



# ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



**May 2018**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

At last the sun came out this term after a long winter and it certainly makes a change from the “Beast from the East”! It has allowed many of the great sporting activities to go ahead as well as horticulture and off-site activities, all of which you can read about in the following pages.

Our Special Superstar concert was a highlight as pupils from About Vale School and the Castle School joined us here at Addington for a fantastic evening of solo and group singing performances – many of which brought a tear to the eye!

Our older pupils have been busy on their work experience weeks with venues ranging from Marks and Spencer in Reading to local Woodley businesses. They have all been a credit to the school as they have navigated their way through everything that makes up a working day – a very important skill for adulthood.

I have a couple of important messages for all parents before I finish:

- Thank you for your patience with the new car parking arrangements. Parent parking is now in the gravel car park at the back of the main car park for increased safety reasons. This means that pupils do not need to cross traffic and can walk along the pavement into school.
- Going forward we will be emailing all information out to you, rather than sending out paper. This includes important documents such as Annual Review Reports and End of Year Reports. Please ensure you have replied to the email that was sent to you confirming we have your **correct email address**. **If you have not received the email please contact the school office as soon as possible to provide your preferred email address.**
- Addington Association are holding a Family Social BBQ on the afternoon of Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>. Please offer any help you can to ensure the event can go ahead and be enjoyed by all.

I hope you all have a good half term and we will see pupils back in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Sara Attra  
Headteacher**

Dear Parents/ Carers

May half term holiday is here already!

The Disabled Wills Trust evening on 10<sup>th</sup> May was a huge success; 30 parents in attendance and lots of information from Dan and Peter. I know the feedback from the parents that attended was really very positive. I am hoping that Dan and Peter will be able to visit Addington again to speak to parents, and am in the process of getting information out to those who were unable to attend but had previously requested it. It seems that evening events are quite popular, so look out for more of these in the future.

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.

Best Wishes,

Lucy - Parent Support Adviser

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## **SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE LIST**

Primary Pupils ... £2.00 per day  
(£2.05 per day from September 2018)  
Secondary/FE Pupils ... £2.20 per day  
(£2.25 per day from September 2018)



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)).

Parents/carers should have received an email this week, asking for consent for us to continue to send emails. Please could you respond to this email with your child's name so that we can make sure that your email address is validated? If you did not receive an email, we may not have your correct details on record, so please email us at this email address: [parentinfo@addington.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:parentinfo@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.

### School Mobile App updates - May 2018 - Action required!

Our School Mobile App has been updated and needs to be re-installed. You can download it 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 app will then look the same as the old one.

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO DOWNLOAD THE NEW APP AS THE OLD ONE WILL STOP WORKING AT THE END OF MAY 2018.**

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.



## Headteacher's Award Winners



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

### Foundation/Key Stage 1

Inaya Hanif

### Access

Finlay Bennett  
Finn Warboys

### Key Stage 2

Alyan Kayani  
James Benjamin-Philip  
Jenny Reilly  
Kris Dziaduch  
Mishika Kachhwaha

### Key Stage 3

Abhishek Das  
Henry Hicks

### Key Stage 4

Daniel Lawrence  
James Hardman  
Lucas Pigeon

### Key Stage 5

Luke Woodley

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



# SPORTS PAGE



## Bikeability training (May 2018)



13 key stage 3 & 4 students participated in Bikeability recently. This course is run by Wokingham Borough Council and teaches the students how to cycle safely on the road. The instructors were impressed with the student's hard work and good behaviour. 6 students achieved passed Level 1 and made it onto the day's road training. With a bit more practise they should be able to achieve Level 2 next year. Well done to all our cyclists. The weather is perfect at the moment to go out cycling to practise their skills.



## Cricket Inter-house competition – May 2018

25 primary students participated in the Cricket inter-house tournament on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May and 61 secondary/FE students on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The Primary competition was held in the Hall and the Secondary/FE in the outside courts. All the students showed excellent skill, sportspersonship and enthusiasm.

