



Addington School

ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have finally arrived at the end of term and what a term it has been! We have had to do things in many different ways in order to provide the wide and varied curriculum our pupils are used to and particularly to celebrate Christmas. I hope many of you had the opportunity to join our virtual Carol Concert on Monday evening where it was wonderful to see so many families singing along in their living rooms! The Association raffle helped to raise over £1200 due to the generosity of staff and families who bought tickets. This year has been particularly difficult for the Association to raise much needed funds so it was amazing to reach this total.

We have also had a virtual Christmas rock concert, a virtual whole school assembly, a Santa Dash and each key stage has run numerous Christmas activities outlined in the following pages.

We have been extremely lucky that out of our 5 bubbles, only 2 bubbles and 1 individual class have had to isolate since September. I hope everyone who needed to, managed to access our home learning and that you have found the website informative and easy to navigate. If you are experiencing difficulties with technology to facilitate home learning, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

I would like to thank all families for your patience and understanding this term when difficult decisions have been made to close bubbles at very short notice. I have been extremely heartened by parent and carer responses when faced with having to make arrangements to have pupils at home and I am very grateful for your co-operation.

We are yet to know how January will pan out and whether the relaxation of social rules at Christmas will produce a third wave of the virus. We will endeavour to keep you updated over Christmas if things change or pupils need to isolate once we have closed on Friday.

Please remember to report to us using the Addington helpline – helpline@addington.wokingham.sch.uk if your child has Covid-19 symptoms up until 4pm on Sunday 20 December. After that, please contact Public Health England for track and trace advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

I hope that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy Christmas and that all return safe and well on **Tuesday 5th January 2021.**

Merry Christmas!

Sara Attra



Goodbye and Good Luck



Janet Sinton, our Speech and Language Therapy Assistant, is retiring after 30 years working with our students at Addington. We would like to offer Janet our sincere thanks for all her hard work and to wish her a restful and enjoyable retirement. She will be much missed by everyone at Addington and by her NHS colleagues.

REPORTING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS AT START OF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner, that we are soon to welcome in a new year and to wonder how we are already a third of the way through the school year!

It was really lovely to see so many of you at the EYFS virtual meeting for our new parents and carers of children in the Early Years from reception age to Year 3; this informative event was run by Yvonne Wilson and Kaylea Povey.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to hold our usual basic Makaton course or a Christmas coffee morning due to the current restrictions.

Don't forget to check the Parent Support page on the Addington website; it has information that may be helpful over the Christmas period, both for the good times and the more challenging ones.

If you need to contact me, and are unable to reach me by phone, please use the PSA mailbox to contact me by email. This is;
psa@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

However you spend this time of the year, I wish you all a healthy Christmas with lots of memory making.

Best Wishes,

Ellie – Parent Support Adviser

Our Senior Leadership Team



Sara Attra
Head teacher



Lynda Wood
Deputy Head



David Maycock
Deputy Head



Eirfron
Watkinson
Assistant Head
teacher



Emer Moore
Assistant Head
teacher



Sue Tod
School
Business
Manager

Parent Contact Information

Our communications with parents are mainly via emails, texts and our school website www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

In order to do this, we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers. If you have not been receiving emails from us, please let us know.

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

School Mobile App

Our School Mobile App can be downloaded 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 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.

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.

School Dinners

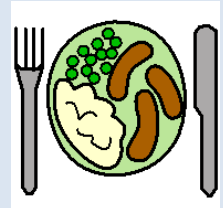
This is to inform you that all school lunches must now be paid for online. The school will no longer be able to collect cash on a daily basis.

You will need to register online if you have not done so before. **A letter with your personal log on details has been sent home with your child.** If you have previously logged on to the Tucasi system but have forgotten your password, please follow the instructions on the login screen.

As a reminder:

Primary lunch is £2.05

Secondary lunch is £2.25

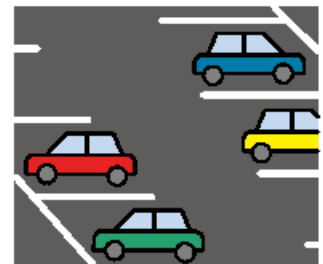


Please remember that money for school dinners should be paid **in advance**.

If you have any problems, please contact Admin on office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk.

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





Headteacher's Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students who achieved awards this half term:

WHOLE SCHOOL HEADTEACHER AWARD – AUTUMN TERM 2020 - Leon Henry-Wright

Runners Up:

Early Years

Jack Hawkins
Charlotte Wills-Parsons

KS3

Jack Cannon
Kayla Joyce

KS5

Piers Heys
Daniel Skeates
Rhea Gill

KS2

Dylan Bourne:
Fabio Mazzarella

KS4

Chloe Weaver
Daniel Meriacre

Sensory Needs & Complex Needs

Amelie Ledger

HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNERS – AUTUMN TERM (Nov – December 2020)

Foundation / Key Stage 1

Adam Hussain
Bradley Oxley
Charlotte Wills-Parsons
Grayson du Plessis
Louie Parsons
Jack Dimmick
Viraj Sharma
Jack Hawkins
Lexi Reid
Alfie Baker-Scott
Malachi Bilankulu
Peyton Hipgrave
Arjun Kaminer
Thomas Bothwell
Ula Bukyte
Lochlan Davis
Sammy Gibson

Key Stage 5

Catherine Dowling
Daniel Skeates
Delia Tobol
Johnny Delehanty
Piers Heys

Key Stage 2

Aaron Sondhi
Basil Malik
Daniel King
Jeremy Eitokpah

Key Stage 3

Branden Yates
Fergus West
Amadu Diallo
Kris Dziaduch

Key Stage 4

Danny Shilton
Jack Healey
Luka White
Jake Gray
Abhishek Das

Sensory & Complex Needs

Callum Larkin
Lucas Windisch
Favor Onoriode



SPORTS PAGE



Inter-house Boccia and Nordic Skittles

KS2 classes took part in a Boccia inter-house competition. Due to social distancing restrictions, pupils competed in class groups where they scored points for their house. Fun was had by everyone and some good skills were shown.



