



# ADDINGTON

## NEWSLETTER

**Dear Parents & Carers**

**May 2017**

The Summer Term is always one of the busiest here at Addington with many activities to supplement the curriculum both outside and in. As I write, a group of FE students are on our third and final residential of the year at an adventure, activity centre in Kent, whilst in school pupils are rehearsing for our Superstar Concert on Thursday evening. Again my thanks go to all the staff who work tirelessly out of hours to make these events happen – the skills our pupils acquire from them are invaluable.

Another extravaganza led by our Music Team is our 'FESTFORALL' on Saturday 15th July. This is a new venture designed to recreate the atmosphere of a summer festival for all our pupils but with the safety of our school grounds. I do hope our families support this event and come along for a relaxing, fun, musical day – hopefully in the sun! If you wish to purchase tickets, please contact the Music Department.

You should also have all received the uniform letter stating that uniform will be compulsory in September for all pupils up to Year 10. If you wish to order any clothing with logos on, please contact the office before 8<sup>th</sup> June for delivery prior to September.

If you have not yet completed a Parent Questionnaire following Parents Evening, please speak to the class teacher in order to obtain a copy to fill in and return as soon as possible.

We need to say goodbye to Trish Edgington who is leaving Addington at the end of this half term. Trish has worked in school for the last 13 years and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment during this time. Trish has been an excellent Assistant and over the last few years she has supported many of our FE students with her involvement in Employability and work experience. Thank you Trish and we wish you all the very best for your future move.

I hope everyone has a very pleasant half term.

**Sara Attra**  
**HEADTEACHER**

## Dear Parents/ Carers

We've made it to half term! I'm always amazed as we go into the summer and our last few months of the school year by how quickly time flies here at Addington. It seems like only last week we were singing carols, now we're getting ready for sports day! There is never a dull moment and always so much going on at school.

I've been fortunate enough to visit Manor Green School, and spend some time with their family support worker, Sharon Corrigan. It was great to share ideas about how best to support families, and is hopefully the start of some great collaborative working. I am meeting with Jackie Hogg from Castle School next half term, so hopefully more great ideas will come from that.

Thanks go to Katrina and Janet for running a brilliant Visual Support systems workshop for parents. It was well attended and we've had some really great feedback about how useful the information and strategies will be in the home.



Next half term, I will be running our annual Coffee Morning for new parents and carers who have youngsters joining us at Addington in September, as well as our last coffee morning of the year. Please keep an eye out for the date of this, as it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible before we break up for summer. I am also holding a follow up session with the ASD department for parents/ carers who have attended Dr Fiona Knott's workshops on anxiety over the last two years, as well as possibly some morning Clicker 7 training with Elaine before the end of the school year. A busy, busy time!

I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible at all the brilliant events next half term; Proms week, Sports Day and Addington's first music festival, FestForAll!

Best Wishes,

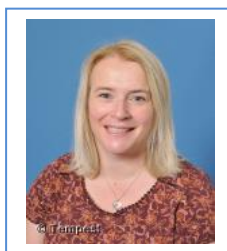
Lucy

Parent Support Adviser

# Our Leadership Management Team



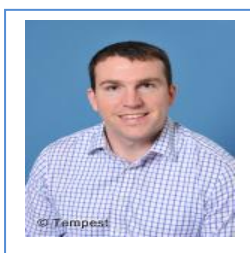
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Headteacher



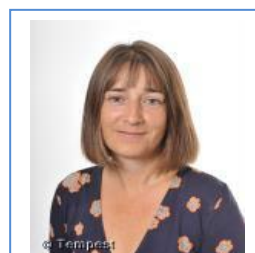
**Lynda Wood**  
Deputy Head



**Eirfron Watkinson**  
Assistant Headteacher



**David Maycock**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Sue Tod**  
School Business Manager

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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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### 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](http://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](mailto: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.



## Cricket Inter-house Competition

96 students participated in the Cricket Inter-house tournament on Wednesday 3rd May. The students played brilliantly in windy conditions. They showed excellent skill, sportspersonship and enthusiasm.

The PRIMARY tournament results were:

1st place – Blue Sharks (9 points)

2nd place – Yellow Tigers (7 points)

3rd Place - Green Crocodiles (5 points)

4rd place – Red Eagles (3 points)



The SECONDARY tournaments results were:

1st Place - Green Crocodiles (15 points)

2nd Place - Yellow Tigers (14 points)

3rd Place - Red Eagles (13 points)

4th Place - Blue Sharks (6 points)

Thanks to all the staff that made this event such a success. The team managers selected their most improved players (MVP's). Here is the list:

Green Crocodiles – Liam Fuller, Ben Reynolds, Jamal Medford, Joseph Kenneh & Dylan Bourne

Red Eagles – Charlie Soutter, Ayesha Bibi, Jazz Le Doo, Lucas Pidgeon, Ollie McGrath & Bobby Sawyer

Yellow Tigers – George Mills, William Kinge, Francis Allen, Nathan Hunter, Tom Nicholls & Angelo Fappiano

Blue Sharks – Mary-Ellen Lally, David Russell, Dalia Omer, Alex Green & Amadu Diallo

The next Inter-house tournament is Football. The tournament is for upper primary and secondary students. It will take place on Thursday 13th July from 1:30-3:00.





