



ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an exciting start to the New Year with many activities going on across the school. The Interhouse PolyBat tournament was a huge success with a buzz of competition in the hall where it all took place. Visiting musicians have enlivened lessons, and for the first time we had Bamboozle perform an interactive, sensory theatre experience for all our pupils in Access classes. Bamboozle specialise in engaging pupils with the most complex needs with music, sounds, touch and even smell – there were many wondrous moments during the performances!

Senior and middle leaders have also been into classrooms this term and have observed excellent teaching and learning across the school as well as talking to pupils about their Personal Learning Plans. Some pupils are beginning to own their plans and are starting to understand what they need to achieve by the end of half a term. If you have any questions about your child's programme, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance or their Head of Department. There is a reminder below of who leads each department and which class is where. All pupils and staff are getting used to our new class names now, and I would urge you to look at the Art work depicting the class names outside the classrooms – there are some fantastic collages!

Finally, I would like to wish Steph Cardno, Head of Early Years, well for her maternity starting after half term and look forward to meeting the new addition to her family.

Have a good half term holiday,

Sara Attra
Headteacher



Yvonne Wilson
Head of
Early Years

Daisy
Sunflower
Tulip
Lily



Yvonne Edwards
Head of
Middle School

Oak
Apple
Birch
Pine
Willow
Rowan
Maple
Chestnut
Svcamore



Emer Moore
Head of
Upper School

Swan
Kite
Falcon
Eagle
Kestrel
Robin



Justine James
Head of
Access Classes

Owl
Cherry
Poppy

Holly (Simone Pengraeve, Behaviour Support Lead)

Dear Parents/ Carers

The first half term of the new year has finished; 2018 is well under way at Addington!

As always, this has been a busy half term in Parent Support. I have been working closely with a number of families, looking at benefits they have been receiving or may be entitled to. I have sent a letter out to all families, but just a reminder that if you would like help, support or advice in completing any benefit forms, please contact school. You can either arrange for a meeting with me, or we can speak over the phone. We want to ensure that the process is as easy as possible, and to support our young people and their families where we can.

We started off the new year with a really brilliant and well attended Makaton workshop; huge thanks have to go to our wonderful Speech and Language Department for delivering this and a fire drill half way through couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of the parents who attended! Keep an eye out for further, upcoming workshops.



Just a reminder, I no longer work on TUESDAYS. My work mobile, for when I cannot be reached at my desk during school hours, is 07521 744 852.

Best Wishes,

Lucy - Parent Support Adviser

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE LIST

Primary Pupils.....£2.00 per day
Secondary/FE Pupils.....£2.20 per day



All monies should be paid in advance.

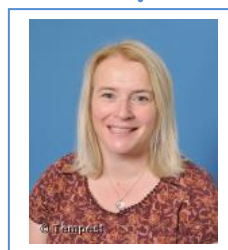
ONLINE PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE please ask for details

Please remember that lunch **MUST** be paid for every day.

Our Senior Leadership Team



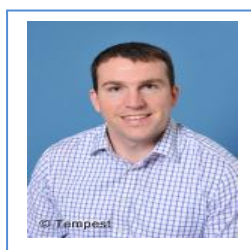
Sara Attra
Headteacher



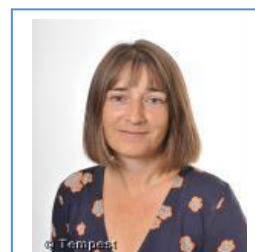
Lynda Wood
Deputy Head



Eirfron Watkinson
Assistant Headteacher



David Maycock
Assistant Headteacher



Sue Tod
School Business Manager

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.

CAR PARKING REMINDER

1. All drivers **must** use the one-way system marked out by the cones and road markings
2. **Only** park in marked spaces and not on the end of rows
3. All pedestrians **must** use the zebra crossing and the pavement when walking children to and from the site. DO NOT WALK on the road by the side of the gates where there is **no pavement** as a short cut. This is very dangerous and could result in an accident

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.



