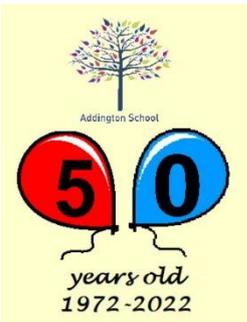


# ADDINGTON

# NEWSLETTER



July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we finish this school year in extreme temperatures, I have been reflecting on the 'extremes' of the past 2 years and everything that our staff, pupils and families have had to contend with. What a strange 2 years! A time that I sincerely hope this generation never has to live through again. As always however, the resilience of all of our children and young people has shone through and we have ended this term with some normality and a timetable with Proms, DofE, residentials, FestforAll and many other activities returning with gusto!

It has been lovely to see so many parents and families back in school, both for performances throughout Proms and also at the incredible FestforAll last Saturday. My thanks go to the Creative Arts Team for providing a safe place for families to attend a festival, whilst creating an excellent festival vibe for our children and young people.

We also celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday as a school with a variety of activities for pupils over the last few weeks and welcomed many ex staff back for a gathering after school last Friday. My thanks go to the Addington Association for purchasing a 50<sup>th</sup> medal for all pupils to take home as a memento of this special occasion.

As always in July, we have several staff leavers as well as our student leavers. Two teachers who have been here for several years, Steph Cardno and Leila Oliver, are both leaving us and I would like to thank them for all their commitment to the school during their time here and wish them well for the future. To our support staff who are leaving, our thanks and we wish them well in their future careers.

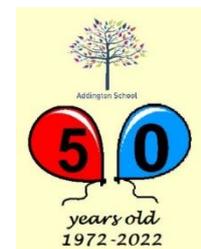
It is always very sad to say a final goodbye to our oldest pupils, some of whom have been at Addington many years but it is also sad to say goodbye to their families who have become firm friends of the school over time – we will miss you all.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many varied activities the pupils have experienced this term in the following pages. It has been a term of 'firsts' after the long covid gap and so gratifying to see the enjoyment and learning pupils have gained from the many opportunities on offer.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very happy, safe (and not too hot!) Summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 6 September.**

Yours faithfully

Sara Attra



## News from the Family Support Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

So, we come to the end of this academic year. Where has the time gone?

This term we have hosted 2 Early Years coffee mornings and parent tours; the first one since the pandemic and an Early years transition event to KS2. It was so lovely to host a face to face event.

This year we have been extremely busy. We have supported 214 families with a wide range of issues like DLA and PIP applications, Short Breaks referrals, bus passes, transport applications, disabled badges, hospitals and paediatrician appointments, professionals meetings such as Child in Need, Looked after Child and Team around the Family, advertising for personal assistants amongst our colleagues, referrals to the community dentist, LD register, Multi agency referrals and tribunal appeals.

Ellie was able to offer Aromatouch to 10 mums and 2 dads so they could experience the intervention their child is accessing.

We have enjoyed helping and supporting those who needed a bit of extra help especially during the holiday periods.

The thought of the summer holidays can be quite daunting for some of you due to the lack of school structure and routine. Try to remember this:



Toni will be enjoying her well-earned summer break; Ellie will be in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

We wish you all a lovely summer.

Ellie and Toni  
Family Support Workers

# Our Senior Leadership Team



Sara Attra  
Head teacher



Lynda Wood  
Deputy Head



David Maycock  
Deputy Head



Eirfron  
Watkinson  
Assistant Head  
teacher



Emer Moore  
Assistant Head  
teacher



Sue Tod  
School  
Business  
Manager

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## Parent Contact Information

Our communications with parents are mainly via emails, our school mobile app, texts and our school website [www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk).

In order to do this, we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers. If you have not been receiving emails from us, please let us know.

If you need to update us please email: [office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk)

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## School Mobile App

Our School Mobile App can be downloaded from the links below.

[iTunes](#)

[Play Store](#)

Once you have downloaded the School Jotter app **you will need to select “Addington School” from within the app.**

The school mobile App is **FREE to download** and enables you to receive news updates and alerts on your phone or other mobile device. You can also view our newsletters and see photos of the students.

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# Addington Youth Club

Managed and staffed by  
Wokingham Bracknell & Districts Mencap

Wednesday evening 7pm to 9pm  
Fun for all youngsters from Year 9 up

Look out for the activities planned for the current term -  
come along and try a session.

Contact Wokingham Mencap on 0300 777 8539 for more information.

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## School Dinners

This is to inform you that all school lunches must now be paid for online. The school will no longer be able to collect cash on a daily basis.

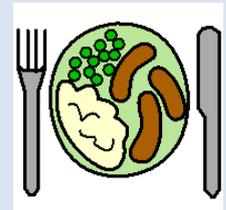
***If your child has school dinners, and there is a balance outstanding on your account, we would be grateful if you would kindly clear this balance as soon as possible.***

***If you have any query or difficulty with payment of this amount, please let us know and we will endeavour to help.***

You will need to register online if you have not done so before. **A letter with your personal log on details has been sent home with your child.** If you have previously logged on to the Tucasi system but have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions on the login screen.

*Prices as at July 22 are below and September prices will be notified once agreed with supplier.*

Primary lunch is £2.15  
Secondary lunch is £2.35



Please remember that money for school dinners should be paid **in advance**.  
If you have any problems, please contact Admin on [office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk).

Our PE Department always welcome donations of shorts. If you have any outgrown shorts at home, please send them into school. Many thanks.



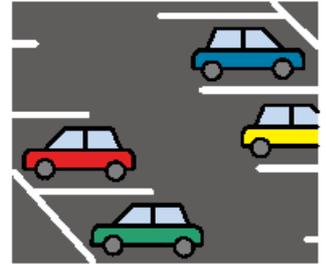
# CAR PARKING REMINDER

## Leisure Centre Car Park

This can be used by parents for dropping off and collecting children.

## Car Parking – Use of Addington Car Park in September 2022

To ensure the smooth and safe operation of the busy Addington car park we need all parents that drive their child to school, to park in the Bulmershe Leisure Centre car park and walk across the zebra crossing, during drop off/pick up times. However, we recognise that for a small minority of pupils this will not be possible. A limited number of parent passes, allowing access to our car park are distributed based on an individual's agreed needs; physical, emotional or behavioural.



We only have a small number of spaces for parents in our car park, so we will not always be able to give out passes to all parents that would like one.

Parents must only park in the allocated bays near the main entrance and not in the main body of the car park where staff park, unless specific arrangements have been made with a member of the leadership team. This is especially important in the morning as some staff start at 9 and sometimes cannot find a parking space.

## September Timescale

### Week commencing Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

- Parents with current passes and any new parents that feel they need to drive into the school site to safely drop off their child will be allowed

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Leadership Team and Site Team will review the number of parents coming onto site and how safely the car park is running.

### Week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

- New parking passes for 2022 -2023 distributed for those new parents that need it and for those that have previously had passes and still need them. Decisions will be made based on pupil need and the capacity of the car park.
- We may also hand out some temporary time limited parent passes, for short term changes to circumstances or for those pupils that just need time to settle.

