



North Kidlington Primary School Newsletter

Nurturing Potential, Growing Success

Key Dates

March

7th Yr 1/2
8th World Book Day
18th Parent Consultation week
28th 1:30 Finish
Easter Break

April

15th Back to school

May

8th Year 4 Residential
10th Mindfulness Day
13th KS2 SATS—Gram. & Spelling
14th KS2 SATS—Reading
15th KS2 SATS—Maths 1 & 2
16th KS2 SATS - Maths 3
17th Break the Rules Day
24th 3:15 Finish
28th Easter Holidays

June

3rd INSET
4th Back to school
7th Individual Photos

Spring Term: # 2

Dear families,

I am pleased to see this endless rain seems to have finally eased and it's been great to get outside with the children more. One of the things we have highlighted that we wish to improve at school over the next three years is playtimes. Although we do not have the funds to fix the play-ground surface I think we can do much more with what and how we play.

I know I am always going on about this to people, but school is more than English and maths learning (although that is very important). It is where we learn our social skills and those very important soft skills, such as resilience, perseverance and creativity. Playtime is a valuable place for this learning.

We have reached out to some professional organisations that specialise in play; we also have some ideas of our own and I have been working with school council and my lunch clubs on getting the children's ideas. I would be very interested to hear your thoughts on play in school, so do please pop me an email or come and find me on the playground.

Movie Night

Thanks so much to the incredibly efficient team of FoNKS volunteers who organised the food for Movie Night. Thanks also to the teachers and support staff who gave their time to supervise the children and ensure everyone had a good time. The event raised an incredible £1,175 for the school which we are incredibly grateful for—this is the most ever for a movie night. This money goes towards books, school trips, classroom resources and our big ticket projects such as the library, Chrome-books and now, hopefully, playground improvements.

The Burrow

Calm, caring and fun before and after school provision.





We have a drumming teaching coming to our school soon. He specialises in teaching children with SEND needs. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office.



Nursery Update

I am pleased to tell you that we will have a new nursery opening on site very soon.

It will be called Small Steps Pre-School and will care for children aged 2-4 years old.

We look forward to welcoming Small Steps into the NKS community and I am sure this will make many of your lives much easier having both a nursery and school on the same site.

World Book Day

We have had a great couple of days celebrating World Book Day. The plate creations, celebrating favourite books have been fabulous: such a range of books and some really ingenious ideas.

After last year's success we started the day with an assembly run by Miss Claxton and Mrs Preston xx. Unbeknownst to the children they had hidden a gift wrapped book in every classroom for the children to find. The children then had a day of activities linked to their book. This year, we went for a non-fiction theme and each class had a beautifully produced encyclopaedia to delight in.

I have created a short video of the amazing plates for you to have a look here: (I will add Cedar's next week as they got sent home by accident).



Mother's Day Wrapping

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who came and helped with the Mother's Day Wrapping. The children really enjoyed choosing something to give the special woman in their lives. I remember when my son was here that it was very lovely to receive something I know he had taken time to choose just for me. Just so you know, we do our best to be sensitive to any difficult situations and make sure children not partaking for whatever reason, do not feel left out.

Spelling Shed

The Spelling Shed competition continues to be hotly competed and know many children are putting in lots of work on spelling at home. Obviously the aim of this is to make them amazing at spelling and it would be great for you to continue to encourage the competition from home. We announce the top class in each department in our weekly assembly and have a trophy in Reception.

To see the leader board click on the Spelling Shed icon.





We have a very supportive and active governing board at NKS.

The governing board has an important role in helping to develop the strategic vision for the school and ensuring we are doing our best for the children.

Our governors come from all walks of life and there is no need to have previous experience in education.

We are very interested in having more representation from our international community so we can better understand how to support our children from a variety of cultures.

If you are interested in helping to support the school through governorship, you can find out more about the role [here](#).

Sporting Events

Our super Sportshall Athletics kids went to the county finals last week and represented us brilliant again. I love the team spirit in this picture and they really showed that on the day.

Well done to Jessica, Hannah, Maya, Maisy, Milana, Maira, Safi, Eva, Emily, Florence, Ayla, Georgie-Ellyn, Mary, Ava, Daisy, Jacob, Ben, Theo, Toby, Leo, Benjamin, Vann, Thomas T, Rohan, Ethan, Milo, Thomas U, Felix & Charlie J



Parking

Several parents and staff have come to me recently to say that parking has become very dangerous outside of school and that tempers have been running high. I know we are all busy people, but this does not justify risking a child's life or our good relations with the local community. We take our values of Kindness very seriously at NKS and it would be great if that could extend out to how we park and conduct ourselves outside the school gates.

Comic Relief

Next Friday, 15th March, is Comic Relief day. As we go all out for Children in Need we do not have any specific events for Comic Relief but if your child would like to come with their red nose or other comic relief items that is more than fine.

Enjoy the spring sunshine everyone,

Emilie Fidler 08/03/2024





I don't normally share social media posts, but I thought this was a very good message to keep in our minds, especially for those of us with girls in our lives.

Sport provides so much more to a person than physical fitness (social skills, resilience, self-confidence...) , it would be a shame to put 51% of the population off taking part in it.



Women in Sport

54,926 followers

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We need to talk about gender stereotypes.

Women and girls are bombarded with messages throughout their lives about where they do and don't belong...

Girls are encouraged to display behaviour that society deems acceptable, as such they're often told to:

- 💡 "Be careful"
- 💡 "Don't be bossy"
- 💡 "Don't get messy"

But these behaviours are all at odds with sport, so is it any wonder that girls as young as 5 years old feel they don't belong?

Meanwhile boys are encouraged to:

- 👊 "Be brave"
- 👊 "Be a winner"
- 👊 "Be strong"

Spot the difference? 🧐



Busy researching and making
encyclopaedia pages for World Book Day.

