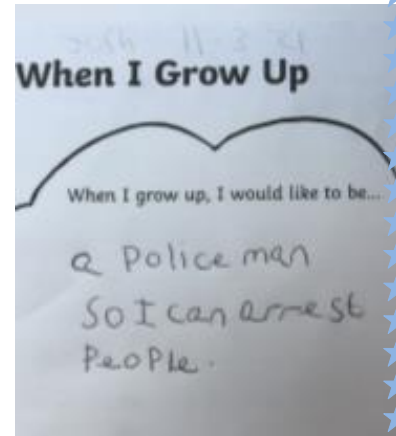
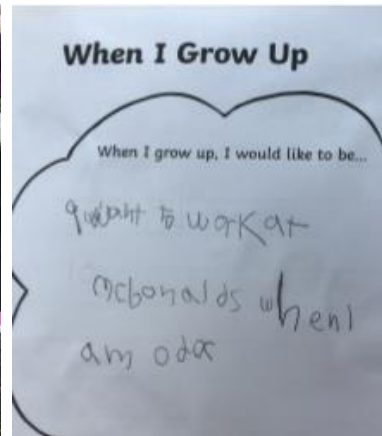
Sycamore class has loved learning about countries around the world and making fact files about each place. We have started to use mind maps to organise all the information we have learned. We made a mind map about Ethiopia.

We also looked at some beautiful fabric from Africa and tried to use the same colours to decorate African patterns.

During careers week we have learned about the skills we need for different jobs that we might like in the future. Stacey has worked with us and helped us to think about what we might like to try for our work experience as we move up through the school.

We found out that there are lots of opportunities and different areas to work in. As you can see, one student wants to work in McDonalds and one student wants to be a policeman.

We have been outdoors learning how to start a fire safely. Here, we are keeping a fire going using the 'dragon breath' technique. We toasted vegan marshmallows on our fires.



Chestnut Class

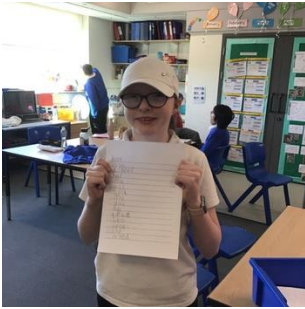
Chestnut Class have been having a great time at school and we are all very pleased to be back together again.

Our topic for this half term is all about countries from around the world. We have been enjoying watching and listening to different people being interviewed about the countries they have lived in and trying to remember lots of facts about each place. Everybody has been trying very hard to write interesting sentences about each place and they have particularly enjoyed learning about the different foods that grow in each place and also tasting the foods from each place! We have also been creating some artwork relating to some of the places such as this Peruvian mask.



Chestnut class participated extremely well in careers week last week. Stacey came to chat to us about different jobs and the types of skills you might need to develop.

Chestnut Class were set the challenge to think of a job for every letter in the alphabet ...and then succeeded!



Ness and I have been so thrilled with the positive way everybody has settled back into Chestnut Class after such a long time at home. Everybody has been very motivated to learn and everybody has been trying very hard with the daily phonics, read/write words, maths packs, DoodleMaths and reading.

We are very much looking forward to the Summer Term and cannot wait to see how our class tackle the next topic!

Have a great Easter break!

Angie & Ness

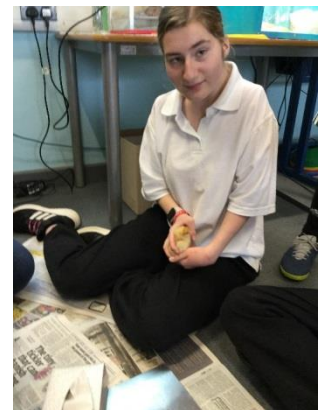
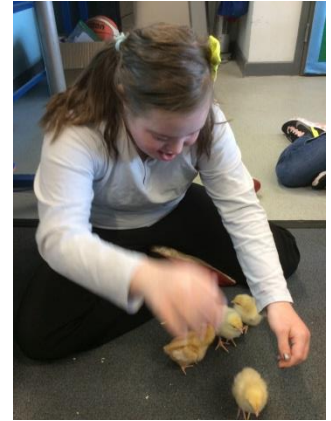
Key Stage 4

Swan and Kite Class News

As well as our normal lessons, our highlights for this half term have been chickens and fire lighting!

