



North Kidlington Primary School Newsletter

Nurturing Potential, Growing Success

Key Dates

February

5th Yr 5/6 Nat. History Museum
6th Internet Safety Day
7th Vision Screening (Reception)
7th Yr 1/2 trip to Blenheim
9th Yr 6 Junior Citizens
9th Last day of half term (3:15 finish)
12th Half Term
19th Back to school
27th LKS2 Trip to Steam

March

7th Yr 1/2
8th World Book Day
18th Parent Consultation week
28th 1:30 Finish
Easter Break
15th Back to school

Spring Term: # 1

Dear families,

We have had some little glimmers of spring this week which has caused great excitement in the wild garden. At lunchtime, children have been building protection for the bulbs just starting to pop their heads out of the ground which is an excellent example of our value of Be Kind to the Environment.



The Burrow

Calm, caring and fun before and after school provision.



Collared dove in its nest
by the fish pond





We love our sporting competitions but we know that competition does not drive everyone. We also know that many traditional school sports are not for everyone. With that in mind, we try to provide opportunities in many sports so children can find the one that is right for them. We have put on yoga, tri-golf, lacrosse and even ultimate frisbee!

Violin and trumpet lessons

We have some children who are interested in violin and trumpet lessons at NKS. To get the Oxfordshire Music Service teachers into school we need a minimum amount of pupils signed up. Furthermore, the lessons are much cheaper when they are delivered in a group.

Also, [recent studies](#) have shown that learning an instrument can be amazing for brain health at a later age, so learning an instrument is now even better for you than we previously thought!

More information here.

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/music



Sporting Events

Year 5 & 6 have been busy this week with teams going to Gymnastics and Sportshall Athletics this week.

Both events were great fun and our children represented the school with respect, grit and sporting ability. Gymnastics went very well. It was very exciting and a unique experience to be able to go to a proper gymnastics club, compete and have a go on all the apparatus! A new experience for all!

Well done to Ava, Mary, Emily, Georgie-Ellyn, Ayla, Ivy, Jessica, Freya, Maisie, Eris, Florence, Lexi.



I was lucky enough to attend the Sporthall Athletics on Thursday and was so impressed with how determined our children were. We had some tough races but NKS managed to come 1st or 2nd in all of them. This means we get to go to the county final in February!!

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



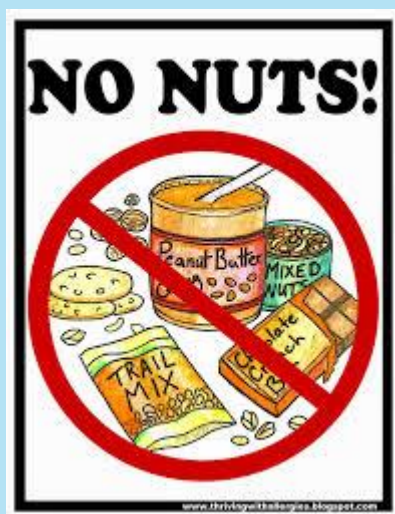


Chocolate Spread

We have seen several children with chocolate spread in their sandwiches at lunchtime recently.

I just wanted to flag that **many chocolate spreads have nuts in** and we have children and adults across the school with nut allergies. We are a nut free school.

I think it also worth mentioning that chocolate spread is not really a nutritious option for a lunchtime sandwich and it might be worth considering some healthier alternatives.



NSPCC Online Safety Workshop

It was such a shame that the online safety workshop was cancelled. I was looking forward to it on a personal and professional level. I am not sure when they will be rescheduling but in the meantime they sent me this link to a pre-recorded session: [CLICK HERE](#) (YouTube Video).

Responding to Behaviour Workshop

On the 22nd February we will be running our responding to behaviour workshop. This is a really helpful session for EVERYONE. Parenting is hard and this workshop offers support and advice for those pinch points in our day that we all have: bedtimes, meal times, coming to school, when children are asking for something...

We have worked with the session organisers for many years now and they are realistic, fair and human (and parents themselves)

We had some really positive feedback from the parents who attended last time and so we thought we would put it on again.

Responding to Behaviour

Thursday 22nd February

9:15—10:15

Tea, coffee and biscuits provided

£10—free to those in receipt of Free School Meals

If you are interested please submit your details on [this form](#).

Movie Night

Some of you may have been wondering about Movie Night which was in the calendar for this Monday. Unfortunately, we had to move it.

We have a new date now: **Monday 4th March**

I am sure communication will be out about this soon.

We love FoNKS and they provide so much support to the school but they are a very small team. If you are able to offer a bit of help at an event or you would like to join the committee, I know they would love to hear from you. Do please pop them a line at: Fonkspta@gmail.com



Spelling Shed

We are having a bit of light-hearted competition with the children in years 2 and up with a spelling package we subscribe to: Spelling Shed. Children have their own accounts which they can access through their Google Classroom. Each week in assembly, I announce the class with the most points and they have their name displayed in the Spelling Shed trophy in reception. It is just a bit of fun but the children seem to be enjoying it and, more importantly, getting in lots of practice with their spelling words.



If you want to see the league table, there is a link on the school's homepage, just scroll down and click the trophy icon:



Amazing cutlery skills in Apple Class

Apple class children have been doing an amazing job with their cutlery in school. We have had a few assemblies on how to use your knife and fork and the children are really getting it. If you want to help at home, we use the Stab, Slide and Saw technique. You can find a handy [video here](#) to support you.



Have a lovely rest of your week,

Emilie Fidler 30/1/24