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September

**Only parents with a valid 2022 – 2023 parking pass will be allowed to drive into the car park at drop off/pick up (between the times of 8:45 – 9:15 and 2:45 – 3:20)**

### General car park messages

Car park passes must be displayed clearly in the windscreen.

The two disabled bays near the school are for priority wheelchair users and larger vehicles with tail lifts.

Permitted drivers must use the one-way system marked out and only park in marked parent or disabled spaces.

All pedestrians must use the zebra crossings and the pavement when walking around the school car park or to and from the site. **DO NOT WALK** on the road as a short cut. This is very dangerous and could result in an accident.

Parents or carers must not park in the old entrance to Addington (near Bulmershe Leisure Centre) or on the double yellow lines near our old entrance, to drop off or pick up.

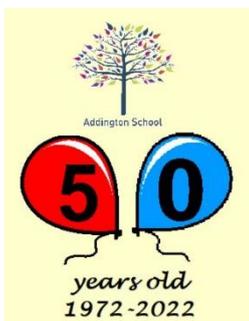


## Headteacher's Award Winners



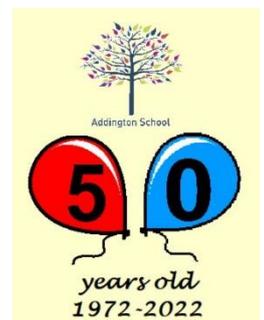
*Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the following annual pupil awards:*

Golden Behaviour Award	Jacob Williams
Outstanding Behaviour Award	Chanique Watson
Musician of the Year	Ollie McGrath
Artist of the Year	James Hardman
Sportsperson of the Year	Tony Su
Most Improved Sportsperson	Joseph Kenneh
Drama Award	Mary Jane Hooley
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### **Addington's 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July there was a 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration party attended by current and former staff. Some of the students may spot some familiar faces. Congratulations and thanks to Jess Beale and the Kore Café hospitality team for the wonderful cakes.





## Addington's New Minibus – Fantastic News!

On Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, two 6<sup>th</sup> Form pupils, together with Yota Dimitriadi (governor representative), Dawn Adams (our Association Chairperson) and David Maycock (Deputy Head) attended the presentation of our new Minibus at Bearwood Lakes Golf Club.

The Variety Golf Charity supplied this bus with initial funding from Joe Hemani and his family. The Addington Association matched this initial funding to allow the purchase of the new bus for Addington.

Alongside this presentation we had the pleasure of a visit from the Variety Golf Charity Ambassador Steve Coppell on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Steve was great with our pupils and staff, spending lots of time answering questions about his football career as a player and as a manager, particularly of Reading Football Club.

The new bus will arrive over the summer and has the added benefit of being lighter, so that more of our staff will be able to drive it on their current licences, enabling more pupils to access the local community.

It is fantastic that the Addington Association were able to support us to secure this new bus from the Variety Golf Charity! Thank you!



# SPORTS PAGE



## After School Sports Club

This half-term we have been lucky to have a golf professional from Sand Martins Golf Club to come in to our after-school sports club and give our pupils some coaching. We have had some sessions at school but also a session at the golf club, where we did some putting games and hit some balls on the driving range. Thanks to Sand Martins.

Sand Martins Golf Club run an SEN coaching session between 12.00 and 13.00 each Saturday. For details contact Alan Leason on [alanleason@gmail.com](mailto:alanleason@gmail.com) or 07774805644.



# Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2021-2022



All our Bronze DofE students passed their expedition at the end of the first week of July. They walked from Cookham to Hurley (8 miles), where they camped and then from Hurley to Shiplake, all along the Thames Path. They had a diversion on the second day which took the distance to 8.5 miles. The weather was wonderful and we used water games to cool us down. The boys were tired but proud of their achievement. Bring on Silver!



# Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Practice Expedition May 2022



The Silver students completed their practice expedition at the end of May. They did orienteering at Ambarrow Court before walking to Riseley along the Blackwater River. The next day they walked from Pangbourne to Caversham via Mapledurham. The weather was kind (if a little chilly overnight) and the group enjoyed camping at Hurley Riverside Park and cooking on the BBQ. Bring on the Qualifying!



# Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award - Qualifying Expedition June 2022

Seven students completed and passed their DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition at the end of June. It is a massive achievement for them to undertake 3 long hikes and camp for 2 nights. They have learned lots of life skills, increased their confidence, problem solving abilities and their resilience and, of course, had loads of fun. They walked from Pangbourne to Wallingford and Wallingford to Watlington along the Ridgeway and Watlington to Henley along the Oxfordshire Way. We camped both nights at Wallingford's Bridge Villa Campsite. The second day was quite a test due to heavy rain but we ended at the Bandstand at Henley in sunshine and high spirits.





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## Football Tournament at Reading Football Club

The last tournament of the year at Reading Football Club took place at their outdoor training pitches on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The Green league was a very even standard and Addington did well with one win and 3 draws, which meant that they finished second. The Amber team did their best as usual, scoring 2 goals and drawing one game.

This has been Addington's most successful year at these tournaments, with the Green Team winning once and coming second twice. Well done!



## PARK RUN ACHIEVEMENT



One of our KS4 students has completed 50 local Park Runs. He runs each weekend with his parents and completes the 5Km run in very fast times. He has also just finished his first 10K at Sonning.

Addington staff Dijana and Mel have also passed the 50 Park Run total. Local Park Runs take place each Saturday at 9.00am. You can run, jog or walk; it is not competitive unless you want it to be. Venues in the area are:



Woodford Park, Woodley  
Thames Valley Park, Reading  
Prospect Park, Reading  
Henley-on-Thames  
California Country Park  
Great Hollands Recreation Ground.

Register online at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk> then just turn up.



Some of our students have been volunteering at Park Runs in the area for the volunteering section of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards.



## Play-Unified Basketball Tournament

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, those students from Eagle class who had been attending weekly basketball training courtesy of Reading Rockets Basketball Club, took part in a tournament against six other SEN schools from across the county. The venue was the indoor sports facility at Reading University. The '3-on-3' format, which sees both teams shooting into one basket, is compact and allows all players to be involved all the time. All six games were tightly contested and all team members showed how much they had learned from the weekly training. They won 2



games, drew one and lost two. Thank you to Steph at Reading Rockets for a very enjoyable and inclusive tournament.



## Project 10 – Tennis

We have been very lucky to be part of the Project 10 tennis initiative, organised by ex-British tennis player Danny Sapsford and Bright Ideas for Tennis. A tennis coach came in to run sessions for 3 classes for 10 weeks of the summer term. The pupils have really enjoyed the lessons and have improved their skills over the period.



Five of our students have also taken up the offer of coaching sessions on Saturdays at Jocks Lane in Binfield. As a result of this, Project 10 offered two Addington students tickets for themselves and a parent to go to Wimbledon, watch the tennis and meet some of the famous players. What a wonderful opportunity!

Here is an account of the day.....

## Wimbledon 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022



This was MJ's first experience of going to Wimbledon and wow what a day. We were very privileged and treated like VIP's thanks to Bright Ideas for Tennis and the 10 Project. Our host from Bright ideas for Tennis, Danny treated us plus 10 others to a great experience and helped us meet some players.