Living Eggs

We took delivery of 10 live chicken eggs recently, and after placing them in an incubator for a few days, were delighted when they all successfully hatched. They have now been moved to the brooding pen, where they are growing quickly. The students in Key Stage 4, have named our little chicks and have been keeping a video and written diary of their development.



Fire Lighting

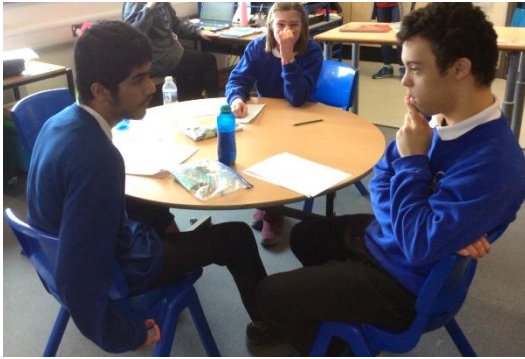
As we have been spending more time outside, we have taken the time to learn some new skills. All Key stage 4 students have taken part in a class fire lighting session. They had to identify all the safety measures of making and cooking on an open fire. Using a steel and flint they created a spark to set light to cotton wool and then added gathered sticks to keep their fires going. Once the fires had been lit they then cooked either marshmallows or bread dough on a stick.



Addington Careers week

During 22nd – 26th March, students across Key stage 3, 4 and 5 took part in Addington careers week. Students built on their knowledge around jobs and practised skills through role play. We thoroughly enjoyed 'Careers Round'; short videos of students being interviewed about various work experience. Students asked some fantastic questions and were really interested to find out about others' experience and think about their own future.





RSPB Wild Challenge

Kite class have taken on the RSPB (The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) Wild challenge; involving activities to connect with the natural world. The students took a weather diary for a week, thinking about how the weather made them feel as well as learning new ways to describe the weather. Students have also planted some seeds to grow various vegetables and herbs that they have been caring for.



Hello Kite and Swan classes!



We hope you are all doing well and enjoying being back at school with all your friends. We miss you coming to Ridgeline and wanted to send you some photos to show you how the garden is looking and what has been happening to get ready for when you return.



As you can see, the garden is looking really beautiful, with lots of lovely yellow daffodils!



We now have some fantastic new raised beds ready for you to grow some vegetables and flowers.



The spring plants and bulbs you planted in the raised beds and pots are starting to grow. Can you spot the labels you made?



Preparations for your return:



Your vegetable plots have been uncovered and dug over ready for planting!



We are getting your seed potatoes ready for you to plant by placing them in the light to start sprouting. This is called 'chitting'.



Catherine is inspecting the new raised beds which have now been filled with soil and compost, ready for you to plant some seeds.



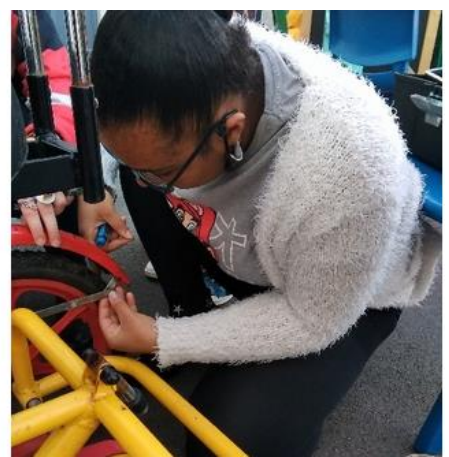
We have also sown some pea, lettuce and marigold seeds so the plants will be ready for you after Easter. Rachel is giving them a good water!

