



ADDINGTON

NEWSLETTER

Mar 2017

Hello Everyone

As the term draws to a close, I have been reflecting on my first term here at Addington School. Through visiting classrooms, eating lunch in the dinner hall, visiting our off-site activities, attending functions, parents' evenings, governors meetings, staff meetings, and local authority events, I feel that I am finally beginning to get to know most (but not all!), the staff, pupils, governors and parents that make up this fantastic school. I have been made to feel extremely welcome and many pupils now remember my name, even when not always reciprocal!

As usual, there have been many exciting events this term. A small group of pupils attended the Hexagon with over 400 mainstream pupils for a concert on a Sunday and performed extremely well. The PE Team organised more inter-house competitions - we await to see which House has won the most points at the end of the term.

This week we have our first residential trip of the year to the Calvert Trust in Devon. This is an outdoor activity centre with many exciting climbing, canoeing and adventure activities. There will also be two more residential trips in the summer term, and I would like to thank all the staff who volunteer their time so generously in order to make these trips happen. They are a very important part of our young people growing up and spending time away from parents and carers, often for the first time - the gain in independence and confidence of the students in the week away is considerable and often amazes both staff and parents!

As the term comes to a close we say goodbye to one of our Learning Support Assistants, Emma Carter, and wish her well for the future. Congratulations also go to Sean Coleman, one of our Music teachers, and Melissa Talbot, a Learning Support Assistant, both of whom are getting married during the Easter Holidays.

Finally huge congratulations to one of our Teaching Assistants, Casey Benford, who has just won Teaching Assistant of the Year from Wokingham's Building for the Future charity. Casey attended an event, also attended by Theresa May, as a nominee and I am extremely delighted that she won the award for all her hard work and dedication to her job.

I hope you all have a very happy Easter holidays and we will see students back on Tuesday 18th April.

Sara Attra
HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy Easter! This always seems like a busy and fast half term; hopefully it will mean the speedy arrival of summery weather.

Thanks to Elaine and Suzanne for delivering Clicker 7 training; this workshop was invitation only, but was really well attended and very useful for the parents who joined us. It was a great example of the work we do to help our pupils, 'find their voice', something Addington staff are all passionate about. Hopefully we can run more events with our Access team in the future.

This term has been so very busy that I have not been able to arrange our usual Easter coffee morning! My apologies for this, but I will be running it on **Thursday 20th April**, on our first week back. Flyers are going out this week, and I will send reminders during our first few days of the summer term; I hope to see as many of you as possible.

As always, please contact me if you feel there is anything I may be able to support you with, please check my page on the Addington website, (with a current spotlight topic on toileting), for information and useful links and I hope you have a wonderful Easter break.

Lucy - Parent Support Adviser

Our Leadership Management Team



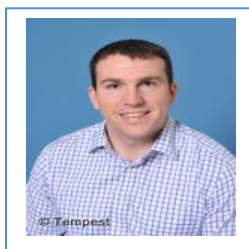
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Headteacher



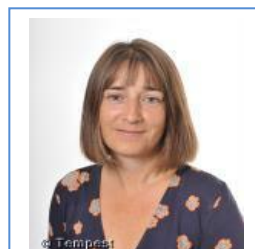
Lynda Wood
Deputy Head



Eirfron Watkinson
Assistant Headteacher



David Maycock
Assistant Headteacher



Sue Tod
School Business Manager

SPORTS PAGES



Primary Boccia Tournament Final

Addington hosted the Boccia Primary Tournament Final against Beechwood and Winnersh. The matches were all very close with Addington being just beaten into third place.



Well done boys!



Football Tournament

On Tuesday 21st February 2017 Addington took two teams to compete in an SEN football tournament, held at the Goals Centre in Woodley. Both teams competed really well and played some very good football. The green team finished in fourth place and the Amber team finished in third.



Primary Panathlon

On Tuesday 28th February, Addington took a team of eight to the Primary Panathlon Challenge at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium which is the National Centre for Disability Sport. The team competed in various games such as Boccia; Kurling; Polybat; Football; Tennis; Basketball; and Relay Races. They were competing against many other schools, including mainstream schools, and performed really well on the day - finishing in 2nd place.

All students received a silver medal for their efforts. Well done!



Scooter Hockey Interhouse – 1st March 2017

57 students from year 5-14 recently competed against each other in Scooter Hockey. Thank you to all the staff that helped to make it such a success, the atmosphere was incredible. Here are the final results:

1st -	Yellow Tigers	- 9 pts
2nd -	Green Crocodiles	- 7 pts
3rd -	Blue Sharks	- 5 pts
4th -	Red Eagles	- 3 pts

Everyone played brilliantly, and each manager was asked to nominate 2/3 MVP's (Most Valuable Player's) from each house.



