



# ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have had a very busy half term with many different events going on around the school. Our healthy Living week was a huge success with the smoothie bike a particular favourite with all the pupils! Classes cooked, tasted and learnt about a wide variety of healthy foods and meals as well as participating in fitness and sports activities – the dance video featuring staff and pupils being a highlight of the week.

Our governors have also been into school and have completed learning walks in every department, looking at pupil independence skills during lesson time, whilst paired up with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. This was a very valuable exercise that highlighted some excellent teaching and learning, alongside some areas which we are looking to develop further.

The Creative Arts team have been busy and you will notice art work going up in the corridors around the school that pupils have designed and made. This week five pupils have had their art work displayed at “That Gallery” in Festival Place in Basingstoke, which is a huge achievement and congratulations go to them all. It was wonderful to see the canvases on display when I visited on Wednesday; we have some talented artists at Addington.

Thank you once again to all of you who contributed to our Easter raffle this year; the money made is ploughed back into extra-curricular activities around the school and makes a huge difference in these times of austerity. The Addington Association are organising a Summer Ball which will also hopefully raise much needed funds and I urge you all to buy a ticket to support this event.

As we come to the end of the term, I would like to extend my thanks to our Teacher for the Visually Impaired and class teacher, Sarah Margel, for all the work she has done at Addington over the last 18 years. She has taught many children during this time and made a huge difference to their lives and is now moving on to pastures new. We wish her every success for the future!

Finally, I hope that the snow stays away over the next couple of weeks and that everyone has a happy Easter Holiday. We will see the pupils back on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** for the start of the Summer Term.

**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**  
**Sycamore**



**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

Another half term over, another newsletter!

There has been much work and planning this half term. Last Friday, Parent Support and Careers at Addington ran a workshop for parents with representatives from Optalis, Me2 Club and also a presentation from our head of careers, Emer. It was a highly informative morning, and really well attended with over 30 parents and carers able to join us! We really hope to run similar mornings in the future, and are planning to invite Bridges for one and have a more 'in depth' look at the support we give our young people at Addington through careers, in house work experience, etc. at another.

After Easter, I will be holding an evening event for parents and carers looking at Disabled Wills Trusts. This is an area of future planning for our young people that I had little knowledge of, so I am really pleased that we have a wills writing specialist as well as a parent from Brookfields school coming in to speak to us, provide advice and share their experiences. There is also going to be an onsite crèche for the evening; look out for letters coming home at the start of the new term!

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. If there are any issues contacting me, please call the office and they can also contact me on your behalf.

Happy Easter to you all! However you spend or celebrate this time of year, I hope that you have a restful time and that there are happy memories made.

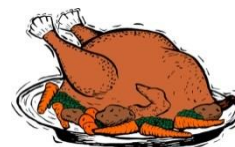
Best Wishes,

Lucy – Parent Support Adviser

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## 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.

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## Our Senior Leadership Team



Sara Attra  
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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## 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
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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.



## Headteacher's Award Winners



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

### Overall Pupil Award for the Term

Olivia Edwards

### Runners Up

Bradley Oxley

Mahdi Padia

Jeremy Eitokpah

Joshua Heys

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



# SPORTS PAGE



## Berkshire School Games – Bisham Abbey (21<sup>st</sup> March 2018)

Three of our secondary students won the **Boccia** qualifying tournament and as a result were invited to the Berkshire School Games. At the games they played against 5 other schools and the matches were very close. Well done to all three of them for coming third and winning bronze medals.



Addington also entered a team in the **Polybat** competition which was included in the Berkshire School Games for the first time. The team played well finishing third and receiving bronze medals.

After the competition both teams were able to have taster sessions of other sports in the spring sunshine by the river. We chose Pentathlon which involved a run followed by shooting at targets with laser guns.





## Healthy Lifestyles & Fitness Week 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March

Our students loved the fitness sessions each morning and were amazing in their effort and enthusiasm. They participated in:

Dance – Monday  
Boxercise – Tuesday  
Dance – Wednesday  
Yoga – Thursday  
Aerobics – Friday

Thanks to everyone who helped the students to access and sustain the activities.



## INTER-HOUSE TRAVEL competition and Sport Relief 2018

The students were also enthusiastic and did very well in their **Inter-house travel** (walk, run, wheelchair, scooter or cycle) **competition**. The results were very close and were as follows:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – Blue Sharks   | (229 laps = 45.8 miles) |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Green Crocs   | (224 laps = 44.8 miles) |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Red Eagles    | (220 laps = 44 miles)   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> – Yellow Tigers | (183 laps = 36.6 miles) |

GRAND TOTAL – 856 laps = **171.2 miles**. Our school travelled (mainly walking and running) collectively to SHEFFIELD last week. Most students completed 5 laps which is 1 mile. Well done.