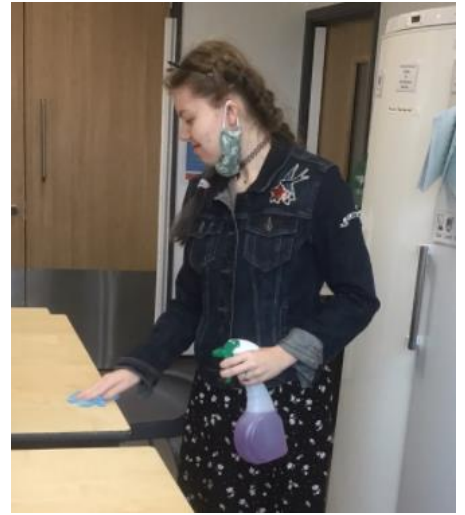
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Rachel and Catherine

Sixth Form News

Students in 6th Form were pleased to be back in school together, and have embraced a new timetable to maximize all of the work and wellbeing opportunities we have in 6th form. It has been fantastic to see the students moving purposefully around the building and talking enthusiastically about the new lessons we have introduced this term. We have continued to improve our work skills which has this term included labelling and delivering Lateral Flow Tests for all staff! Students have embraced a new independent way of cooking this term – instead of contributing to a class meal, we have been concentrating on making individual meals from start to finish – which will be an invaluable skill for life after school. Work experience such as bike maintenance, reception, Business Enterprise and horticulture have been accessed by more students this half term as we have been unable to go offsite. We have also introduced a first aid course for some students.





As you can see we have been working very hard! However, 6th form students have also been looking after their wellbeing. In PSHE lessons we have been thinking about our feelings and emotions, and this has been supported by new lessons we have introduced this term – which have been really popular! All students in 6th Form have enjoyed weekly yoga classes with Aga; and we have been very lucky to have a new teacher – Carla, join us this term. She has given weekly drama lessons which have been hugely popular. We have had ukulele with Sean, and dance with Alice. We haven't abandoned our new found technology skills and have continued with Teams singing with Rhona and Sean each week, and enjoyed a game of Teams bingo with Key Stage 4 for Comic Relief!



Hello Owl and Robin Classes!



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The spring plants and bulbs you planted in the raised beds and pots are starting to flower. Can you spot the labels you made?



These are the 'mystery' bulbs you sorted and planted in containers in front of the pavilion. We can now see that the bulbs in the first pot are daffodils. Soon we will find out what the other bulbs are too!



Preparations for your return:



Your vegetable plots have been uncovered and dug over ready for planting!



Do you remember sowing broad bean seeds in November? They have now grown and we have planted them in the veg plot. Jane is supporting them with canes and string.



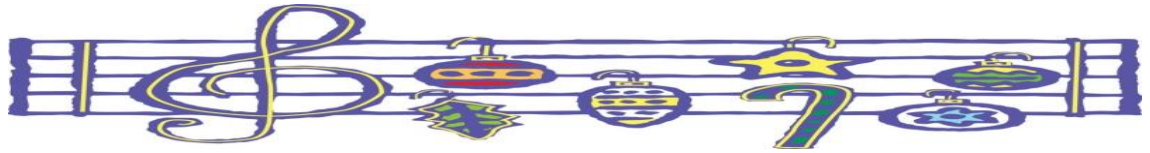
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Rachel and Jane



The Creative Arts Page



It has been wonderful to see so many of you back at school. It has been great to see so many creative activities going on too.

Music Lessons

We have been working with KS3 and KS4 students in the marquee on the field. They have been developing their rhythm and movement skills through drumming. They have been learning routines to songs such as 'Wellerman' and 'I'm Still Standing' which involve playing

different parts of the drum and swapping drums with a partner.



Students in the Sixth Form have been having ukulele lessons too. They have been learning how to play different strumming patterns, simple chords and how to change between two chords too. They have been playing along to songs such as 'Ho Hey' and 'Can't Stop the Feeling'.