### Football Tournament

On Tuesday 25th April, Addington took two teams to compete in an SEN football tournament that was held at the Madejski Training Centre. Both teams competed really well and played some very good football. They showed a great attitude and excellent team spirit to keep going and play against older students.



### Girls Football Tournament

On Monday 8th May, Addington competed in a Girls football tournament at the Madejski Training Centre. They competed against nine other schools, winning twice and having a great time despite the cold weather! Well done girls!





## New Futures Residential Trip to Tirabad 2017



This year's New Futures residential trip to Tirabad, as always, was received with mixed feelings and some trepidation, particularly by first timers and their parents, and ended on a high as expected.

The week is now a memory of good times had by all and a time when new friendships were formed. It was a week where we were given the opportunity of facing and overcoming new challenges and fears; making new friends and working within supportive teams; to develop a sense of duty towards and care for others; building self-esteem and developing independence.

Some of the physically demanding challenges each day involved gorge walking, caving, canoeing and archery, after which there were the evening activities of a social nature. These were in the form of a fancy dress competition, party games and a disco which were indulged in with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

The old adage "all good things must come to an end" was proved true on the Friday, which seemed to come around far sooner than expected. After hasty goodbyes we were on the coach by 9:30 a.m. for a necessary but reluctant departure.

It would be right to say that if a group of uncertain strangers were observed leaving Addington on the Monday, a team of good friends, and more confident, caring and responsible young people returned on Friday.

A big thank you to our Fiona Hulley, Emma Slade, Sean Trim-Coleman, and the Sixth Formers from Charters, Emmbrook, Maiden Erleigh, their teachers, as well as Nick, Tim, Chris and all the Tirabad staff for making the trip the enjoyable, memorable and enriching one that it was.



## Residential at Calvert Trust, Exmoor 2017

The Calvert Trust residential week from the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> March was an enriching experience. A happy group enjoyed a variety of activities as part of outdoor education. These involved developing team building, social and independence skills.

Some of the activities enjoyed were Crate Stacking, Archery, bush-craft, Abseiling, Canoeing, horse riding, biking and the Zip wire to name a few. A number of the activities involved being suspended at dizzying heights. The experience caused no alarm to our young enthusiasts, instead only feelings of exhilaration.

A big thank you must go to Jo Oldreive for organising a very enjoyable week, and to Abi Storey, Jane Buckland, Emma Slade and Toby Hawthorne for volunteering their time and support to make the week the success it was. Thanks also go to Sue and Robert for giving up their time to drive us all those miles on the Monday and picking us up on the Friday.



# THE MUSIC PAGE



This term many students have been exploring 'Caribbean Cruise' in music lessons, performing calypso rhythms and melodies. Our younger classes have been going on an 'Under the Sea Adventure' in lessons and our access classes have been taking part in music about the summer.

## *Addington Concert Series*

We have continued with our Addington Concert Series with a concert by our woodwind students, and a concert by our brass students. Students performed to their classes and showed how much they have progressed.



## *Concert Day*

We were very fortunate to be able to have a day of concerts by the internationally acclaimed pianist Derek Paravacini. Derek performed a series of concerts for students throughout the school to enjoy, featuring many of their requests and popular pieces. Students and staff were in awe of his extraordinary talent of both memorising melodies and then improvising around them and it was a privilege to have him visit Addington!





### *Superstar Concert*

We are looking forward to our Superstar concert which takes place this week. Our choir includes students between year 4 and year 14 and they have been learning the set in lunch time rehearsals. Addington will join with choirs from Kennel Lane, Arbour Vale and The Castle schools to perform repertoire chosen by the students and featuring soloists from each school.



### *Training for local Key Stage 1 teachers*

We held a training afternoon for teachers across Wokingham working with Key Stage 1 children. At the session lots of songs were introduced for schools to work towards for our Key Stage 1 singing morning in July. It was great to share resources with other teachers and encourage them to do more music!

### *Singing bowls and gongs workshops*



immersed in sound as they stood in the singing bowl as it was played.

We held a workshop day where students explored and played gongs and singing bowls, led by Drum Runners. They played a variety of gongs, listened to the calming sounds and explored the vibrations of them. They also explored singing bowls and many found the sounds mesmerizing. Some students were



## Arts Award

Key Stage 2 have also taken part in the third Arts Award week of the year. This week they visited Reading University to take part in Art activities. They also created animations using the iPads. They all enjoyed exploring new skills relating to the BBCs 10 Pieces.