The PRIMARY tournament results were:

- 1st place – Yellow Tigers (8 points)
- 2nd place – Red Eagles (7 points)
- 3rd place – Blue Sharks (6 points)
- 4th Place - Green Crocodiles (3 points)

The SECONDARY tournaments results were:

- 1st Place - Yellow Tigers (15 points)
- Joint 2nd Place - Green Crocodiles (12 points) and Red Eagles (12 points)
- 3rd Place - Blue Sharks (9 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 – Charlie Manning, Ryan Skevington, Joseph Kenneh and Jasmine Pritchard
- Red Eagles – Shaun Verney, Danny Shilton, Duncan Stonehouse and Jazz Le Doo
- Yellow Tigers – Daisy Cripps, Ellie Meredew, Tom Scott and Zoe Maunder
- Blue Sharks – Levi Barnes, Chanique Watson, Christopher Smith and Jake Gray



The next inter-house tournament is Football. Secondary/FE on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July and Primary on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.



## Cricket Tournament – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Well done to our all cricketers who participated in the Cricket tournament which was held at Reading Cricket Club in Sonning. Students from three schools took part in some skills games in the morning, using the excellent facilities on offer to work on their throwing, catching, bowling and batting.



The tournament took place after lunch and our students won all their games. The students were excellent in their games and worked well as a team in their fielding and batting, showing real improvement.



## Interhouse Basketball tournament



On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May we held the Interhouse Basketball Competition for FE, Secondary and Upper Primary. We split the 55 students onto two courts so that players could compete against pupils of similar ability. It was a lovely sunny morning and the students showed excellent skill, sportspersonship and enthusiasm.

The final results were:

**1st place – Red Eagles (17 points)**

**2nd place –Blue Sharks (13 points)**

**3rd place – Green Crocodiles (11 points)**

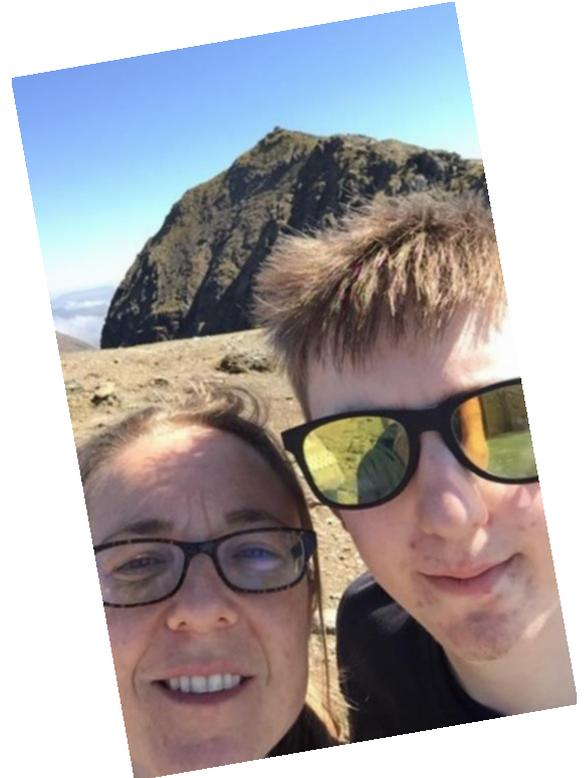
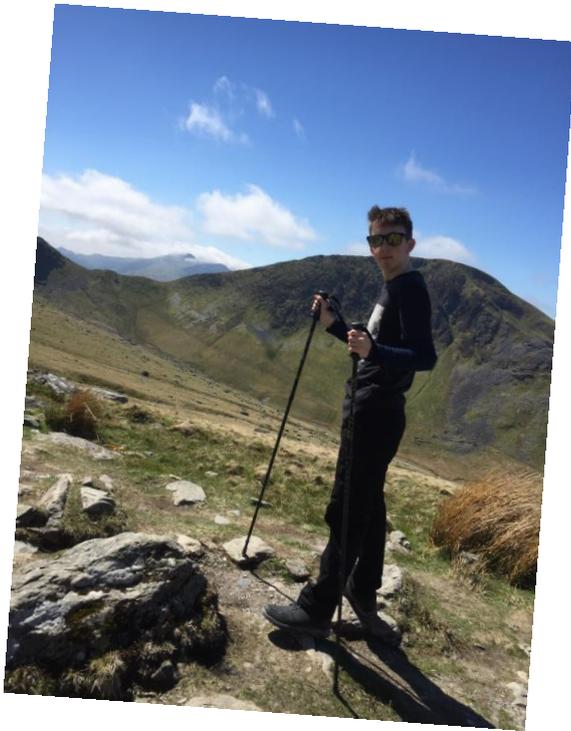
**4<sup>th</sup> place – Yellow Tigers (7 points)**





## Mount Snowdon challenge – May 2018

Well done to a student in key stage 4 who has completed his Mount Snowdon challenge for charity with his Mum. He climbed up Mount Snowdon this May to raise money for a special needs facility on the IOW. Well done on an amazing achievement.



