



North Kidlington Primary School Newsletter

Nurturing Potential, Growing Success

Key Dates

November

9th—KS2 X-country (teams)
9th—Yr 6 Maths Challenge (team)
13th—16th: Parent Consultations
16th—Oxford City Girl's Football
16th—Y5/6 Tag Rugby
17th Children in Need Mile
20th—Year 6 residential
30th—Yr 5/6 Football (postponed)
30th Kidlington Lights on (Choir)

December

6th Reception Nativity
12th KS1 Nativity
13th Christmas lunch and Jumper
14th KS2 Carols by Candlelight
18th Church Service
20th 1:30 Finish
21st Christmas Holidays

January

8th INSET
9th Back to School
9th Science Week



The Burrow

Calm, caring and fun before
and after school provision.



Autumn Term: # 2

Dear parents and carers,

I was pleased to see storm Ciaran was not as strong in Oxfordshire as expected and that we were able to run pretty much a normal day. A particular well done to all our amazing Year 6 cyclists who had a brilliant week gaining confidence and skills riding on the roads in this autumnal weather.

Many, many thank yous

This time of year I give a lot of tours to parents looking around schools for their children to start reception in September. As I go around, I talk about our creative and ambitious curriculum and how well-behaved and kind our children are here. As I show them the Chromebooks, I tell them how it was a big collective effort on our part and how we would not have got them without support from our families, and then I say the same thing for the library and then again for the wild garden! We are,

on paper, a community school but it is really lovely to see that we are also a community school in reality too.

We are now going to start turning our thoughts to the playground to improve creative and physical play for our children and to hopefully enlarge the playing area in the winter months where we get very muddy.





Our Design and technology lessons are incredibly practical and child led?

Children at NKS design, create and evaluate their own individual projects and we regularly have to get the saws, glue, needles & thread, clay and 3D modelling out to achieve this.

Not many primary schools can say this!



Children in Need

Hopefully you have seen the parentmail about our Children in Need mile on the 17th November. This is a really fun event for the children and we do not put anyone under pressure to complete the mile if they can't (though you would be amazed to see how many of Apple class manage it each year). We hold the mile run in school, but I hope to put some pictures in the next newsletter for you to enjoy.

Mechanic Update

Have you seen our new minibus parked outside the library? We are so excited to soon be able to get out and about more easily with the children for trips. It needs a little work doing it first, but we hope to have it whizzing about Oxfordshire helping to make learning real for our children very soon.

Welfare Officers

We just love Tom and Fluffy our super welfare officers. They bring a lot of joy across the school which I see each week in all the post they get for assembly (way more for them, than for me). However, I do recognise that not everyone loves pets and that they can be allergic to them. If you would prefer your child not to hold the guinea pigs when they visit their class, do please let us know in the office.





Super School Council

We have a very active school council at North Kidlington. Every year, they do a great job at helping us make the school a better place. School Council's first job each year is to help me with the harvest festival assembly and donations. As you can see they did an amazing job presenting all of your very kind donations (we had quite a bit of fun doing it too—note the tin tower).

I am really looking forward to working with this wonderful team of children and I know they are going to help with our plans for the playground.



Congratulations to.

Vivian S	Nicolas H	Indi B
Jude L	Archie H	Leo J
Thomas B	Maisie W	Toby P
Theo H	Honey-Rose W	
& Maya K		



Easy Fundraising

North Kidlington School are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/northkidlingtonschool/>

If you're shopping from your computer, there's a handy browser extension you can add which is a helpful reminder when you visit a website to shop which is included. There's now also for iPhones/iPad (unfortunately not for Android phones). <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Emilie Fidler

03/11/23



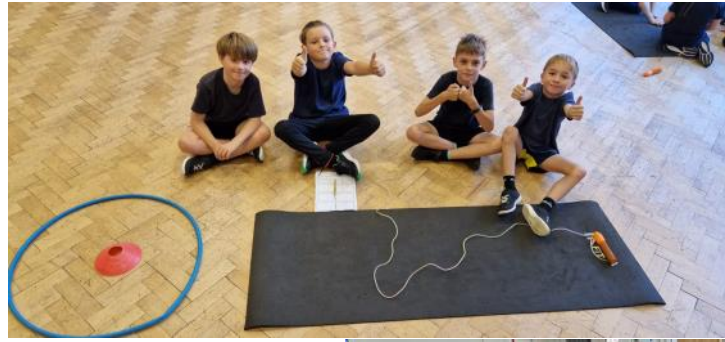
Willow Class working on their orienteering skills (map work)

Are you thinking of doing something worth sponsoring?

Did you know our PTA, FoNKS, is a registered charity?

If you have been thinking about running the Oxford Half, Climbing Ben Nevis or knitting the longest scarf in England and would like a brilliant charity to support, do please consider us.

We are currently fundraising to improve the playground for the children and any support would be gratefully received.





Our amazing PTA—FoNKS

Not only do we have lots of fun at our events but we also manage to raise a lot of money for our school projects.

Halloween Hunt—£140

Entertainer— £640

Thank you FoNKS!