We first went to the Players Practice Courts with our special wrist band passes. We were able to get quite close to the players preparing for matches. When we got there Ons Jabeur was practicing for her semi-final match and when she came to leave, MJ was able to get her signature and photos. Later we saw Novak Djokovic practicing with his young children and again MJ got his signature and more pictures.

Danny then took us to the members' restaurant where we had choice of fantastic meals fit for a tennis star, including, of course, the famous strawberries and cream.

After lunch we watched more of the practice courts and saw Cameron Corrie and Nick Kyrgios. Then had free time so were able to watch a couple of matches on the outside courts, but got distracted by the Court No 1 score board where Ons Jabeur was playing the women's semi-final. We decided that we might as well go to 'Henman Hill' to watch it and were delighted to see Ons win her place in the final.



Our final adventure was having another wrist band to let us go into the players' lounge. It is here that we saw Cameron Norrie resting with his team and we were introduced to Alfie Hewitt, UK's no 1 one wheelchair tennis player, who later in the day won his semi-final match. We chatted to him about his experience of winning grand slams and food that tennis stars eat before matches. We got a group photo with him which will be on the Brighter Futures Tennis Facebook page. After this great day we headed home tired and elated, after a wonderful memorable day that will stay with us for many years to come.



## Climbing at Oakwood Climbing Centre

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June four pupils from KS4 were lucky enough to take part in a free climbing lesson at Oakwood Climbing Centre near Bracknell. They had instruction and coaching from one of the qualified instructors at the centre for a 2 hour session, during which they did bouldering, used the auto-belay and learned to belay their friends. All four students worked very hard and had a great time.





## Sports Day 2022

We were all excited to be able to share the fun of sports day with parents again this year. Unfortunately we had no control over the great British weather and we had to cancel the Complex Needs and Primary Sports Day, due to excessively high temperatures. We also cancelled the tug of war and inter-house cricket competition on the afternoon of Secondary/Sixth-Form Sports Day.

However, Tuesday morning was cloudy, which meant that we avoided the worst of the heat and the Secondary/Sixth-Form races were a great success. Having parents attend created such a happy and supportive atmosphere which we lacked last year.

115 pupils took part, racing in at least 2 of 40m sprint, 40m walk, 120m race, round the track relay and the obstacle relay.

We had some of the fastest and most competitive races and the house points were very close. The final scores are as follows:

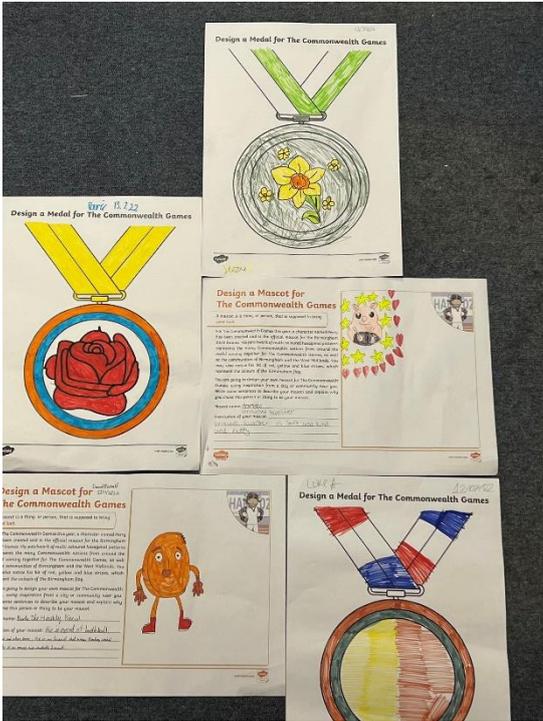
1 <sup>st</sup> Blue Sharks	226 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Red Eagles	220 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Yellow Tigers	205 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Green Crocodiles	204 points







We have been learning about The Commonwealth Games in PSHE lessons. KS4 and 5 have been looking at the sports and the values of the Commonwealth Games: Humanity, Equality and Destiny. They designed their own medals and mascots. Related issues studied included: human rights, girls' education and migration.



## Lunchtime Dance Club with Alice

Lunchtime Dance Club started again this term. It is great to have our visiting dance teacher, Alice, back and involved with dance at Addington. The weather hasn't been too kind to us and we have had to deal with rain and hot weather but 45 students have accessed the fun at lunchtime.



## Early Years

### Daisy Class

**Holidays, Journeys, Seaside and Transitions** - This term we have been having lots of fun exploring different ways of travelling. Our focus book was 'The Train Ride', and we used lots of different props to explore the story with all our senses. We experienced our class adults massaging our backs and limbs with special movements to match the text in the story, for example being rubbed in a circle for the word 'sun'. We also had our class trip to TVAP, and had an amazing time. It was so exciting travelling altogether, and having our lunch in a different place. We have also been busy with Forest School, exploring different textures, sights and sounds. There has been lots of sand and water play as we have learnt about the seaside. We made wiggly jelly fish models, and colourful sand fish. It has been such a lovely final half term, and we have been a very happy class.



### Sunflower Class

This term Sunflower Class finally got to go on our trip to Thames Valley Adventure Playground! We were so excited to go and managed the transition and travelling on the minibus really well. We were very lucky with the weather as it was a lovely sunny day, and fully enjoyed exploring all the outdoor areas and the Soft Play and sensory room inside. The children have enjoyed exploring our topic 'Under Construction: Homes and Buildings' this term, especially looking at photos of their own houses and families and labelling their family members using symbols to support. We have continued to enjoy exploring a wide range of foods during our food play sessions, including some that we have explored making buildings with, like waffles and twiglets! Swimming sessions have also been a highlight this term, with more pupils exploring the pool more independently, and becoming more confident in the water.



## Tulip Class

Tulip class have enjoyed another fun half-term exploring our seaside and holiday topic. We have particularly enjoyed making shaving foam, glitter and paint ice creams as well as having the occasional ice lolly ourselves to help keep us cool on the hot days!

We have been to Thames Valley Adventure Playground again this half-term and had a lovely time. Our highlights were the big slides and the soft-play area.

With the warmer weather we have been doing lots of water-play and exploring shape and measure with different sized containers. We have continued phase 1 phonics and our favourite has been role playing with telephones during environmental phonics.

The whole class team have really enjoyed working with the amazing children in Tulip class and we look forward to seeing their continued progression next year.





## Primrose Class

This term in Primrose class our topic title has been 'Under Construction – Buildings and Homes'.

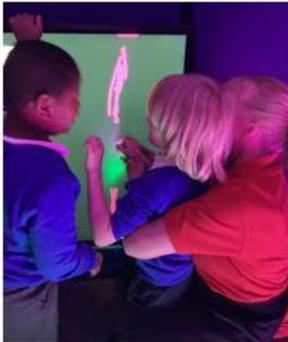
We have enjoyed reading 'The 3 Little Pigs' and learning about repeating patterns as well as trying to make their houses from different materials in our sensory art sessions. We have practised using rollers to create a 'brick' effect, lollypop sticks for the stick house and string for the straw house.

We have also been reading 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' and have also been practising our building with blocks in the classroom as well as blocks in the soft play

We love mark-making and have been practising this in the dark sensory room as well as in the courtyard and the classroom.

We have also been experimenting with different types of food and sensory play and exploring which foods will stick together well. In one of the pictures below we explored with crumbly 'Oatibix' and dairy free squirty cream!