## PGA Training afternoon – Sand Martins Golf Club May 2018

Catherine and Kathryn's class were invited to Sand Martins recently to participate in a PGA Golf training afternoon. The students were coached 1 to 1 in one for the following skills: putting, chipping and driving. They thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon and so did the PGA professionals.



# Early Years

This term the children across the four classes have all enjoyed the topic 'Food and shopping.' We have set up shops and learnt how to role play different roles from a customer to the shop keeper.

At the beginning of this half term we welcomed Jo Maynard as our new class teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays, which was lovely as she has worked in Early Years previously and has great experience and ideas to enhance our curriculum. Hannah Smallbone, an LSA in Sunflower class, also joined our team this term.

We have really enjoyed exploring food through sensory play, tasting, stories and cooking.

Our class highlights have been have going to Thames Valley Adventure playground and the gong workshop exploring the singing bowls.





In Sunflower class we have enjoyed exploring the book 'Don't Put Ketchup on your Cornflakes'. We have engaged in lots of sensory play and especially liked exploring flour and porridge oats.





We have all been really excited about learning about and exploring brushing your teeth after eating.

**Have a good half term everyone.**



**Yvonne Wilson**  
Head of Early Years

**Daisy**  
**Sunflower**  
**Tulip**  
**Lily**

# Middle School Newsletter

It has been an exciting term for Middle School pupils. Our brand new curriculum has provided lots of opportunities for creative 'hands on' learning. Oak, Apple and Birch have focused on colour with their theme 'How Many colours in a rainbow?'



**A student takes a break under his chalk rainbow**



**Painting Elmer the Elephant**

Willow, Pine and Rowan classes have found their topic memory box very engaging and have been trying out toys and games from the past. They have been reading Owl Babies and revisiting memories of their own life as a baby.

## Horrible Science?

Sycamore, Chestnut and Maple all learnt about animals that have exoskeletons. The picture is of pupils closely observing the shed exoskeletons ('skins') of tarantulas / large spiders.



**This student is proud of her Owl Babies picture**



**Students get familiar with some 8 legged friends**

**And finally...**

Inspired by the wonderful ceremony in Windsor last week, we are having our own Royal Wedding garden party here at Addington. Preparations have been underway making hats and commemorative plates, baking cakes and making table decorations. We are now all hoping that the weather will be kind to us and we are looking forward to party nibbles outdoors with our friends in Middle school.



**A student creates his crown for the Royal Wedding garden party**

**Have a good half term everyone!**



**Yvonne Edwards  
Head of Middle School**

- Oak**
- Apple**
- Birch**
- Pine**
- Willow**
- Rowan**
- Maple**
- Chestnut**
- Sycamore**

# UPPER SCHOOL



Kite class have begun budgeting for, shopping and making a hot dinner once a week. This has been really successful; students are following a recipe, developing hospitality skills and trying new foods.

Upper School classes have also been enjoying a whole-class based work experience at Jeallott's Hill Community Land-share, the school allotment, Birches Residential, Pizza Express and local clergy venues.





Several Upper School classes have had Work Ready Days to help them to develop work-ready skills and to prepare them for future work experience.



Work Ready Days have been hosted by The Hilton Hotel in Bracknell, Dinton Pastures Conservation Team and Maidenhead Fire and Rescue Services.



Students experienced taking part in health and safety inductions, meetings with managers and involvement in a range of business related workshops.



Staff from these organizations have thoroughly enjoyed working with our students and were delighted to be able to showcase their services.





Students in Upper School have been developing their employment skills during work experience. Everyone has been working with a range of local and national employers in the Thames Valley Area.

Many students have been working on their independent travel to and from work experience.

We have had fantastic feed-back from employers. They have spoken about our students' soft-skills, their willingness to work hard, their ability to listen to and follow instructions and their positive attitude.



## Owl Class

This half term Owl class have been exploring the rainforest as their topic theme. They have explored the animals through jungle massage, the weather conditions and making smoothies with some food that grows in tropical climates. The class have delved into the topic further through texts and poetry; these have included “Slowly, Slowly, Slowly” by Eric Carle and “Where the Forest meets the Sea” by Jeannie Baker.