Headteacher's Award Winners



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

**Foundation/Key
Stage 1**

Amelia Nobes
Oliver Tyrrell

Key Stage 2

Joshua Heys
Sophia Gould-Seymour

Key Stage 4

Ben Allum
Jasmine Pritchard

Access

Adem Barhoumi
Amber Jutla

Key Stage 3

Christopher Smith

Key Stage 5

Brigitte Muzeen
Hayley Neal
Kalem Forde

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



SPORTS PAGE



POLYBAT INTERHOUSE RESULTS – 23rd & 25th of January 2018

The inter-house Polybat and Table Tennis has been a great success, with **58 secondary/FE** and **42 primary** students competing. The students were amazing in terms of skill, sportspersonship and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to also see so many students working independently in the games. They really enjoyed the event. Thank you to the Young Sports Leaders and Buddies; Aliza Imran, Chanique Watson, Christopher Smith, Luke Adams, Alex Green, Daniel Skeates, Conor Lashbrook and Daisy Cripps who did the scoring for the primary games.

It was a very hard fought contest and here are the final results:

Secondary/FE

1st place – **Yellow Tigers** (38 points)

2nd place – **Red Eagles** (37 points)

3rd place – **Blue Sharks** (33 points)

4th place – **Green Crocodiles** (28 points)

Primary

1st place – **Red Eagles** (37 points)

2nd place – **Blue Sharks** (31 points)

3rd place – **Yellow Tigers** (29 points)

4th place – **Green Crocodiles** (23 points)

Thanks you to all the staff that made this event such a success. I asked the managers and scorers to choose their **most improved players** (MVP's). The list includes:

SECONDARY/FE

Green Crocodiles – Kalem Forde, Catherine Dowling, Ryan Skevington

Red Eagles – Luke Adams

Yellow Tigers – Daisy Cripps, Luke Woodley

Blue Sharks – Kashif Ahmed, Malik Gai, Jake Gray

PRIMARY

Green Crocodiles – Sophia Gould-Seymour & Joseph Kenneh

Red Eagles – Katherine Turrell

Yellow Tigers – Anya Crawshaw

Blue Sharks – Jan Alpar & Daniel King

We look forward to the next inter-house – Scooter Hockey (yr5 upwards) on the 6th of March (1:30-3pm).

Mel, Danny and Ian



Early Years

This half term has whizzed by; it doesn't seem long since Christmas! Our theme this term was 'Traditional Tales and Puppets'. The four classes have loved the stories of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', and 'The Three Little Pigs' amongst others.



As always, we do our best learning through lots of play-based activities. Daisy class made houses for the three pigs, and stuck them on the wall so that we have an interactive display that the children can play with. Sunflower class have made shape pictures of different story characters, thinking



about where to stick the eyes, nose and mouth. Tulip class made and played with wooden stick puppets. Lily class made playdough gingerbread men, and tasted yummy gingerbread biscuits. Some of the children also visited Thames Valley Adventure Playground in Taplow for the first time. They had a great time! For many of our pupils it was a real highlight of the term.



Middle School Newsletter February 2018

This term Middle School is in the process of developing a new curriculum. We have exciting new Themes to engage the pupils carefully selected from Cornerstones - a great online resource with lots of engaging resources and activities. Year 3 and 4 pupils have enjoyed 'Can You Read Me a Story?' They have enjoyed sensory stories, creative play and art activities Based on popular traditional tales such as Jack and The Beanstalk and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.



Maple, Chestnut and Sycamore and Birch classes have been working with Chris Bennett on a series of drama workshops

Meanwhile, Willow, Rowan, Maple, Chestnut and Sycamore classes have been involved in an exciting arts project. They were inspired by a visit from Author Nick Toczek to write stories and work with artist Kate Lockhart to make some puppets. They will to perform their stories in a Puppet Show after Half Term. The pupils have had great fun working on it and I'm really looking forward to seeing the production!



In Science, Julie Gibbins our science teacher has worked with Willow, Rowan and Pine classes investigating a fish skeleton, whilst Maple, Chestnut and Sycamore classes have explored the dangers of smoking.

Julie Gibbins with 'Smoky Sue'.

We are all looking forward to a short break before the second half of the Spring Term when we will be taking part in many healthy activities in Healthy Living Week. Our exciting themes for next half term will be **Can You eat Chocolate for Breakfast?** in Year 3 and 4 classes **Enchanted Woodland** in Year 5 and 6 and **Scrumdiddlyuptious** in years 7,8 and 9.



The Music Page



It has been another fantastic and enthusiastic start to the term and with it brings a new theme. This term's theme is 'Time' and students have been performing 'Don't Stop' by Fleetwood Mac. They have been learning different rhythms, exploring how to play them on the drum kit and developing ensemble skills. Access classes have been going on a camping adventure in the woods, exploring the different sounds they may hear in the night. Our younger students have been exploring songs and activities based upon daily routines.