We have been so busy but have had so much fun!



## Lily Class

This term, we have had so much fun with our topic which was 'Under Construction: Buildings & Homes'. We have really enjoyed sharing the following stories and using them as inspiration for our learning: 'A Mouse in the House', 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.

We have enjoyed our topic based food play sessions in which we have been building houses out of different foods! Our first attempt was using marshmallows and spaghetti which was much trickier than it sounded but we saw some amazing perseverance, had lots of laughter and shared our frustration when our houses collapsed for the 100<sup>th</sup> time! We also created a house made from bread as well as a fruit and vegetable house! However, some children enjoyed tasting the different foods so much, they didn't have a very big house by the end ...!

One of our highlights this term was going to Taplow! Even the rain couldn't dampen our spirits. The children made us so proud with their fantastic behaviour and it was great fun eating our packed lunches in the log cabin together! We also really enjoyed the coach ride. All the excitement tired us out and we had a few very sleepy children (and adults!) on the way home! It has been another term jam packed with learning opportunities. All of the children have been participating in Addington Phonics sessions and it has been so exciting to see so much writing going on! Some of the children have been very excited to have had a go at writing some sentences! We have also been very busy mathematicians. We have seen some counting to 50 and we have been working hard on recognising and ordering coins! It has been such an exciting term seeing every single child making so much progress in so many different ways. We're already excited for the next one! Have an amazing summer holiday!



## Daffodil Class

This term Daffodil class worked hard and had a lot of fun.

They have enjoyed the topic of "Under construction" and they have explored the story of "The three little pigs" and "A squash and the squeeze". They have been given the stories' character roles to play, they made a story map, they sequenced the story and they used props to help bring the stories to life.

During Maths sessions, we explored shapes using Lego, wood blocks, toy building bricks and even spaghetti with marshmallows to build the houses. We have also practised Addington Phonics and pencil control activities daily.

A real highlight this term was the visit to Taplow - Thames Valley Adventure Playground where we had lots of fun!



## Yoga and Music with Rainbow Claire

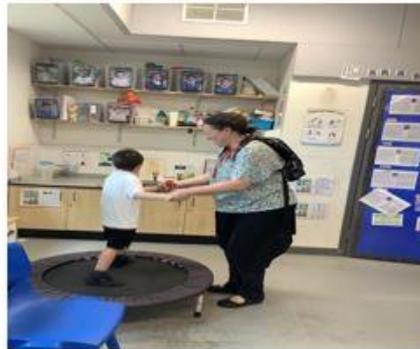
In Early Years **Yoga** ☐♂ this term we have been moving our bodies in lots of different poses (asanas) to ☐ welcome the season of summer ☐. We have been following a flow that has lots of benefits for our body and mind. Give it a go! How does it make your body feel?



Our Rainbow ☐ scans have been great fun to keep our bodies cool.



In Early Years **Music** ☐ we enjoyed practising our songs for Proms Week. It was lovely to welcome parents into our classes to join in with us all.



Wishing you all a lovely summer holiday. I hope you all get to rest, enjoy some sunshine and a chance to recharge your batteries.

Namaste

Claire ☐☐♀☐☐

# Key Stage 2 Newsletter

## Pine Class

Pine class have had a fantastic last term! They have enjoyed our 'Wriggle and Crawl' topic, exploring lots of different animals through Bucket, Explore time, Cooking and within Science. In Literacy, the children have enjoyed our stories 'Superworm' and 'The Bad Tempered Lady Bird' and they have been sequencing both stories using colourful semantics. In Maths, the children have focused on Length, Money and Capacity and they have enjoyed exploring these topics within Bucket. The children have made great progression within PSHE, practising road safety with regular trips to the shops. The children surprised us with their excellent listening skills and understanding when it came to zebra crossings and the traffic lights. They also demonstrated their ability to practise their money skills whilst at the shops. All the children were amazing within their music performance in front of parents and they all enjoyed watching Addington's Got Talent! This term we went to Taplow and enjoyed playing in the splash area in the sunshine. All the children have made fantastic progress this year and have all been an asset to Pine Class with their individual personalities. The class team and I wish them all the best for next year!



## Willow Class

We can't believe we are at the end of our final term with the 2021-22 Willow Class. The class staff are feeling extremely proud of every child's achievements whether it be progressing with phonics or maths, learning about their own regulation and becoming more confident to try new things or becoming more independent with daily skills.

This term the class have loved the theme of 'Wiggle and Crawl', learning about different mini-beasts and their habitats. We have been able to spend some time outdoors and go on bug hunts and study what we have found with magnifying glasses. We have also enjoyed the stories 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' and 'Superworm' and the song 'Ugly Bug Ball'. We used the stories for role-play, retelling and creating sentences. We had lots of fun being creative in Art and have made some beautiful butterflies, bug houses and sock caterpillars.

We were finally able to enjoy Proms this year and were really proud of Willow class's performance. It has been a long time since our pupils have experienced a large audience and performing in front of others so just getting on stage is a huge achievement. If your child is moving onto a new class we wish them every success for the next year and if they continue to be in Willow Class we can't wait to do more exciting activities with them and see them progress further next year.



Touch Talk massage



Pretending to be teacher



Proms Audition with Sean



Making Sandwiches



Fun times at Thames Valley Adventure Playground

## Rowan Class

This half term Rowan class have enjoyed exploring the world of creepy crawlies, with practical activities such as creating Bug Hotels and 3-D insect pictures, using a range of natural materials. In Literacy we shared stories such as *The Bad-Tempered Ladybird* and *Superworm*, discussing features such as characters, settings and events. Our Numeracy topics this half term have included position, time and data handling and we have been exploring sound in Science. We enjoyed our final visit to Thames Valley Adventure Playground and taking part in Proms week, where the class did themselves proud! We hope everybody has a restful summer and look forward to working on our *Paws, Claws and Whiskers* topic in the autumn!

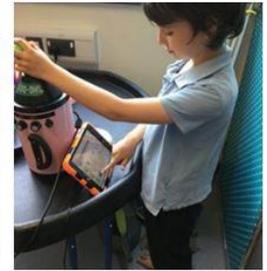


## Complex, Therapeutic and Sensory Needs Department

### Lime Class

Lime Class have continued to enjoy our topic this half term of 'Fun in the Sea'. We have been making the most of the hot weather and enjoying lots of water play, working on supporting our regulation and exploring concepts of capacity. We have continued to work hard on our communication skills and have really been showing off with our independence skills!

Have a great summer everyone and we look forward to seeing you all in September!



### Holly Class

Holly class have had another busy half term and they have enjoyed the hot weather. They have especially enjoyed being able to have water play: the sprinkler has been a huge hit! The group have continued to enjoy music therapy and they have been engaging and sitting together as a group which has been lovely to see. The class have continued to develop their communication, cognition, regulation and independence skills. They have all made progress. Holly team are proud of all that the pupils have achieved this year and we hope you all have a lovely summer break.



### Beech class

This half term we have been spending lots of time outside enjoying the beautiful weather, but also having lots of ice pops to keep us cool! We had a lovely day at Camp Mohawk and were lucky enough to be able to use the swimming pool. It started raining but as the students were wet already it didn't matter.