## ‘EmployAbility’ interns at National Grid



Harry’s third placement is with the ‘14forty’ team on Reception. He is enjoying this customer facing role and his confidence has increased greatly. Zaid’s third placement is with the Network Access Planning team where he updates data relating to the sub-stations.



Well Done Everyone!



**Emer Moore**  
Head of Upper School

Swan  
Kite  
Falcon  
Eagle  
Kestrel  
Robin



# Creative Arts

This term many students have been exploring 'Indian Classical Music' in their music lessons, performing and composing tala and raga. Our younger classes have been going to a party and playing different party games in lessons and our access classes have been taking exploring the story of 'The Jungle Book'.



## ***Special Superstar Concert***

Our annual Special Superstar concert took place on 17<sup>th</sup> May at Addington. Our choir of 24 includes students between year 4 and year 13, learning the set in lunch time rehearsals. Addington were joined by choirs from 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 workshop***

We held a workshop day where students explored and played gongs and singing bowls, led by Drum Runners. This was due to happen in the spring term but was rescheduled to the snow. 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 immersed in sound as they stood in the singing bowl as it was played.



## ***Samba workshop***



We were pleased to welcome Drum Runners back to Addington for a second time this half term to run a Samba workshop. Students from across the school took part, exploring samba instruments and rhythms.



***Coming up this summer!***

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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July.***

Wishing you a relaxing half term break!

***Sean, Jules and Martin***



ADDINGTON SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION

# News from the Association

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

Dear all,

The Association's AGM took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May and our officers for the coming year were voted in: Chair - Yvonne Thrower, Secretary - Jason Thrower, Treasurer - Tony Woodman. We still could do with a few new faces to support our work and share the jobs around; if anyone is interested please do get in touch either via school or email us at [addingtonassociation@gmail.com](mailto:addingtonassociation@gmail.com). Additions to our helpers list for events would also be very welcomed. Again, please email your interest.

Knara Makhtumova completed her marathon run; raising an amazing £552.00 the first money towards our school's sensory garden project. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported her efforts. A huge thank you to Knara for all her work training, setting up on JustGiving and running.

Our thanks also go to Dawn Adams for organising the Mother's Day mug sales in school and to Barbi for yet another amazing Easter raffle.

We had a very successful collection at Henry Street Garden Centre, raising over £180.00. Thanks go to Jason Thrower for organising this for us and those that helped collect on the day; Natalie Walker and Ben, Viv Scott and Tom, Justine, Marianne South and Jason's friend Katie. Henry Street have very kindly agreed for us to do a further collection in the lead up to Christmas.

Our next event is our stall at the Woodley Carnival on the 9<sup>th</sup> June. Leaflets have gone around asking for your help with prizes. We need gifts for a children's tombola, we need small prizes that would fit on our spin the wheel board or into our lucky boxes. Please avoid chocolate sweets, if we get a hot day they will melt! We are also looking for helpers for the stall on the day, anytime from 1p.m. till 4p.m. Please email us at [addingtonassociation@gmail.com](mailto:addingtonassociation@gmail.com), just an hour will help allow a break for those who will be there all day. Money raised will go towards the sensory garden project. We will also promote the Association's work for the school; our new pop up banners will be on display and our picture board of the children. Who knows, maybe it will inspire our local community to raise some funds for us. Details of the sensory garden project will be on display, so people can see where money is going. Do come along on the day and say hello, we'd love to see you.

Close on the carnival's heels is our first ever ball, tickets for the Hollywood Ball are on sale until 18<sup>th</sup> May, so please do get your request in quickly. Any last-minute queries or questions on this please contact Suky at [sukysehgal@hotmail.com](mailto:sukysehgal@hotmail.com) and watch out for opportunity to buy tickets for the raffle at this event; even if you are unable to attend there are some absolutely amazing prizes to be won. So, don't miss out.

Currently Jason is working on putting together an end of school year summer social, this will include an entertainer for the children (and adults) to enjoy, a BBQ and refreshments stall. We hope also to have a few games for everyone to enjoy. The proposed date for this is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, please keep eye out for further details and for tickets. The event will only run if enough helpers come forward. If you can help on the day please get in touch with Jason at [jasonathrower@gmail.com](mailto:jasonathrower@gmail.com), the more helpers the more stalls and fun for our kids and families.

We hope you and your families have a great half-term.

*Yvonne Thrower*

Our next committee meeting is at school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



## 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