Bamboozle Theatre Company

Our Access classes have enjoyed watching and interacting in a multisensory performance from Bamboozle Theatre Company this half term. Their performance was about Patience, a woman waiting for the rain to come in Mid-West America in the 1930s. With the help from Zach and Jane using the 'Cloud-O-Matic' machine, they create clouds of rain for the first time in months. Their ethos is for children to be allowed the chance to enjoy and interact without an adult beside them and our students were found to have a great time.



Addington Concert Series

Throughout the year we give opportunities for students who are having instrumental lessons to share some of their work with their friends. This term we enjoyed concerts from our cello and brass students. They all showed some excellent progress so far this year.



Folk Music Workshop

Mark from 'Drum Runners' has been into visit us for a workshop based upon 'Songs of the Sea'. Using folk songs, students have using drama, movement and active music making to explore life on the seas.



We hope you all enjoy half term!

Sean, Jules and Martin



ADDINGTON SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION

News from the Association

Email: AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

Happy New Year to everyone, we hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed spending quality time with your families.

We are very pleased to report that our Christmas fund raising activities went really well. Thank you to you all for your help and support. The monies raised covered the cost of the visit to school by the Reindeer which our young people enjoyed before Christmas.



We are now looking to the year ahead, making plans for the coming year. Please remember we would welcome any suggestions from yourselves, if you know of any local events we can attend etc. We have booked a stall at this year's Woodley carnival on the 9th June. We would be looking to promote the work the Association does and run some children's games. We will be looking to attend both the Wokingham and Woodley Winter carnivals again and plans are underway to bring back our school Christmas Fayre. We have discussed the possibility of an Easter coffee morning with a few games, as well as a summer social for all the family. Please keep an eye on our notice board out the front of school where we will hopefully have a list of dates of forthcoming events up shortly.

As always, we need your help to make these things happen, so please look out for our flyers and remember no matter how big or small, your donations make a difference.

Currently we are looking for Easter Eggs, Easter themed soft toys such as Rabbits, chicks, etc as well as Small bags and Easter eggs for prizes at the proposed Easter coffee morning.

You should have received a form for art work for Mother's Day gifts. Please return these into school with payment as soon as possible. If you've misplaced your form please ask in school for another one or email us as shown above. Please remember these would make nice birthday gifts or keepsakes for any family member.

We are also collecting unwanted mugs, sweets, biscuits, chocolates. If you received any gifts for Christmas that you cannot use please send them in. If you have any unwanted bottles of drink, toiletries, good quality children's toys, complete jigsaw puzzles, good quality books they would be gratefully received.



Knara is busy training for her run in March, please show her your support by sending in a donation; whatever you can spare, it all adds up. A form should have come home for this purpose, but you can find it on the school web site or email us for a copy if you've not received it. Please make any cheques payable to Addington School Association.

Keep an eye on our totalizer which is on our notice board outside school to see how the fund raising is going, Knara would like to raise £500. The money raised will be going towards upgrading the sensory garden.

We are still collecting the community cash tokens, these can be found in the Wokingham paper. These can be picked up at many local garden centres for free and from Pulse8 gym. Please keep eye out and send the slips into school marked for our attention. We have a whopping 50 tokens being filled in to send off already!



You will see around school posters for our Hollywood Ball at the Holiday Inn Winnersh; this is a first for the Association so we hope all you grown-ups out there will come along - why not bring your friends! It will be a great night! The £40.00 ticket includes a three-course meal and plenty of music to dance the night away. There will be a raffle and auction on the night. So get your ticket/s, get glammed up and join the party. Tickets are limited so please get yours quickly to avoid disappointment.

We are looking for raffle prizes for this event and items for the auction. If you, or maybe the company or firm you work for, can make a donation please send them into school marked for the attention of Suky Sehgal, her son Aaron is in Lily's class.

Please remember you can follow the Association on Facebook and do check the school web site for our latest news, form copies etc. Keep an eye on our fabulous new notice board for what is happening soon!

Hoping everyone has a stress free and enjoyable half term.

Yvonne Thrower
Addington School Association



ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES
2018 - 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Training - Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 September
(school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 5 September - Wednesday 19 December

Half Term: Monday 22 October - Monday 29 October (inclusive)

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3 January - Friday 5 April

Half Term: Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February (inclusive)

Summer Term 2019

Staff Training - Tuesday 23 April (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 24 April - Tuesday 23 July

May Day Holiday - Monday 6 May

Half Term: Friday 24 May - Friday 31 May (inclusive)

190 days for pupils