We are looking forward to a busy half term next half term – our Proms planning is well underway and as soon as the timetable is finalised we will let you know! During the week all children and young people perform with their class group, plus any instrumental lessons and clubs show the work they have been doing and we hope that parents will be able to come in and watch performances. **Proms weeks is 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July.**



Wishing you a relaxing half term break!

Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin  
The Music Team!





## Headteacher's Award Winners



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

### Foundation/ Key Stage 1

Owen Kyle  
Mahdi Padia  
Mannat Kaushal  
Daisy Cornell  
Angelo Fappiano  
Meerab Kashif

### Key Stage 2

Benjamin Winter  
Tommy Hunter  
Daniel Jackson

### Key Stage 3

Charlie Manning

### Key Stage 4

Conor Lashbrook

### Key Stage 5

Hayley Neal

### Access

Lauren Simmonds  
Carys Westgate  
Muhammed Asad Khan

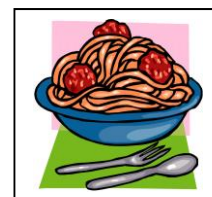
**Well done everyone...keep up the great work!**

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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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# ROUTES INTO WORK

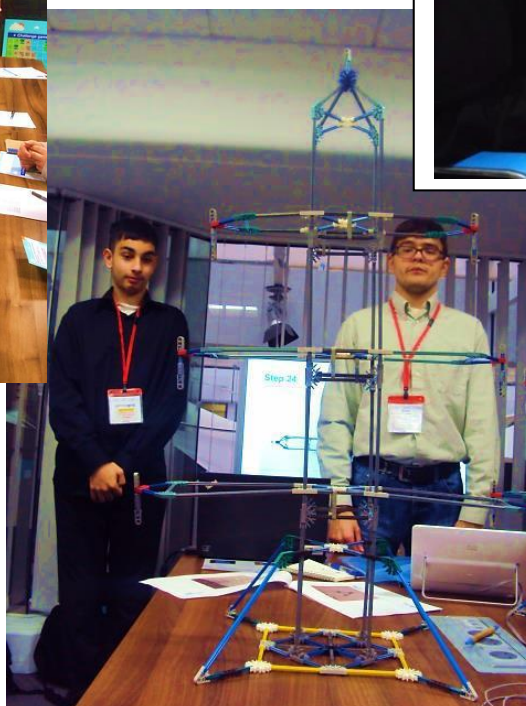
## EmployAbility Supported Internships

### The Interns

For the last term of their placement, the interns at National Grid have either stayed in their existing placements to extend and broaden their knowledge fully in that job role, or they have taken up new placements. One of the interns has been the first ever intern in the EmployAbility programme to gain a placement in the Control Room – this has been very exciting for the interns and the job coaches. Outside of their placements, the National Grid interns have launched into the Careers Pathways section of the programme. Having completed their CVs, they are now applying for jobs both within the National Grid, and with local, or national employers.

### New Intake

It's also that time of year when the interns for next year begin their application process. The National Grid will be providing at least three placements for next academic year. Students have been completing application forms, having been selected from the National Grid Inspirations week. Once forms are completed, they can expect to be put forward for an interview, with a possibility of moving forwards to a job sampling day at National Grid.





## Employer Recognised Qualifications

### City & Guilds Hospitality

It has been a very exciting half-term for the young entrepreneurs from the Hospitality course. Led by their course tutor, several of the students chose to prepare and cater a lunch for 115 people on a staff inset day which included visitors from another school. As they came into school to work on their 'day off' the students were paid in vouchers in recognition of their hard-work and commitment to their professional development. The students really enjoyed the experience, and reported that as a result they felt more confident about working for larger events. These are wonderful experiences that will add weight their CVs as they progress to applying for jobs and gaining paid employment.

### City & Guilds Horticulture

The hanging baskets have grown really fast, now that the warmer weather has arrived. The rain has made everything lovely and green – encouraging a deluge of snails and slugs! The plastic bottle greenhouse is well under- way. The roof has proved quite difficult but is almost complete. The students have been working on the sides and the holes have now all been drilled, ready for completion. Thank you very much to everyone for the continuous supply of bottles and many thanks to Les and Lee for constructing the frame and drilling the many holes, ready for the students to take over!



The students have been working hard to keep the weeds at bay, both at the allotment and in school. We have carrots, cabbages, onions, sweetcorn and potatoes growing by the greenhouse, along with several hanging baskets. We will be planting our runner bean seedlings out at the allotment this week, along with the French beans - hopefully the slug swill leave them alone. The sweetcorn is still growing well but the cabbages are not looking too healthy, despite the 'enviromesh' protection. Hopefully our peas will start to green up and spread, as we kept them inside until they were quite tall.