Martin has continued with teaching KS2. They have been creating a musical soundscape and learning how to use graphic scores along to 'Song of the Paddle' and been enjoying singing 'The Rattlin' Bog'.

Art

This half term, students have been looking at artists who use food as their focus. They started looking at Faberge Eggs to inspire them to design their own. Students have also studied the spotty vegetable work of Yaei Kusama. They have also made 3D sandwiches like Claes Oldenburg sculptures.

The Addington Show

Our VidCast continued on throughout lockdown and has now returned to a monthly release. The latest show celebrates its 1st birthday and also marks our 25th show. Thank you to all those at



home and in school for sending in your contributions to the show. It makes the show extra special. You can find all our shows from the past year via our website page <https://www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk/pupil-pages/vidcasts>

Keep sending us your photos and videos to include in our next VidCast as these make our shows really special. To send us pictures or videos you can use our WhatsApp number to the creative arts number **07586993547**. You can also email it to us at this address m-ca@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

Live Music Sessions

Following the success of the live music sessions during lockdown, we have continued and expanded them to more students. There are two sessions, one for Primary and the other for Secondary and Sixth Form every Thursday afternoon. Classes and students have been logging onto the session at home and in school to sing songs and develop their use of Makaton signs. This half term they have been learning 'Best Day of My Life' and 'Lean on Me'.

Happy Easter everyone!

Rhona, Sean, Jules, Martin and Angie



News from the Association

Email: AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a short update from the Association this half-term. It's so nice to be able to write now that the children are mostly back at school after the full lockdown ended. The signs are positive and we are all hopeful that our fundraising activities will increase as the months pass.

For the moment, Covid continues to impact our usual fundraising efforts, so we're planning on trying some new ideas out in the coming weeks. We're looking to hold a **Family Quiz Night** shortly after Easter and are also going to be joining a nationwide **School Lottery** scheme which people can join! More news on both will follow via the School Jotter so please keep your eyes peeled!

As ever, please can I encourage you to support the Association by nominating us as your chosen charity on EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile. It's easy to do using the following links:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/addingtonschoolassociation/>

smile.amazon.co.uk then hit 'Get Started' and select 'Addington School Association' as your organisation to support

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Easter break!

Kind regards, Dawn Adams

Chair – Addington School Association

You can contact us either via School on 01189669073 or Email AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020 - 2021



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AUTUMN TERM 2020

Staff Training Days – All Staff (closed to pupils)	Tuesday 1 September & Wednesday 2 September 2020
Term Starts	Thursday 3 September 2020
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 26 October to Monday 2 November 2020 inclusive
Term Restarts	Tuesday 3 November 2020
Term Ends	Friday 18 December 2020

SPRING TERM 2021

Staff Training Day (closed to pupils)	Monday 4 January 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 January 2021
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2021 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 22 February 2021
Term Ends	Thursday 1 April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Staff Training Days – Teachers Only (closed to pupils)	Monday 19 April 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 April 2021
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Friday 28 May to Friday 4 June 2021 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 7 June 2021
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 July 2021

ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021 - 2022



AUTUMN TERM 2021

Inset Days – (closed to pupils)	Wednesday 1 September & Thursday 2 September 2021
Term Starts	Friday 3 September 2021
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October inclusive
Inset Day (closed to pupils)	Monday 1 November 2021
Term Restarts	Tuesday 2 November 2021
Term Ends	Friday 17 December 2021

SPRING TERM 2022

Term Starts	Tuesday 4 January 2022
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February 2022 inclusive
Inset Day – (closed to pupils)	Monday 28 February 2022
Term Restarts	Tuesday 1 March 2022
Term Ends	Friday 8 April 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022

Term Starts	Monday 25 April 2022
Inset Day – (closed to pupils)	Friday 27 May
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 6 June 2022
Term Ends	Thursday 21 July 2022

Inset Days – School closed to pupils

Wednesday 1 September 2021
 Thursday 2 September 2021
 Monday 1 November 2021
 Monday 28 February 2022
 Friday 27 May 2022