Disability Sports Day at Loddon Valley

On Wednesday 15th March 2017 Catherine and Leila's class took part in a Disability Sports Day at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre. It was a great opportunity for our students to play some a wide range of sports such as Boccia, Football, Golf, Wheelchair Rugby, Karate, Kurling and Athletics.



Swimming Gala at Brookfields School

On Wednesday 23rd March we took four of our students to Brookfields School to compete in a swimming gala. There were a number of individual and team races including treasure hunt, raft racing and relay races. Our team were victorious winning the 1st place in the tournament. Well done boys!





The Music Page

Although the spring term is short, we have been busy fitting in lots of exciting activities.

In lessons

Students having lessons in the music room have continued to explore music based upon Seasons of Sounds. They have been exploring 'I can see clearly' and using a variety of pop group instruments. Students in the sensory theatre have explored music about the Spring, including drumming patterns for April showers and vocalising about the blossom. On our Starters Scheme our younger students have been singing songs about Animals they may see in the Woods.

WASMA choir

A group of year 4 - 7 students took part in the annual WASMA performance at the Reading Hexagon. They worked hard to rehearse a variety of songs from the musicals and attended several after school rehearsals with local schools. On the day they sang as part of a massed choir made up of local schools and then performed their own piece on the stage - they definitely got the biggest cheer of the evening! Well done to those that took part! (we hope to include some pictures in the next newsletter when they come through from the official photographer!)

Team Tempo

Team Tempo is our senior rhythm group, and this term they have started their tour! We have visited Woodley C of E school and performed to the whole school in an assembly. Students then answered questions from the audience. They have also visited Winnersh Primary School where they performed and then led a workshop for a group of children. The audience were very impressed with their talent and the group thoroughly enjoyed the workshop!



Arts Award

Key Stage 2 enjoyed their arts award week this half term, based upon the Ten Pieces - a set of musical pieces from the BBC exploring a variety of styles. They took part in some exciting activities including making firebirds, recreating a modern dance music piece and exploring making remixes on the 1 pads.



Student concerts

Throughout the year we arrange concerts for students who have instrumental lessons to share their playing with their friends, in our 'Addington Concert Series'. This term we enjoyed concerts featuring our violin and cello students.



Samba workshops

We were pleased to welcome Drum Runners Paul Midgely back to Addington this half term to run a Samba workshop. Students from across the school took part, exploring samba instruments and rhythms. Team Tempo and training Team Tempo each had a master class from Paul.



Addington Radio Show

The new edition of the Addington Radio Show will be available to listen via the school's website. Listen out for some student interview and articles.

Have a fantastic Easter!

Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin



Headteacher's Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students who achieved awards for the 2nd half of the Spring Term:

Foundation/ Key Stage 1

Finn Warboys
Jamie Buckland
Malayeka Adeel
Lucas Windisch
Kelsie Kemp
Michael Pawsey
Anamol Rai
George Matthews
Aaron Sondhi

Access

Haadiya Ahmad
Sofia De Mesquita
Adem Barhoumi
Ben Felton-Hodson
Brigitte Muzeen

Key stage 2

Katharine Turrell
Bobby Sawyer
Billy Sawyer
Jenny Reilly
Presley Shearer

Key Stage 4

Finley Jewell
Mary-Ellen Lally
Ellie Meredew
Tafari Wynne

Key Stage 3

Daisy Cripps
Daniel Meriacre
Chanique Watson
Luke Adams
Abhishek Das

Key Stage 5

Hamza Athar
Clive Soutter
Harry Robottom
Shayne Kirby
Thomas Miller
Kalem Forde

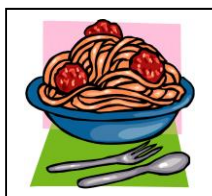
Overall Pupil Award for the Term

Luke Adams

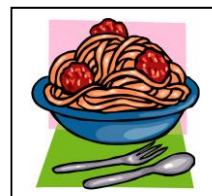
Well done everyone...keep up the great work!

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SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE LIST



Primary Pupils.....£1.95 per day
Secondary/FE Pupils.....£2.15 per day



All monies should be paid in advance.

ONLINE PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE please ask for details

Please remember that lunch MUST be paid for every day.

PRICE INCREASE FROM SEPTEMBER 2017!!

