



North Kidlington Primary School Newsletter

Nurturing Potential, Growing Success

Key Dates

November

30th—Yr 5/6 Football (postponed)
30th Kidlington Lights on (Choir)

December

5th Wreath Making
6th Apple Nativity (1:30 & 6pm)
12th KS1 Nativity (1:30 & 6pm)
13th Christmas lunch and jumper
14th KS2 Carols by Candlelight
15th Christmas Fayre
18th Church Service
20th 1:30 Finish
21st Christmas Holidays

January

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

Autumn Term: # 4

Dear parents and carers,

I don't know about you, but now the weather is turning and the nights are drawing in I often find myself slowing down a bit and making more unhealthy food choices (I am sure you are much better than me). Every year we try and counter this slump at NKS by having an active breaks challenge in the classes. We call this Warm Up For Winter and it will be running for the next three weeks of term. Classes get 2 points for an active break (this could be some yoga poses, star jumps, a guided dance) and 10 points for an active lesson (e.g. solving maths problems hidden around the school). I will then announce the department winners in assembly each week.

There is a wealth of research to show that being active is good for you mentally as well as physically and studies have shown brain development, concentration, resilience and sleep are all improved by regular physical activity.

Christmas Plays

I know, like us, parents and carers with children in Reception Class and KS1 will be getting excited about the Christmas plays. Both departments have an afternoon and evening performance and tickets will be sent home soon. We always struggle with space in our hall (we have to ensure fire exits are clear and easy to access too) so we do have to limit the number of tickets we give out for each performance. In previous years families have swapped tickets with each other to enable larger family groups to go to a certain performance.

Poppy Appeal

We had a lovely message from the Royal British Legion thanking us for supporting them with the sale of Poppy Merchandise on the playground. We raised £377.56! I did say that we would have raised a lot more as we sold out of stock very quickly, so hopefully they will provide us with more items next year.

The Burrow

Calm, caring and fun before and after school provision.





We use research to make help make decisions on our curriculum. Feedback on the [Culture Survey](#) and from the children indicates that We can do more to improve language teaching at NKS. This year we are trialling 1 class in each KS2 department with Duolingo for schools. We will then compare the children's confidence and fluency with our traditional programme with Duolingo to make a decision on what to teach next year.

We are always keen to get your feedback on the curriculum , so do please let us know if you have any thoughts on language teaching at NKS.



Children in Need

I hope you saw [my message](#) last week about the Children in Need Mile run. It was such a positive experience and the children were very inspiring. The deadline for sponsorship money is next Friday, 1st December. If you would prefer to pay on Parentmail, please just tell the lovely ladies in the office your child's name and the amount and we can set that up for you.

If your child came home buzzing from the event, don't forget the [Kidlington Junior Parkrun every Sunday!](#)

Marvelous Mathematicians

A couple of weeks ago Miss Dallimore-Gray took four Year 6 mathematicians to St Edwards for a maths competition. This is a very challenging event and the children, and others from Year 6, have been attending an after school maths club for some time in the lead up to this. 45 schools took part and I am very proud to inform you that we came 4th!!! Well done to Toby P., Aaron V., Benjamin S. & Jacob L.

Sporting Superstars

A while ago we took a group of LKS2 (Years 3 & 4) and UKS2 (Years 5 & 6) children to a Cross Country Competition held at Gosford Hill School. All the children were fabulous and represented NKS very respectfully. I saw our value of Be Kind to Ourselves—children gave it their best shot and nobody gave up and Be Kind to Others— they cheered each other on and supported anyone with nerves very kindly. Well done to Freddie K-L., Archie S., Matthew U., Jayden E., Tayo O., Rosalie S., Hannah D., Harriet E., Daniella E., Annabel D., Ayla I., Ruby W., Milana D., Emily D., Florence W., Lucas L., Thomas U., Theo H., Rohan D., Felix M., & Ethan H.

I am also pleased to say that our UKS2 team have progressed to the final and Tayo O, is progressing as an individual competitor as he came first overall in the Year 3/4 boys' race.

Last week we took a group of children to the tag rugby competition also held at Gosford Hill. Again the children worked hard and supported each other very well. We are thrilled to be able to inform you that the team came first in the event! Although we are very much about taking part, supporting each other

and having fun, it is still nice to win. Well done to Toby P., Stanley H-M., Benjamin S., Ben C., Felix M., Jacob L., Megan M., Hannah H., Safi H., Ayla I., Charlie J., Vann P-K., Thomas T., Rohan D., Remy E., Tymek K., Milana D., Mary D., Honey-Rose W., Maisy C., Lucas W., Louie W., Riley M., Ricky W., Oscar G., Leo J., Maya K., Jessica R., Lexi C., Aryanah A., Maisie W., & Maira W.



Uniform

Just a reminder that from January we expect every child to be following our uniform updated policy. I was really pleased to hear that the North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership (NOSSP) have been very excited about our move to trainers and have been telling other schools about what we are doing here. We have also seen children being more active, especially girls who used to wear slip on shoes. You can read our full uniform policy here, though I have created this handy poster to make things a bit easier.

Hopefully you are also finding buying 2 pairs of shoes a bit cheaper than 3.

A couple of parents have said that wet trainers are taking a bit of time to dry which as a trail runner, I do sympathise with that. Your child will not be punished if they need to wear another pair of shoes because they are wet!



NKS children wear the following to school:

- **Top** – Navy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
- **Shirt** – White polo shirt or buttoned shirt
- **Bottoms** – Grey or black skirt, trousers or shorts
- **Pinafore** – Black or grey
- **Summer Dress** – Blue check
- **Hair**—plain/dark accessories. No tramlines. Long hair tied back
- **Tights** – A dark colour

Shoes

- **Inside**—Dark coloured trainers suitable for sports (not fashion trainers)
- **Outside**—A different pair of dark coloured trainers suitable for sports*



Leggings and jeans are not permitted.

Uniform does not have to have the school logo

All school uniform, including all items of PE kit and coats, must be labelled.



Uniform



Come and see the NKS Choir Sing a
the Kidlington Lights Switch on
Thursday 30th November
5:10 on the stage

- **T-shirt** – Navy
- **Shorts** – Black, grey or navy
- **Tracksuit (cold weather)** – Plain black, grey or navy
- **Reception children do not need PE kit until January**

**For more information on uniform please see our
Uniform Policy which can be found on the school website*

PE Kit



Order school uniform and accessories:

[https://www.mapac.com/
education](https://www.mapac.com/education)





Other Notices

[Click here for the Primary Newsletter from the school health nursing service.](#)

Kidlington Parish Council have asked us to share a survey on Parish Council Communication. It does not take long to fill in and they are very keen for your views. [Click here](#)

Finally, I thought I would share some pictures from the various things we have been up to recently...Matt Lucas, Year 6 Residential, School Council helping out the Parish Council, the Maths Competition, KS1 toy making and brilliant running.



Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Emilie Fidler

24/11/23

