



NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER No: 10

North Kidlington School inspires and develops every individual to enjoy, achieve and succeed



Dear Parents/Guardians,

NKS SCIENCE WEEK AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Last week, in the afternoons, the school was full of 'crazy' scientists all carrying out weird and wonderful experiments.

In some of the classrooms I was able to see children 'testing' a liquid which if you moved it too quickly it became a solid! There were exploding bottles of fizzy drink and film canisters. I even saw a classroom full of wine glasses being played as musical instruments!

It was a wonderful week and thank you to all of the teachers who allowed our children to experience lots of different scientific concepts in a very engaging way.

The 'Healthiest' lunchbox competition was very popular. It was a very difficult task to decide on the winners but in the end Mrs Jones & Miss Soley agreed that the following children had used their Art and D&T skills the best to create the 'healthiest' lunchbox:

FSU: Rocana Young

Year 1-2: Mariyah Ahmed

Year 3-4: Beatrice Hall-Mills

Year 5-6: Melissa Lee

STAFFING UPDATE

Miss Soley (FSU Teacher) has started her Maternity Leave today and I am sure that you join me in wishing her good luck for the last couple of weeks of her pregnancy and hope that she makes the most of the time before the baby arrives, as life will never be the same again!

Mrs O'Leary joined the FSU today and will cover Miss Soley's Maternity leave until the end of the Summer Term. Please join me in welcoming her to our amazing school.

YEARS 1-6 PARENT MEETINGS

Parent Consultation Meetings will be taking place this week on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March 2017

from 3:30pm-7:00pm. You should have received an appointment slip from your child's Teacher. If not then please speak to your child's Teacher to arrange an appointment.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL KITCHEN

Mrs Rice, the School Cook, wanted me to say to you, on her behalf, how incredibly impressed she is with **ALL** of the children who have school dinner at North Kidlington School. She has told me that our children have very good manners, are very polite and have a fantastic attitude to the food that they are served. Our children will try anything at least once!

This is a fantastic piece of news to receive and it makes me feel very proud of our children who have an excellent reputation outside of school for good behaviour and courtesy.

★ CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! ★

Well done to the following Class Stars of the Week:

FSU: Harry Long & Sienna Sollis.

Year 1-2: Abigail Clifford, Rhys McMahon & Ruby Jerrett.

Year 3-4: Ella Pearce, Khadija Doha & Beatrice Hall-Mills

Year 5-6: Alexandra Eyles, Tomi Nenonen-Millar & Kallie Fellows.

§ SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE §

Congratulations to Bilal Al Haj Zen, Jessica Banks, Ciara Connelly, Eloise Dykes, Lucia Garcia-Coin, Megan Selway, Nakshathra Sureshbabu & Isabella Turnock, who all received a Silver Book Certificate last week

✍ WRITING WIZARD ✍

Congratulations to Bethany Adams, Leah Josephs, Ella Joyce & Dilakshaan Sivarouban, who received a Writing Wizard Certificate.

π MATHS MAGICIANS π

Congratulations to Freddie Collins & Nour Louni, who both received a Maths Magician Certificate.

🎵 MUSIC AWARD 🎵

Congratulations to Mia Smith who received a Music Award Certificate.

✍ CREATIVITY AWARD ✍

Congratulations to Jessica Elston, who received a Creativity Award.

🏆 SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 🏆

Congratulations to Erin Dickinson, Maddie Elliott-Wheeler, Devron Harverye, Rosie-May Bingham-O'Shea & Maggie Pittam, who all received a Sporting Achievement Award for sporting participation outside of school.

CHEQUES FOR SCHOOL

Please can you make sure that if you write a cheque for school it is made out to *Oxfordshire County Council* and **NOT** O.C.C. Thank you.

CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

(W/C 13-03-2017)

The National Average is 97.00% and we are aiming for a whole school attendance of between 96.00-97.00%

Class	Attendance (%)
Apple	94.32%
Ash	96.00%
Maple	97.33%
Oak	97.33%
Cedar	96.67%
Chestnut	98.40%
Willow	93.70%
Acer	94.44%
Beech	93.70%
Pine	98.89%
Whole School	95.98%

Well done to **Class Pine** who achieved **98.89%** attendance!

ATTENDANCE

If your child is ill please inform the school office on the first day of absence. A child whose attendance falls below 90% may receive an attendance letter. **P.T.O**

PUNCTUALITY

Please remember that children are expected to be in school by 8:45am, so that they are ready to start the school day.

IMPACT OF REGULARLY SCHOOL LATENESS.

Minutes late per day	Equivalent to missing:
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

NKS RED NOSE DAY 2017

This Friday is the NKS Red Nose Day. We will be supporting this event by inviting everyone to come to school in non-uniform (wearing a red nose as well if they wish) for a suggested donation of £1.00!

FoNKS BAG-2-SCHOOL

Bag 2 School – Monday 27th March 2017.

We will be taking part in this initiative again this year. If you would like to donate any old or unwanted items of 'good quality' clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties etc. then this is a perfect way to make some space. Please send in any donations, in the bags which will be sent home soon, to the School Office by 9:00am on Monday 27th March 2017. Unfortunately they do not take bedding, towels or curtains. The bags are then weighed and any money raised will go towards supporting future school events. Thank you

FoNKS MOTHER'S DAY GIFT WRAPPING DAY

FoNKS will be holding a Mother's Day Gift and Wrapping Day on Friday 24th March 2017 from 9.30pm-4.00pm. For £2.00 children will be able to choose a present, wrap it and take it home in time for Mother's Day which is on 26th March. Classes will have the opportunity to visit the 'Gift Room' throughout the school day and there will be an opportunity at the end of the school day between 3.15pm-4.00pm for children to buy and wrap a gift for their mother to take home in time for Mother's Day on Sunday 26th March 2017.

FoNKS SUMMER FAYRE

Strange as it may seem but FoNKS are already beginning to think about our annual Summer Fayre! I know that it is not even Spring yet but these events do take a long time to organise.

With this in mind, Chancellors Estate Agents have again agreed to sponsor the advertising of our Summer Fayre with their boards. If you are happy to have one outside your property please e-mail fonkspta@gmail.com. The boards will be put in place from Mid-June with the Fayre being on Saturday 1st July 2017. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND COATS

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat/jacket.

Also please make sure that your child brings the correct kit for PE and that they have a pair of plimsolls to change into when they are not wearing their outdoor shoes. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

The school lost property items will be displayed outside of the School Office this week (weather dependent!) so 'lost' items can be reclaimed.

CLASS AND LEAVERS PHOTOGRAPHS

The School Photographer will be in our school on Tuesday 28th March 2017 to take Class and Year 6 Leaver photographs. Please make sure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform, especially jumpers, shoes and hair bands. Thank you.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 20th March 2017

Mrs O'Leary begins Maternity Cover for Miss Soley

Tuesday 21st March 2017

Parent Consultation Meetings-3:30pm-7:00pm.

Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Parent Consultation Meetings-3:30pm-7:00pm.

Friday 24th March 2017

Red Nose Day/Comic Relief Non-uniform day-£1.00 suggested donation.

Friday 24th March 2017

Mother's Day Gift and Wrapping Day

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Cont...)

Monday 27th March

Bag 2 School

Tuesday 28th March 2017

Class Photographs to be taken during the school day.

Monday 3rd April 2017-Thursday 6th April 2017

Year 5/6 Residential Trip-Youlbury Scout Centre.

Thursday 6th April 2017

Environment Morning-9:30am-12:00 Noon-Details to follow.

Friday 7th April 2017

End of Spring 2nd Half Term – School closes at 3.15 p.m.

Monday 10th April 2017-Friday 21st April 2017

Easter Holiday-School Closed.

Monday 24th April 2017

Start of Summer 1st Half Term-School open to all pupils.

Gary Kemp
Head Teacher

20th March 2017