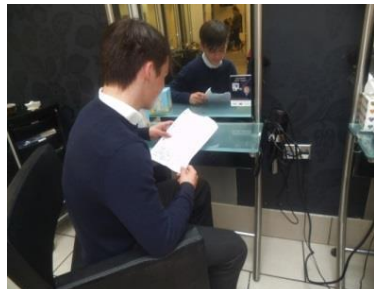
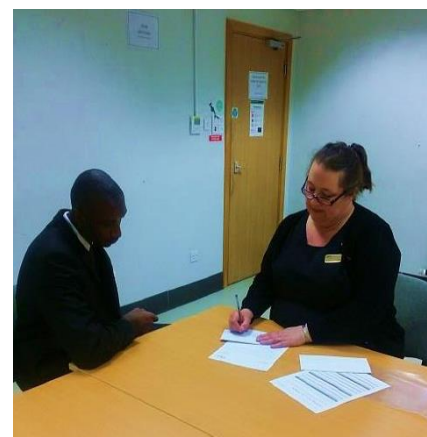
The students have been helping a neighbouring plot holder to dig over her beds as she is struggling, due to ill health. We have had various visits from fellow plot holders and committee members offering advice and encouragement. These are lovely opportunities for our students to develop a sense of community awareness, and to understand how they can contribute positively to the lives of other people



Our volunteer, Becky Pinnegar, has continued to support us and offer her expert advice. The students have just finished treating the sheds and Becky will be working with them over the next few months to personalise it.....watch out for photos later next term!

## Work Experience

Students have completed both extended and week block work experience in companies throughout the area. All students had work experience interviews, and we were very proud to see that students were dressed appropriately in business-type smart clothes for their interview. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to experience and manage their nervousness around the job interview process, and students were able to apply the skills they had worked on in class to the real situation. The feed-back from employers was extremely positive, and Addington students have made an excellent impression on employers.



We need to say a huge congratulations to the students who completed their first ever work experiences. It is a huge step to move from the familiar school environment to something less familiar and unknown, but it really does prove to the students that it is okay to be out of their 'comfort zones'.....it might even be fun!



It was great that several students made very positive progress with their independent travel to and from work. As always, the range of placements was diverse and wide-spread depending on student interests and future job aspirations. Staff visited students in super-markets, cafes, offices and even dog grooming parlours.

Well done to all who took part in **Work Experience!**





## WORK READY DAYS

### The Apple Store

FE students have been updating and reviewing the latest available 'Apple' technology for the Reading Apple store at the Oracle. Presented with a musical story-telling instrument, known as the 'Skoog,' the students had the task of exploring its functions, presentation and enjoyment factor. After giving the 'Skoog' a five star rating, the students were engaged in interactive activity stations designed and prepared by the Apple store.



### The Oracle

Another group of FE students visited the Services Management section of The Oracle. Students became part of the Publicity Team as they helped to design a mural which will be on display in The Oracle –keep a look-out if you are in town! Following completion of the new mural, the class were treated to 'behind the scenes tour' of the facilities and services management sector. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about the work involved, and the way that teams work together to ensure safe, enjoyable and environmentally friendly shopping experiences for the public. Well done to all involved!





## CITIZENSHIP



### BUDDIES

The Buddies have been completing training for their final duties of the year next term. They are being assigned 'meet and greet' duties for Proms Week, when they will be responsible for bringing parents to the hall for class and group performances. They will also be very busy on the Sports Days, when the Buddies, visible in their yellow jumpers and hats, will be on-hand to direct parents to the different sports events. Remember to say a big 'Hi!' to our Buddies if you see them around the school!



### British Values

We had the most fantastic 'Police Week' delivered by our local community police officers, Les Eke and Karen Bird. Les and Karen spent a full week at the school and worked through all key stages to talk about the role of the police and their impact on the local community.

The work-shops ranged from information sessions, where students had a chance to try on the police uniform, to practical learning activities such as First Aid and Crime scene investigation.



These were great opportunities for students to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence as well as increasing their knowledge of public institutions.

A huge 'Thank you' to Les and Karen for their enthusiasm in helping to make this a wonderful week that was full of learning opportunities at all levels!







**ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES**  
**2016 - 2017**

**Autumn Term 2016**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Half Term:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Training Day for Staff – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Spring Term 2017**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Half Term:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Training Day for Staff – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Summer Term 2017**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

May Day Holiday – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – school closed

**Half Term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Training Days for Staff – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July – school closed

**190 days for pupils**



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– school closed

**Spring Term 2018**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Training Day for Staff – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – school closed

**Summer Term 2018**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

May Day Holiday – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Training Days for Staff – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – school closed