



# NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER No: 8

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



Dear Parents/Guardians,

### WORLD BOOK DAY 2017

Our World Book Day celebrations last Wednesday were fantastic. The children looked wonderful dressed as characters from books and Years 1-4 enjoyed workshops with authors Helen Moss and Natasha Spence.

Helen judged the winners of the writing competition and presented the prizes in assembly. The winners were:

- Year 1 - Aiden Pritchard
- Year 2 - Sienna Beukes
- Year 3/4 - Megan Selway
- Year 5/6 - Owain Rose

I read all the entries and was delighted by the high standards and enthusiasm for writing. Well done to everyone who entered the competition. Miss Trunchbull (Mrs Ling)

### MATHLETICS CHALLENGE

We have entered a national Mathletics competition focused on children mastering curriculum mathematics and practising their mental maths skills. The competition is for the whole school and runs for just 2 weeks from **Monday 6th March to Monday 19th March**. There are some very good prizes on offer for the top performing schools, including £500, £250 or £100 towards the cost of the school subscription fee. We think this is a great way for children to continue to practise their mathematics whilst competing against other schools. In order to make it fair between schools of different sizes, scores are based upon each pupils average points over the period of the competition.

Your child's usual log on details for 'Mathletics' can be used and in addition to using a PC, there is also a free Mathletics app for tablet devices that students can use to access Mathletics from anywhere. All of their activities are recorded and will be synced with their main Mathletics account. The app is available for iPad and

Android tablets. For more information visit: [uk.mathletics.com/studentapp](http://uk.mathletics.com/studentapp)

NB: some of the Mathletics activities are not available through the app and work completed on tablets in offline mode may not be calculated.

All children have their log on information but please see the class teacher if you have any problems. Let's see if we can win a prize, good luck everyone!

### PARTNERSHIP HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our Y5/6 hockey team who won the Kidlington Partnership Hockey Competition. They will now play in the next level against other school from North Oxfordshire

### CLASSES GREEN AND RED APPLE CHICKS

Our Foundation Stage was full of excitement yesterday due to the arrival of some eggs in an incubator!

Over the next couple of weeks the children will be able to experience seeing the chicks hatching from the eggs and developing into the 'fluffy' chicks that we always think of around this time of year.

Other members of the school will be allowed to visit the Foundation Stage Class during break times and lunch times so that they can experience seeing chicks hatching and growing. Thank you to FoNKS who have supported this amazing experience by covering the total cost of this project.

### \* CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK! \*

Well done to the following Class Stars of the Week:

**FSU:** Owen Lloyd & George Parsons.

**Year 1-2:** Ava Collins, Matilda Hillis & Arthur Rose.

**Year 3-4:** Alfie Chennells, Harry Firkins & Avvanii Yogananda.

**Year 5-6:** Charlie Cripps, Piper Reddan & Dilakshaan Sivarouban.

### 8 SILVER BOOK CERTIFICATE 8

Congratulations to Eve Benadel, Eva Nesbitt & Jamil Silla, who all received a Silver Book Certificate last week.

### SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Congratulations to Maria Buda, Raya Otchere-Darko & Maggie Pittam, who all received a Sporting Achievement Award for sporting participation outside of school.

### WRITING WIZARD

Congratulations to Darcy Chahal, who received a Writing Wizard Certificate.

### SUPER SCIENTIST AWARD

Congratulations to Diavionne Douglas, Trish Jothisankar & James Winlow, who received a Super Scientist Award this week.

### ICT AWARD

Congratulations to Tamzin Roberts, who received an ICT Award for being inspired to create an ICT safety booklet in response to our recent Online Safety Week.

### CLASS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES

(W/C 27-02-2017)

*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                 | 91.33%         |
| Maple               | 97.67%         |
| Oak                 | 98.67%         |
| Cedar               | 97.50%         |
| Chestnut            | 98.80%         |
| Willow              | 94.44%         |
| Acer                | 94.07%         |
| Beech               | 95.19%         |
| Pine                | 98.15%         |
| <b>Whole School</b> | <b>95.88%</b>  |

Well done to **Class Chestnut** who achieved **98.80%** attendance!

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### 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.

### 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 during the school year | Is the equivalent of 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 SCIENCE WEEK

Next week (13.03.17-17.03.17) is our School Science Week with the theme 'Changes'. We want to challenge you to make a change to a school lunchbox by designing the healthiest lunch you can.

You could:

Make a 3D model of a healthy lunchbox

Draw a picture of the lunchbox

Make a labelled diagram

Use your Art, Design and Technology skills in a different way.

Your design needs to be in school by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March so that we can judge the entries. Good Luck (Mrs Jones and Miss Soley)

### 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.

### FoNKS NEWS

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 agent 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 [fonspta@gmail.com](mailto:fonspta@gmail.com). The boards will be put in place from Mid-June with the Fayre being on Saturday 1st July 2017. 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.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017-Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
Y5/6 Assessment Week.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017-Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
Y2 Assessment Week.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
Refashion Show-Upcycling clothes-Oxford

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017-Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
Whole School Science Week (See leaflet about the whole school competition).

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017-Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
Y3/4 Mathematics Assessment Week.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
Miss Soley begins her Maternity Leave.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017**  
Parent Consultation Meetings-3:30pm-7:00pm.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**  
Parent Consultation Meetings-3:30pm-7:00pm.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
Mother's Day Gift and Wrapping Day-Details to follow.

### FORTHCOMING DATES (Cont...)

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
Bag 2 School – more details to follow

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
Class Photographs to be taken during the school day.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017-Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017**  
Year 5/6 Residential Trip-Youlbury Scout Centre.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017**  
Environment Morning-9:30am-12:00 Noon-Details to follow.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**  
End of Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term – School closes at 3.15 p.m.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017**  
Easter Holiday-School Closed.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**  
Start of Summer 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term-School open to all pupils.

Gary Kemp  
Head Teacher

7<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## A Whole School Art, Design and Technology Challenge

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Miss Soley and Mrs Jones