We have been enjoying our weekly visits from Bailey the PAT dog; it has been incredible to see the students grow in confidence when interacting with Bailey, especially those who were really hesitant at the start!

We also had a fantastic time celebrating proms week, the highlight being taking to the stage to perform "something just like this" as a class, with singing and instrument playing. We hope you have a wonderful summer break!!



## Apple Class

This half term, Apple class have continued to enjoy the *Fun at the Sea* theme. We have really enjoyed the visits from the "Make Sense" drama company, who have run fantastic immersive theatre experiences for us. We have had lots of opportunities for water and sand play and we have been sharing our favourite stories together. The pupils enjoyed many of the musical concerts during Proms week and did a great job in their own drumming performance.



## Poppy Class

This half term we have had 'Fun at the Sea'. A highlight of this was Immersive drama from the Make Sense theatre company. This was a story about going under the sea with Mermaids and Mermen, it was a lovely sensory experience and everyone really enjoyed it. We have enjoyed all our sea songs during sounds of intent and had great fun tapping our buckets in time with the music.

We hope you have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you in September!



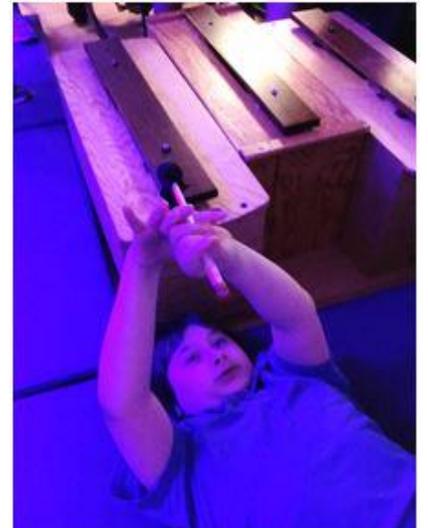
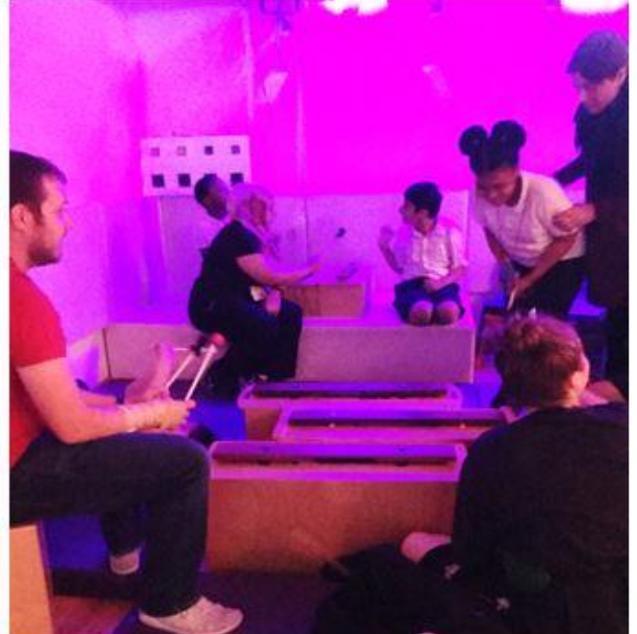
## Cherry Class

This half term we have had 'Fun in the Sun!' We have really enjoyed our sensory story this term; 'Commotion in the Ocean, under the sea Adventure!' We have particularly enjoyed the jellyfish and feeding the shark! We have been relaxing with our TacPac and found it nice to relax in the cool during this really hot weather. We have been outside to explore the outdoors and get some fresh air and have spent a lot of time out on the swing! We have been having wonderful rebound sessions and had a lot of fun.



## Birch Class

This term we have been concentrating on our *Under the Sea* theme, exploring water and sand in different forms. One of our favourite activities is our pirate sensory story! We explore sand, couscous, water and jellybaff with our hands and feet! This term the pupils have also had great fun in music, travelling in a hot air balloon and getting ready for our Proms performance!



## Key Stage 3

Dear all, what a lovely Summer Term we have had. It has been jam packed with lots of fun activities and it's been brilliant to have a return to some of our favourite events, such as proms week, sports day and Addington's Got Talent. Pupils have enjoyed learning about our topic *Beachcombers* and created some wonderful pieces of work! As always we have continued to enjoy visiting Camp Mohawk and celebrating the end of a fantastic year with Addington's BIG 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic!

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Summer Holiday! We look forward to seeing you in September!

Lydia Clayton-Colios (Head of Key Stage 3)

### Aspen Class

We have continued to explore our topic of *Beachcombers* through the texts *Snail and the Whale* and *Somebody Swallowed Stanley*, where we have been learning about how to keep our beaches clean and safe for everyone to enjoy. Whilst using our Colourful Semantic skills to create sentences based on the stories we have been focusing on. Everyone in Aspen very much enjoyed the return of Proms this year. In Maths, we have been building on our number skills and exploring length through playing different active games and using a ruler to make different lines. In PSHE, we have been learning about being healthy through ensuring we have a balanced diet and being active, which we have linked with making different healthy snacks in Cooking and staying active in PE and Swimming



## Cedar Class

In Cedar Class we have had a lovely summer half term! We have been exploring the theme of *Beachcombers* and we have enjoyed learning about the sea using interactive stories such as the 'Snail and the whale' and 'Somebody swallowed Stanley'. We have also been learning to identify different 2D and 3D shapes and we applied our knowledge in identifying real life objects. Also, we have been learning about personal space and the importance of knowing how to approach other people in a way that makes them feel comfortable. In that theme, we have been learning all about people that help us and safe and unsafe strangers.



## Maple Class

This term, Maple Class have been up to all sorts of things! We had a lovely trip to The Loddon School where we made some amazing artwork and met some lovely animals as well as enjoying the outdoor space. We have learnt a lot, following our topic of *Beachcombers*, but also finding time to learn about road safety and how to cross a road, cooking, buying ice-cream at the class shop, performing by singing, dancing, and playing instruments in Proms Week (including a whole class performance at Addington's Got Talent on the Friday – the only whole class entry!). Well done to everyone! What a great way to end a fantastic year.



## Elm Class

We have had a brilliant summer half term in Elm Class!



We have been busy in Literacy reading 'Dolphin Boy' and retelling and recreating our own versions of the story. Meeting a unicorn rainbow seal on the beach was one imaginative interpretation! In Maths, we have been developing our confidence using real money and in Art, we have been working hard to produce incredible sea themed hats!

Elm Class impressed everyone during Proms week with their brilliant group performance and individual instrument recitals, not to mention some fantastic acts at Addington's Got Talent! We were so proud of everyone's confidence on stage!

We had a wonderful end of year trip to Wellington Country Park, especially enjoying feeding the animals, buying an ice cream and going on the zip wire!

We have had such a lovely year in Elm class. We are so proud of everyone's progress and we can't wait to see what next year holds!

## Chestnut Class

This half term, we have continued our *Beachcombers* topic with a focus on plastic pollution and the books *What a Waste* and *Flotsam*.