## SPORTS RELIEF 2018

Thanks so much to everyone for giving money to Sport Relief 2018. Addington School raised:



£687

### Healthy Fruit and Vegetable Café



KS4 pupils did a fantastic job as the greengrocers on the Healthy Market. They prepped the food and encouraged pupils to try new Fruit and Vegetables.

### Healthy Wrap workshop

Pupils for KS5 delivered a lesson to pupils from KS2 on how to make a Healthy Wrap.



### Smoothie Bike

The Smoothie Bike was a great success, pupils made some delicious smoothies whilst combining exercise.





### Buttercup the Cow

Pupils from KS1/KS2 enjoyed learning how to 'milk' a wooden cow.



### Football tournament

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, Addington took two teams to compete in an SEN football tournament that was held at the Madejski Outdoor Training Centre. Both teams competed really well and played some very good passing football. They showed a great attitude and excellent team spirit to keep going and play against older students.



### Girls Football tournament

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, in celebration of International Women's Day, Addington took a team to compete in a Girls football tournament that was held at the Madejski Outdoor Training Centre. The girls enjoyed playing against teams from other schools in the area and showed great character and tenacity in their matches. Well done girls!



International  
Women's Day





## London Irish Disability Festival

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February Addington School pupils represented London Irish in a tag rugby festival in the training dome at Madejski Stadium against teams from Worcester, Wasps, Saracens and Bath. Coaching was supplied by London Irish and support from Brighton University Ladies Rugby. Our students enjoyed the competition in front of their parents and played very well.



After the festival, two London Irish players signed autographs for the children. We all then made our way over to the stadium to watch the Aviva Premiership match between London Irish and Worcester. Before the start of the game the pupils provided a guard of honour for the players as they took to the pitch.

A huge thank you to London Irish, for organising the day, and to parents and staff for supporting the pupils to have such a great time.



## Primary Boccia and Kurling Tournament

The Preliminary Tournament for the Berkshire School Games took place at Bulmershe Sports Centre after school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Addington entered 2 teams for the Boccia and 2 teams for the Kurling competitions. Addington were place first and third in the Boccia and second and fourth in the Kurling. Well done to all the players. Addington Boccia team will progress to the area finals at Bisham Abbey on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March.





## Primary Panathlon Games



On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 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 including 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. All students received a medal for their efforts. Well done!



## Scooter Heroes Training at Addington 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of March



Wokingham Community Wardens came through to Addington to deliver 45 minute scooter safety sessions to 6 classes. These classes included students from key stage 2, 3 & 4. The students really enjoyed learning how to stop, cross a road safely and pass someone on a footpath.



## Scooter Hockey Interhouse – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

A huge number, 57, students from Primary and Secondary competed against each other in Scooter Hockey Interhouse competition.

Here are the final results:

1st - **Blue Sharks** – 9 pts

2nd - **Green Crocodiles** - 7 pts

3rd - **Red Eagles** – 5 pts

4th - **Yellow Tigers** - 3 pts

Everyone played brilliantly, with good friendly competition but I asked each manager to nominate 2-3 MVP's (Most Valuable Player's) from each house and they were:



**Green Crocodiles** – Ryan Skevington, Kalem Forde and Charlie Manning.

**Yellow Tigers** - Daisy Cripps, Nathan Hunter and Presley Shearer.

**Blue Sharks** – Chris Smith, Amadu Diallo, Rowan Nyamaradzo.

**Red Eagles** – Duncan Stonehouse, Shaun Verney, Olivia Edwards.

**Mel, Danny and Ian**

# Early Years

This term the children across the four classes have all enjoyed the topic 'All About Me & My World.' There has been lots of physical and sensory exploration using their hands and feet and making handprints and footprints in paint.



At the beginning of term in Daisy Class we said goodbye to Steph who started her maternity leave.



We have been using and exploring what our bodies do, by drawing around ourselves, singing action rhymes, exploring activities using all our senses, using mirrors to look at our features and making

pizza faces.

Our class highlights have been joining in with all the physical activities in Healthy lifestyles week, trying new healthy foods, pedalling the smoothie bike, some students joining dance club and boogieing the lunchtime away.



The end of term has marked a sad goodbye to Sarah who is leaving to pursue new interests and spend more time with her family after working at Addington for 18 years.