Please note that the meal price will increase by 5 pence from September

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Good Behaviour Award Winners



Congratulations to the following Students who achieved good behaviour awards for the 2nd half of the Spring Term:

Alayna Tariq. Jazz Le Doo. Jenny Reilly. Lewie Cheeseman. Maria Sherwill.
Daniel Lawrence. Ayesha Bibi. Levi Barnes. Piers Heys. Abhishek Das.
Aaron Landor. Favor Onoriode. Jay Kruger. Billy Sawyer. Liam Fuller.

Well done everyone...keep up the good behaviour!

Simone Pengraeve
Behaviour Support Teacher

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.

Parent Contact Information

We want to cut down on the amount of paper we send to parents and to get in touch more electronically via emails, texts and our school website (www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk).

Apart from the money saved on printing costs, electronic communication is instant. In order to do this we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers.

If you need to update us please email: office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk

We also now have a school app which you can download (see links on our website), enabling 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.

WORK RELATED LEARNING

National Grid

The Interns

We have reached that time of year again when the students move on to new placements, or adopt new roles in existing placements. The feed-back we have received from teams working with our students has been very positive, and the interns thoroughly enjoyed show-casing their success during the 'End of Placement' celebration. We are also delighted to report that work on a data-base completed by one of our interns is being used for a case-study as a model of good practice for another national company. This is a tremendous achievement and it really does show that once our young people enter the world of work, they continue to push their boundaries and rise to new challenges.

Outside of their placements, the interns are engaged in their career pathways with the job coaches and outside agencies. Having completed vocational profiling in partnership with the Supported Employment Service, the interns have completed very detailed and informative Curriculum Vitae. They have received advice and guidance centred on their career directions and realistic future aspirations as they enter the final phase of their internship.

Team Building Event

This term, the FE students have worked hard to facilitate three team building events at Addington School for the National Grid staff and leadership team. Working with Chris Jones from the Horticulture team, the students identified areas in the school that required updating and refurbishment. Using their experience of safe practice and the use of PPE, the students had to help staff plan for the provision of correct safety equipment, tools, as well as wet weather and dry weather jobs.

Over three days, the National Grid teams worked hard to re-paint fences, sand and re-varnish equipment in the wobbly path, sand and paint play equipment, power-wash play- yards and dig flower-beds. One team even managed to begin work on the plastic bottle green-house at the allotment. Throughout the school, it was wonderful to see students not only admiring the freshly painted equipment, but also chatting with and introducing themselves to the various teams. The tremendous effort on the part of the National Grid has been very much appreciated and we are delighted to have had follow-up requests for similar events in the future!



Hospitality

The FE 'City and Guilds' Hospitality students have continued to experience an increasing demand for their produce at Shuter's café in Wokingham Borough Council. In addition to their café enterprise, the young entrepreneurs have facilitated several lunches for outside employers. The National Grid held three team building days at Addington School, and this provided an excellent opportunity for Hospitality students to show-case their skills by preparing and serving all their coffee breaks, and a fresh lunch each day. The leadership team at National Grid was particularly impressed by the high quality standards in both presentation, service and food standards. Growing in confidence with the feed-back received, the Hospitality young entrepreneurs are looking forward to hosting at a staff inset day next term.



Horticulture

The weather has slightly improved and the students have been working at the allotment, preparing the beds and painting the work shed. Work has begun on the plastic bottle greenhouse and, hopefully, will be completed in the next two weeks. We have volunteers from the National Grid working alongside some of our City & Guilds horticulture students constructing the frame, which is very interesting to watch! At the front of the school the City and Guilds students have been preparing and painting the benches to complete one of their accredited Units of assessment. Having left clear WET PAINT signs, the students were shocked to find that people could not wait to sit on the newly refurbished benches....they may have had to refurbish their clothes afterwards though!

We have hundreds of plugs to pot on and hanging baskets to plant up so we are going to be really busy over the next term. Once we have done this there will be very little room left in the greenhouse! The tomato plants have really grown in the past week and the students have had to pot them on for the third time. We are looking forward to summer tomato salads from our own school garden!



Work Experience

Job Safari

This half-term began with one of the most exciting events in the careers calendar....Job Safari Day! It was a very successful day, with input from a range of employers who provided 'hands on' interactive activities for students at every level from year 9 upwards. The employers were very impressed by the enthusiasm and input from students, as well as the students and staff levels of enthusiasm.



Thames Valley Police



Thames Water



The Oracle



Caterlink



Chiltern Training



Verizons

This term we have also been preparing for Pre-16 work experiences. It has been wonderful to see students arrive into school wearing smart clothes in preparation for their interviews. We look forward to students beginning their week block placements in local businesses such as Brown Bag café and Zappa's hairdressers.