The pupils researched plastic pollution and created leaflets to share what they had learned. We also explored the brilliant graphic novel *Flotsam* about a mysterious camera washed up on a beach. The class wrote captions using carefully chosen adjectives to describe the images in the book and also created their own stories inspired by the book. In maths, we have revisited addition and subtraction and then focused on multiplication skills as well as applying their money skills during visits to the local shops. All students have developed greater independence when preparing either a pasta dish or pizza breads in cookery and have impressed us further in the swimming pool at Bulmershe.

We've also enjoyed some amazing highlights in Proms week, Sports Day, our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic and the upcoming end of year trip. It's been a fantastic term and year for Chestnut class. Well done everyone!

## Sycamore Class

In Sycamore Class we have really enjoyed our off site learning – we had a great afternoon at Reading Cemetery being detectives



At Camp Mohawk for our final visit of the year we were able to use the swimming pool – this was great fun



We also really enjoyed a visit from Jan at Newbury Agriculture Society who taught us all about where lots of food comes from and we had a go at milking!



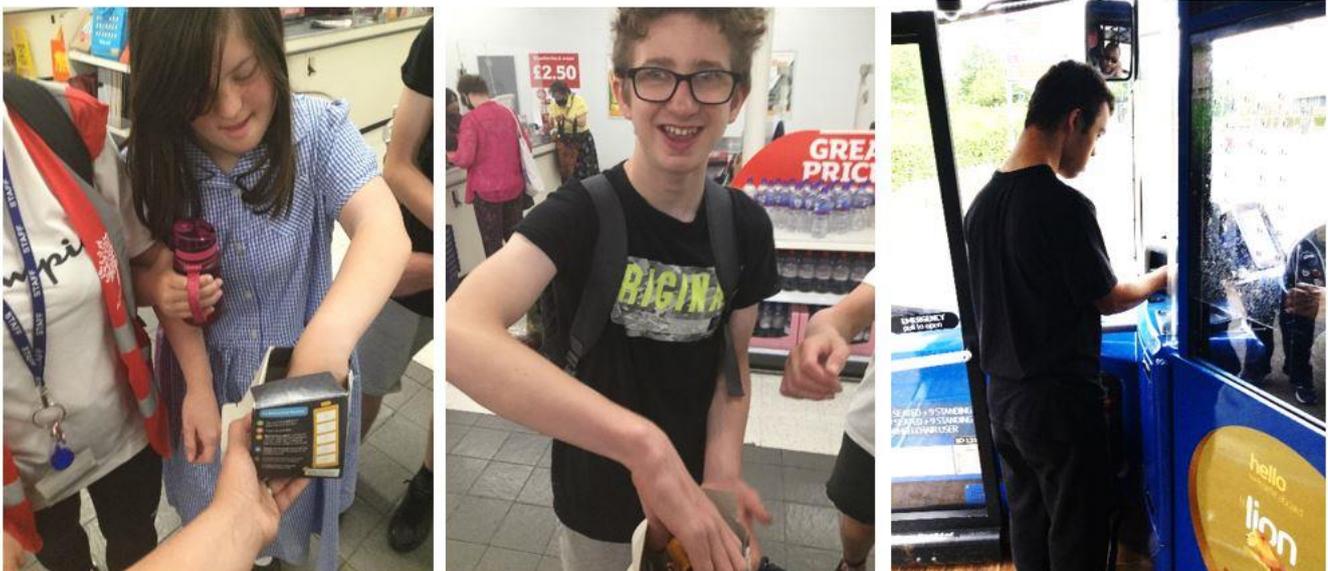
## Key Stage 4

### Kite class

Kite class were very excited for the return of Proms and Addington's Got Talent this year! They put effort into practising and thoroughly enjoyed performing, as well as watching others' performances.



Kite class have impressed us with their steps in independence in travel training and accessing the community. Getting the bus, shopping and visiting cafes are firm favourites and really motivating students to apply their maths and English skills. They have also been locating recycling points in shops for items such as batteries.





Kite class had a fantastic time at Wildmoor Festival at Loddon School. They were invited to the celebration after having had experience of work placements over the year. We enjoyed the bands and singers, face painting, football, a BBQ and treats stall, exploring the amazing grounds and play equipment, as well as amazing bubble entertainment from Squidge and Pop.



## Swan Class

This term we have worked with Kestrel Class to put together a varied programme of lifelong leisure activities. Our students have done a wide mix of activities including Disc Golf, Orienteering and Adventure Golf at Dinton Pastures and Football Golf and Pottery Painting. Students have really enjoyed a wide variety of activities and seeing what is available in the local community. Our final leisure activity was a day trip to Windsor Castle where we visited the state apartments, the queen's dolls house and St George's Chapel. Some students were able also to watch the changing of the guards. Following our trip to Windsor Castle we enjoyed having lunch in St Alexandra's Garden – a beautiful garden on the banks of the River Thames.



Some of our students have been attending Loddon School for experience of work, they have been learning how to care for animals, cleaning and feeding the horses and even oiling pigs. As well as learning about animal management, students worked on a variety of horticulture activities including weeding and planting bulbs and seeds. At the end of the experience of work the whole class was invited to an open day of fun activities, from 'bubble-ology', to tag rugby, rock festival, face painting and a fabulous BBQ was laid on too. We were made to feel very welcome and enjoyed all the different activities on offer in the beautiful grounds of Loddon School.



As the weather has warmed up some students took a trip down to Maya's Ice cream Parlour.



On Monday mornings students have spent four weeks, making their own lunches, based upon 'ready meals'. Students had to select and purchase their own meals from supermarkets in Woodley, then return to school to cook their own ready meal. The aim was for students to work to a budget and work independently to prepare, cook and clean up after their ready meals. Meals ranged from curries, to pasta dishes, jacket potatoes, to roast dinners.



## Sixth Form News

### Eagle class

With the pandemic having disrupted the calendar year, our academic year though starting on a slow and cautious note, picked up and before long we were back to enjoying our usual busy routines, and our young men had the opportunity once again to develop life skills and independence in the wider community. Offsite activities, work experience placements, college links and sports and leisure activities have been enjoyed by all.

Some students pursuing a City and Guilds award in horticulture entered the Newbury Challenge and made the school proud by winning a number of awards. Some members of the class also completed their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

After almost three years, students once again had the opportunity to go on a residential trip which most felt was the highlight of the year and enjoyed by all.

It has been another exceptional year worth celebrating. However, despite the achievements of the class team, it is sad to be saying goodbye to three of our young men, who after years at Addington leave for pastures new. We wish James, Johnny and William only the very best for the future.



## Hawk Class

Hawk class have had a brilliant summer term at their work experience placements, internships and paid employment. All students in Hawk class are leavers this year and after a whole year of preparation for adulthood they feel confident and ready to transition into college courses and employment.



A few Hawk class students were able to participate in Proms week and spent lots of time practising for an Addington's got talent performance – playing the keyboard, tambourine and singing. The event was excellent and their hard work really paid off to give a fantastic performance!

Students have learnt so many new skills this year – from mechanics to construction, office work, farming and horticulture. As well as getting involved with ways to stay physically and mentally healthy by accessing gyms, water sports, country parks and various localities. One student commented: "This year I have enjoyed coming to school and learning something new every day". Good luck and best wishes to all the leavers with their future endeavours!