In Sunflower class they have really enjoyed making weird creatures with heads, bodies and legs from different animals based on the book From Head to Toe by Eric Carle. They have also loved dressing up in different outfits, when exploring the clothes



different cultures wear and were fascinated by the book 'My World, Your World'.

In Tulip class they have made All About Me scrapbooks and have enjoyed looking at baby and family photos. They have been learning about their bodies and who is the biggest and smallest, by drawing around themselves and looking at the outline of their bodies. They have been looking at how they grow and how they have changed. They have also enjoyed thinking where in the world everyone was



born and where they have all been on holiday. Using a big world map and pictures of different countries.



Lily Class have been celebrating themselves and their families during assemblies each week. The highlight this term was the workshop from Keith Parks, teaching call



and response skills, which they used to sing about their families, through chants. They have enjoyed looking at photos showing their families and using mirrors to focus on the features of their face. Then made vegetable faces on plates and enjoyed eating them!

We are all looking forward to enjoying the warmer weather next term.

Have a good Easter Holiday!

Daisy Class, Sunflower Class, Tulip Class & Lily Class



## Middle School Newsletter February 2018

Middle school Curriculum in the second half of the Spring Term has had a healthy focus. Can you eat chocolate for breakfast? wondered year 3 and 4 classes. The answer is no –not if you want to stay healthy and active. We tried out many fun, fitness activities such as dance, Boxercise and yoga. During healthy Living week we had the opportunity to try many delicious and healthy snacks such as smoothies, wraps and fruit kebabs.



**A student uses peddle power to operate the blender and make a smoothie**

Sycamore class had a great morning out at the Museum of English Rural Life in Reading learning about how farming has changed over the years with the introduction of new machinery. The pupils enjoyed doing a rat hunt through all of the galleries and some groups managed to find all of the rats. There were interactive games to play in each gallery. A particular favourite game was one in which the pupils had to look after pregnant sheep and keep them safe until they had their lambs. The pupils were all polite and well behaved – a credit to Addington.



**Sycamore class on the Climbing Tractor at Museum of English Rural Life**





Year 5 and 6 classes explored the Enchanted woodland which was appropriate as all of the Middle School classes are named after trees. We worked with specialist Art Teacher Beccy Hyatt to produce beautiful tree themed plaques. Look out for them hanging outside our classrooms.

**Two students show off Willow class's beautiful art work**

Easter has been our RE theme for this half term and Middle school have enjoyed a carousel of activities making Easter crafts and foods and using all their senses to experience Easter. After all the hard work and healthy living everyone deserves a little treat so Happy Easter and enjoy your Easter Eggs and hot cross buns - but not too many! ☺



**Students display their Easter eggs kindly donated by the Rotary Club of Loddon Vale**

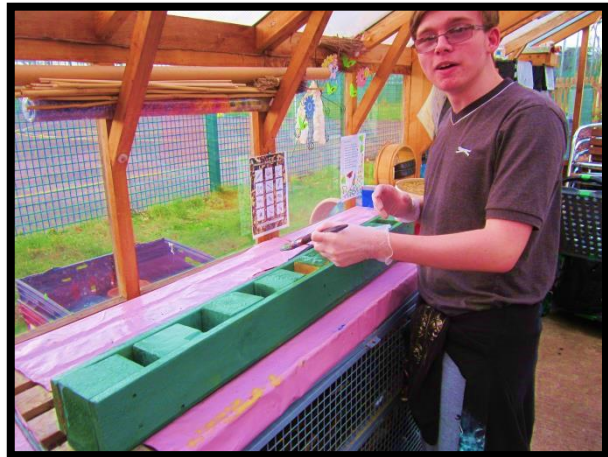


# UPPER SCHOOL



Students from FE have worked with William to harvest seeds from last season marigolds. They have been working on personal progress targets by sowing seeds, pricking out, watering and preparing them for a floral school display at the front. Watch this space (at the front of the car-park) to see a wonderful summer display!

The Upper School Newbury Challenge Teams are busy with final preparations. They are hoping to match, if not beat our accomplishment of achieving runner-up for Overall best in Show! Designing and making spring planters, creating 'seed to plate' recipes from their harvests, making 5-star bug-hotels and various collages based on an environmental theme.....bring on the Challenge!



Hospitality students in FE have been steaming ahead with assessments. The students have become very accomplished at creating and presenting the most wonderful recipes. They have enjoyed providing the 'WOW' factor for a new team of leaders at Wokingham Borough Council through the café at Shute End and basking in the range of compliments and catering



# UPPER SCHOOL

It was Job Safari season again! Students had workshops provided by managers from eight national employers, including Waitrose, Balfour Beatty, Aker Solutions, Verizon & Hilton Hotels, as well as local services including Museum of English Rural Life and Thrive.