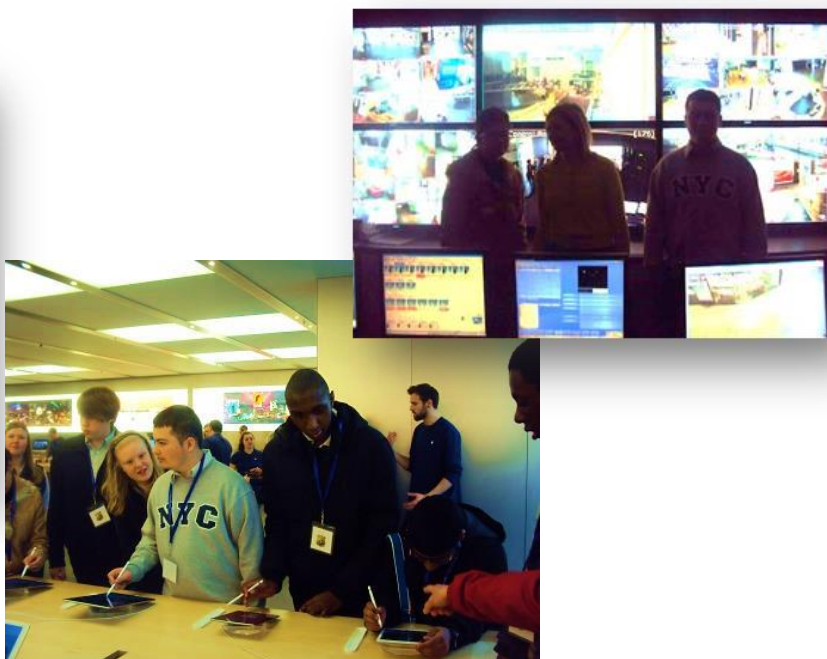
Extended work placements are also continuing for students in Years 12 – 14. They have been receiving on-going visits from staff in school and from the Central Berkshire Education and Business Partnership. It is lovely to be able to report back on the positive feed-back from employers as students continue to grow in confidence and develop skills relevant to the work-place.

Work Ready Days

A group of KS4 students have completed a four week 'Money Management' programme facilitated by staff from Metro Bank in Reading. The programme has aimed to teach students about the difference between essentials and non-essential items when trying to manage a savings plan, budgeting, bank accounts and reading bank statements. The final day of the programme involved a trip to the Metro Bank where students were able to find out more about how money and finance is managed on a day-to-day basis in the bank. Learning more about the use and management of money is excellent motivation for our students to work towards paid employment in the future.

Students who won the 'Oracle Design Challenge' from Job Safari Day were treated to a 'behind the scenes' work ready day at the Oracle. The winning team not only got to view their winning model proudly set-up, displayed and labelled in the main office building but they were treated to a tour from the services manager. Students had opportunities to view the recycling facilities at the Oracle, a guided 'birds eye' view of the current building works and access to the control room where security cameras feed in live images of CCTV throughout the grounds. The tour ended with a series of interactive workshops provided by employees and managers from The Apple Store. This was a very successful work ready day, and a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about the services industry investigate careers in the security and services business and find out more about managing retail premises.

These 'work ready days' also provide valuable opportunities for our students to develop their 'soft skills' that employers have identified as desirable skills from employees. These include meeting new people, asking relevant questions, positive body language, use of polite greetings, appropriate dress and following social cues in formal situations.



Buddies

The Buddies have been working hard to support and mentor other students in the play-grounds at break and lunchtimes. This term we have also welcomed two buddies from a neighbouring school into our training programme. All Buddies have been continuing with work-shops in school to develop their mentoring and leadership skills, as well as re-visiting positive friendships and staying safe with others.



ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES
2016 - 2017

Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September – Tuesday 20th December

Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Training Day for Staff – Monday 5th September

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5th January – Friday 31st March

Half Term: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

Training Day for Staff – Wednesday 4th January

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April – Friday 21st July

May Day Holiday – Monday 1st May – school closed

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Training Days for Staff – Tuesday 2nd May

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July – school closed

190 days for pupils



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Wednesday 6th September – Tuesday 20th December

Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Training Days for Staff – Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September
– school closed

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January – Thursday 29th March

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Training Day for Staff – Wednesday 3rd January – school closed

Summer Term 2018

Wednesday 18th April – Tuesday 24th July

May Day Holiday – Monday 7th May

Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Training Days for Staff – Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th April – school closed