## Kestrel Class

This has been a wonderful final term for Kestrel students. Students are starting to demonstrate what they have learnt across the year. In certain areas they are becoming independent and skilled. Preparation for independent living has been essential for our students this year. They are accessing the community with more confidence and awareness. They have made very good progress.



Our trip to Windsor Castle as part of the Life Long Leisure curriculum was a great success and the students that went found the experience very interesting.

We've finished the year off with sports day and for our newer students it was an exciting morning of fun and sportsmanship.

Well done everyone for such a good year!

## Owl Class

We have enjoyed getting back to some normalcy in Owl class this term. Watching and performing in Proms has been a particular highlight of the term and it was lovely to have parents join us. We have also worked with a group of trainee Drama teachers this term where we have supported them to plan and lead an Immersive theatre experience. They did an excellent job of creating an experience linked to the term's project and to all of our interests which we all thoroughly enjoyed. The theme for the term has been 'I'm a pupil, get me out of here!'. We have worked on expanding our community circles where we have made trips on public transport to Reading Town centre. Some pupils enjoyed a trip to Pizza Hut, Boswell's café, Waterstones, and / or Lush. We made use of the changing facilities in the Oracle which received our seal of approval. We have also had a focus on Outdoor environments where we have developed vocabulary to make requests for or comment on outdoor features. Addington supported the development of the new playground at Woodford Park to be accessible for those with disabilities so we have made several trips to make use of the new equipment. Many of the pupils showed a preference for feeding the ducks oats at the park. We have taken mindfulness walks within the woods, enjoyed picnics, and learnt play and interaction skills in the park with different pieces of equipment. All pupils have worked towards regulating, problem solving, and developing the use of their communication systems in these environments.

It has been Harri and Brigitte's final term at Addington so we will be saying a sad goodbye as they leave us and move onto further education. We wish them and their families all the best for their futures and we look forward to celebrating their time at Addington at the leavers disco and assembly.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday.





## Robin Class

Robin class have enjoyed getting out and about as the weather has improved and Covid restrictions have reduced! We have explored lifelong leisure – bowling with friends in Kite Class. We have enjoyed town and travel training and have worked hard on our social sight vocab recognition. In cooking we have become more independent at making simple meals, and have worked hard to tidy up after too! Robin class enjoyed Proms week and performed brilliantly on stage. We enjoyed a whole school picnic to celebrate 50 years of Addington school, and of course had a brilliant day on sports day! It is also the time of year when we need to say goodbye to our leavers – Vedanshi, Angelina, Zoe and Piers, we will miss you so much, but wish you the best of luck at your colleges.





## Residential Trip 2022

Residential trips are an integral part of our co-curricular activities at Addington. These outdoor educational learning trips afford our young people of varying abilities the opportunity to access adventurous activities and challenges, which give them, not only enriching experiences, but the opportunity to grow in self-confidence; and develop their social and independence skills. Sadly because of the pandemic we have not been able to run residential trips for the last two years. Finally this year, in April, we were able to organise one at PGL Liddington in Wiltshire where twenty-seven of our young people experienced abseiling, archery, canoeing, raft building, crate stacking, climbing, the giant swing, the zip wire, obstacle challenge, bush craft and socialising around a camp-fire.

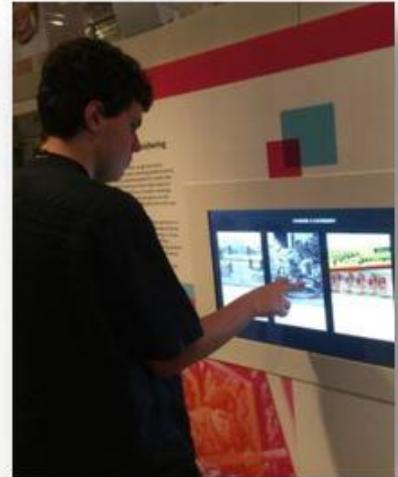
Prior to these trips there is understandable trepidation all round, especially among parents of first timers. On our return it is clear that our young people have grown in self-confidence, independence and the pride in having overcome their fears is apparent.

None of these trips would be possible without the dedication of the staff who give up their time to accompany and support our young people. Special mention needs to be made of William Daniell, Jules Sharman, Emma Slade, Steph House, Jane Buckland, Amelia Silvester, Gemma Baston and Bryn Watkinson. A big thank you to each of them.



## Work Experience

Across this academic year, we have had over 30 work placements, 19 extended work placements, 47 internal work experience placements and 19 work based learning opportunities for Key Stage 5. We have hit the ground running in terms of returning following Covid! The students have gained many valuable and transferable skills within their placements, as well as growing in confidence and maturity reflecting this in the workplace and in the school setting.



We have 6 students who have continued their placements right up until this week! They have been so dedicated and enthusiastic about their work placements and have made their own decisions to continue on until this week.

Some workplace feedback:

- 'They get on great with staff and are extremely hard working. Their attention to detail is better than some employees!'
- 'They have fit so well into the team and no task is a challenge. They ask questions if unsure and have even helped us to find easier ways to do things within the café'

## Work Ready Days

We have completed a wide variety of work ready days this academic year. Classes have engaged with employers such as The Oracle in Reading, Thames Water in Slough, Museum in English Rural Life, The Cowshed and Ubisoft, the list goes on! The students have enjoyed these experiences and it has helped them make decisions for their future based on the interests and skills they are keen to build.



### Student Comments:

'I really enjoyed working in the museum for the day! It was fun to know more about Reading and help plan a treasure hunt for the others to complete'

'Attending this work ready day has helped me make decisions for my future, I definitely want to work with computers and hopefully be a video game designer'

'There was so much more to running the Oracle than I first thought! A lot goes into making everything run smoothly, not just shopping!'

# Business Enterprise

## Hospitality

The Kore café has been extremely busy this year! The students have been working hard baking and creating new recipes for the café. We have had the addition of Oreo cookies, Sticky Toffee Cake and Vegan Sausage rolls! These have gone down a treat! Students within Hospitality work hard to keep the café running smoothly, not only baking goods but ordering supplies and keeping the café area clean and clear ready for customers.



## Horticulture

The Horticulture students have been busy keeping everything well hydrated during these hot summer days. They have had the wonderful opportunity to pick the produce they had planted from seed, they have selected potatoes, carrots, garlic, beetroot and strawberries!

Following their amazing success at coming second place at the Newbury Challenge earlier this year, the students have placed their 'Mad Scientist' in pride of place within the gardens.





# The Creative Arts Page

This school year has really raced by and already we are nearly at the end of the final term! This term is always a busy but exciting time for the Creative Arts team. This year saw the long awaited return of Proms Week as students took part in various performances and families came and enjoyed our FestForAll!

## **Addington Proms**

Proms week is a chance for every student at Addington to perform and share their talents with family and friends. Yet again we were so proud of the performances of every student and our Addington community celebrated and supported everyone as they shared their music.

## **Class Performances**

Every class group performed during Proms week. Pieces included 'Something Just like This', 'Dance Monkey', 'Jump' and 'Poker Face'. In the sensory theatre, classes have enjoyed a magical trip to Wonderland. Classes all performed brilliantly everyone should be very proud of their achievements.