Students were able to target their 'soft skill' development by problem solving, engaging with new people and working out of their comfort zones. Everyone experienced work-based tasks and thoroughly enjoyed extending their knowledge about the world of work.



Supported interns on the Employability programme at National Grid have launched into the Careers Pathways. They have been working with Pertemps to build up their CVs, develop interview skills and apply for jobs. The interns have completed super successful placements and made the most of their celebration event to meet with new potential managers for interns in September.



## UPPER SCHOOL

**Student employees from Addington School have been taking the world of work by storm. Stacey, the work experience manager, has been recruiting students in Woodley, Wokingham and Reading business. Students are currently completing work experience in hospitality, retail, care, beauty and office work.**



**Work Ready Days have continued to be a popular feature for students in the Upper School. We have had class teams working on-site with Subsea Solutions, Wyevalle Garden Centre and the Museum of English Rural Life. Not only do our young people use these days as opportunities to develop their experiences of the work-place and work on their soft-skills, but they have been educating employees about disability in the work-place.**

**If any of our parents have links with interesting work-places, or work in an area that would like training in Disability Awareness, please contact Kim from the Careers Team.**

**Upper School have been delighted to work collaboratively with local Special Schools this term. We have enjoyed working with students from the Avenue to join in with a careers day at Brookfields, and then hosting the students at Addington during Job Safari Day. Great opportunities for our young people to develop and build upon friendships with students from other schools.**





**Entrepreneurs in FE set-up and managed a Healthy Café for Healthy Lifestyles Week. Beetroot Brownies, reduced sugar flap-jacks, fruit pots & carrot cake were on the menu and enjoyed by students & staff from around the school.**



**Students at BCA have been working hard on their conservation skills. They have cleared a patch in the wood to plant trees. Students have also been keeping staff on their toes by developing their health and safety skills using a range of work tools, including saws, loppers and tools!**



**The National Grid Inspirations Week was a fantastic learning opportunity for students to find out about practical and office based tasks. Treated to informative sessions at Didcot Stores and Iwer Environmental, prospective interns sampled a range of work trials as they prepare to apply for internship placements.**





# Creative Arts



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

## Music Lessons

Students having lesson in the music room have continued to explore music based upon Time. They have been performing 'Rock Around the Clock' and exploring bass lines, chords and improvising using a variety of pop group instruments. Access classes have continued to go on a camping adventure in the woods, exploring the different sounds they may hear in the night. Our younger students have been going on a magic carpet ride to faraway places and to meet mystical creatures.

## 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 violin and woodwind students. Their performances have been very impressive, showing great progress so far this year.



## Hexagon Trip – The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra



In March, KS3 and some of our Arts Award students attending a concert at The Hexagon in Reading to listen to the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra play film scores, western classical music and arrangements of pop songs. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves listening to music like Star Wars, Harry Potter and Taylor Swift.

## Special Superstar Auditions

Next term is the annual Special Superstar concert where special schools across Berkshire come together to sing. Each school brings a choir of their students to Addington with schools picking 'superstars' to perform solos. Recently, students auditioned to be superstars in the concert which was a brilliant afternoon showcasing some great talent around the school. It is always a tough decision but 3 superstars have been picked, congratulations to Ellie M, Jack H and Joseph K. Rehearsals will start after the Easter holidays.



### Kennel Lane Drama Morning

9 students were invited to Kennel Lane School in Bracknell for one morning to be part of an audience and to participate in a drama workshop. The whole morning was based upon Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' which was performed by Kennel Lane's Arts Award group. After the performance both groups of students took part in drama games and activities to develop understanding of the characters, exploring how they moved and their personalities. Our students showed great confidence and independence meeting and working with new people. They all had a great time and hope it can happen again soon.



### 'That Gallery' Art Exhibition

Working in partnership with Loddon School (North Hampshire), 5 gifted and talented art students have had their work displayed in a public art gallery in Basingstoke's Festival Place for one week. The students visited 'That Gallery' to see their art work and to look and comment on the other pieces of artwork being displayed.

### Addington Radio Show

Look out on the website for the live radio show which was written, produced and hosted by some of the Silver Arts Award group recently. The group have worked very hard and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Go and check it out for live student performances and interviews.



Have a fantastic Easter!

Sean, Jules and Martin





**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