## **Instrumental Concerts**

All of our students that have instrumental lessons performed with the support of their teacher. They really impressed everyone with how much they have developed their skills over the year and have inspired some of our students to try new instruments.

## **Addington Ensembles**

The week was a chance to showcase our ensembles and groups. Our Addington Band performed new pieces and showed how much they have progressed as an ensemble over the year, with their best performance to date! Our Sixth Form Music Community Group 'Addington Boom' performed some energetic samba pieces too. Our Superstar choir had their chance to perform with a few soloists, singing 'Bad Habits', 'Consider Yourself', 'A Million Dreams' and 'Little Do You Know'.

## **Visiting Schools**

Once again we had local schools visit us during Proms week to perform. They included Chiltern Way, Brookfields, Emmbrook Juniors, Hawthorns, Colleton, Westende, Willowbank Juniors and Walter Infants.

## **Addington's Got Talent!**

The Talent Show was a fantastic end to the week and brought the whole school together. Yet again our students showed their talents of singing and dancing as the afternoon was filled with students between Year 1 and year 14 taking to the stage, including solos, duets and class groups!



## Drama

Our KS5 in-house theatre group, The Wonky Veg Theatre Company premiered their performance '*Woodley at War*' to an invited audience. It was a fantastic event with the audience giving some great feedback.

'It made me cry at some points and then want to sing with joy!'

'The scene with the children leaving on the train was sad'

'I liked the different elements especially the shadow planes'

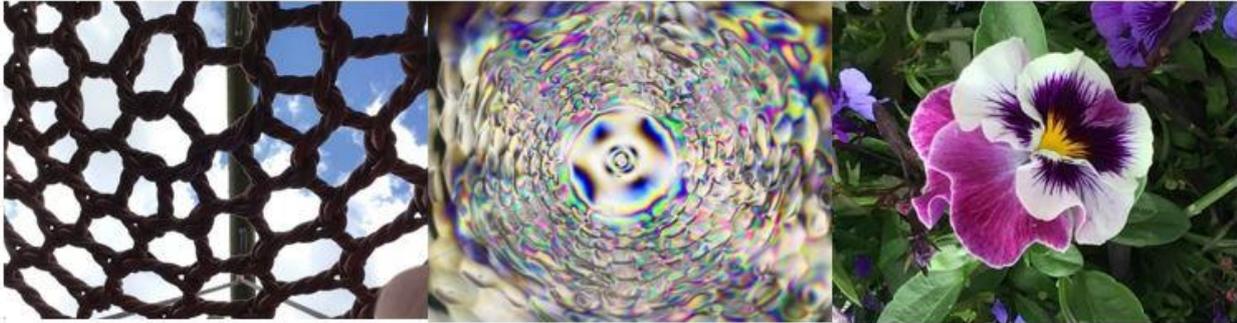


## Art

Key Stage 3 have continued exploring working with 3D materials, using their skills to design and make ocean themed hats. All pupils have made the structure of their hat using cardboard and then they have used a variety of different techniques and materials to decorate it.



In Key Stage 4, Swan Class have been involved in a photography workshop over the past few weeks. They have produced some amazing shots!



6<sup>th</sup> Form Art community group decided to deliver a workshop focussed on Sea turtles during Proms week. We ran art activities for both visiting schools and a class from Addington. Some of the group also helped to run Early Years Workshops. We had so much fun and have come up with lots of great ideas for how to develop this further next year



### **Key Stage 1 Singing Event**

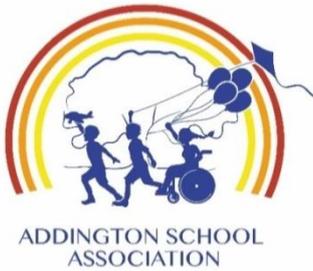
This half term we have hosted a morning of singing for Key Stage 1 children in the local area. Over 300 children from schools in the Wokingham borough came to join us for fun singing morning including some Addington pupils from Lily Class.

### **FestForAll**

Our third FestForAll and first since 2019 took place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July and was a huge success. Lots of our families were able to come along and enjoy the many games and craft activities, along with the live music on stage. A highlight was an amazing set by Danyl Johnson!

Wishing you a restful and sunny summer holiday!

The Creative Arts Team



# News from the Association

Email: [AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com)

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, I'm not sure how it's July already and the end to another academic year! Where has the time gone? For me personally this is an emotional time as my son is leaving Addington after 13 very happy years. The joke in our household is that I'm going to leave Addington after he does as I'm staying on as Chair of the Association for the foreseeable future.

So, what has been going on with the Association recently you may ask? Well, whilst we haven't held any big events this term, we have been continuing with our fundraising efforts. Thank you to everyone that continues to contribute to the Association via the lottery, AmazonSmile or EasyFundraising. These initiatives mean that the Association has a small, but steady income each month which is great news.

However, this term I think the most important news to share is how we've spent some of the money that has been raised. I was absolutely delighted to be able to attend the recent presentation of the school's new mini-bus! Steve Coppel (who also visited the school a day earlier) presented a small delegation from the school with the bus at the Bearwood Golf Club last week. It will be making its first appearance at the school in the very near future. It's important to understand that in order for any application to Variety to be considered, a donation from the cause has to be made first. In this case, the Association provided this donation, to the value of £20,000. I hope you will agree that this is money well spent given the opportunity it gives to our young people to go out into the Community.

As you will now be aware the school has been celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. The Addington School Association thought it would be nice to mark this anniversary and provide each pupil with a commemorative 50th Anniversary medal as a keepsake. We do hope the pupils liked their medals!

Of course, we now get to enjoy the summer holidays and I wish you all a lovely time whatever you get up to! Please remember that you can support the Association during the summer – maybe join the lottery for a while - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/addington-school-association>.

As we know, the summer break will undoubtedly pass quickly and I'll be back in touch in early September. For those of you that know me, you'll know that I love the run up to that rather big event that takes place in December each year (I'm banned from saying the word yet!), so I'll be in touch with the Association's plans soon!

But for now, I would just like to wish you all a very well-deserved summer break. Relax, enjoy and stay safe.

Best wishes

Dawn Adams & all at the Addington School Association

## ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2022 - 2023



Addington School

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

<b>Inset Days – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Friday 2 September &amp; Monday 5 September 2022</b>
<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Tuesday 6 September 2022</b>
<b>Inset Day – (Closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Friday 21 October</b>
<b>Half Term – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October inclusive</b>
<b>Inset Day (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 31 October 2022</b>
<b>Term Restarts</b>	<b>Tuesday 1 November 2022</b>
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Tuesday 20 December 2022</b>

### SPRING TERM 2023

<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Wednesday 4 January 2023</b>
<b>Half Term – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023 inclusive</b>
<b>Term Restarts</b>	<b>Monday 20 February 2023</b>
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Friday 31 March 2023</b>

### SUMMER TERM 2023

<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Monday 17 April 2023</b>
<b>Inset Day – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Friday 26 May</b>
<b>Half Term – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023 inclusive</b>
<b>Term Restarts</b>	<b>Monday 5 June 2023</b>
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Friday 21 July 2023</b>

#### **Inset Days – School closed to pupils**

Friday 2 September 2022  
Monday 5 September 2022  
Friday 21 October 2022  
Monday 31 October 2022  
Friday 26 May 2023