Here are the results from the KS2 Boccia inter-house:

- 1st - **Blue Sharks**
- 2nd - **Green Crocodiles**
- 3rd - **Red Eagles**
- 4th - **Yellow Tigers**

KS5's contribution to inter-house was a new sport called Nordic Skittles, where numbered blocks are knocked over by a thrown stick. The numbers on the blocks correspond to the number of points gained by knocking them over.

KS5 Nordic Skittles Inter-house:

- 1st - **Red Eagles**
- 2nd - **Green Crocodiles**
- 3rd - **Blue Sharks**
- 4th - **Yellow Tigers**



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2019-2020

A huge "well done" to the 7 boys from the 2019-2020 group who gained their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards. With Covid-19, it was a tricky year but they all rose to the task so well. Their extended year culminated in a ceremony via the internet, where they each gave a powerpoint presentation, received their certificates and achiever's polo shirt.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award 2020-2021

Our new group of 7 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students started in October, just before half-term. They have been getting to know each other with some team building games and orienteering. We have completed 3 training walks where they have been getting to grips with leadership, safety, route finding and map reading. We have also looked at outdoor cooking and what food is practical to take with them on the expedition and first aid and what emergencies may occur and how to deal with them.



The skills, physical and volunteering sections have been investigated and some students have already made a start.



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Gingerbread Inter-house Competition Dec 2020



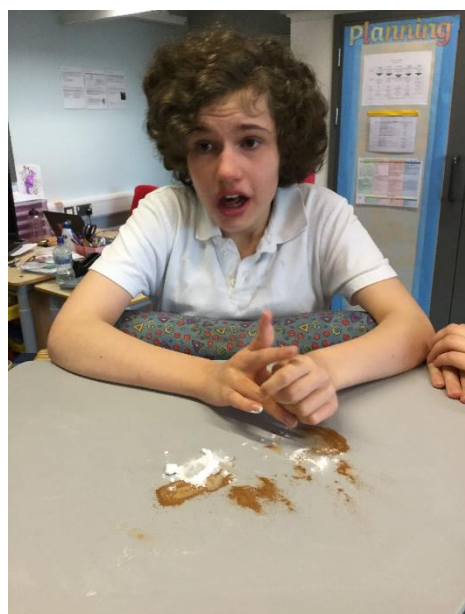
We hosted our second annual Gingerbread Inter-house competition recently. Over 200 students participated in the competition. It was lovely to see all the finished biscuits and all the different designs and amazing Gingerbread houses. Everyone enjoyed the baking, decorating and eating. Each bubble participated and judging was done in Bubbles.

The results were as follows:

- 1st Place - **Blue Sharks** - 518 House Points
- 2nd Place - **Green Crocodiles** - 443 House Points
- 3rd Place - **Yellow Tigers** – 418 House Points
- 4th Place - **Red Eagles** - 368 House Points



A huge thank you goes to **Amanda** for all her **hard work** in making this a success yet again, all the heads of key stages, staff and students .





Santa Dash December 2020

During the last week of the Autumn Term, the PE department ran a Santa Dash for the pupils. They had to run, walk, scoot or travel around the school field. On each circuit they picked up a 'present', tinsel or bauble and hung it on the tree as they passed. Five times around the field and five Christmas items hung on the tree is equivalent to one mile travelled. Parents were asked to sponsor their child and any money the pupils raised is to be given to two charities: Diana Brimblecombe Animal Rescue Centre and New Beginnings homeless charity.



6th Form



EYFS





KS2





Beech Class



NEW
BEGINNINGS
READING



£600 raised so far.....

Thank you so much

Early Years

Daisy Class



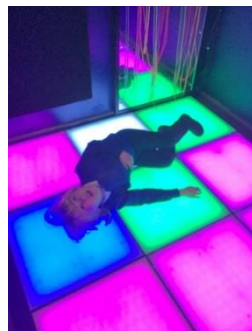
In Daisy Class, we have really enjoyed exploring our weather theme through stories such as “Elmer’s Weather” and “Mrs Moppet’s Washing Line” as well as sensory poems. We have used sensory umbrellas to tell the stories and enjoyed exploring different weather conditions through sensory activities and listening to the rain outside, under umbrellas. We have also explored different sensory massage stories. The last couple of weeks we have been in full Christmas swing, busy with paints and glitter to make Christmas stars and cards. We have loved exploring the lights and sensory materials associated with Christmas, creating snow scenes and exploring with our senses. We enjoyed our visit from the Christmas Elves last week spreading Christmas cheer.



Sunflower Class



This term in Sunflower Class we have enjoyed learning about different weather through our stories. We really enjoyed “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” - experiencing different weathers through our sensory stories and even having a go at dressing up like a bear! We have all had a go at dressing up this term too - using our dressing up box in the classroom and dressing up for our Nativity in the classroom. It was a great way to learn about the Christmas story and the children really liked their costumes! We have explored different foods and textures during our messy play sessions and continued to enjoy cooking once a week. We have made a whole range of things from chocolate covered apples to gingerbread men. Over the last few weeks we have had lots of Christmas fun, enjoying a visit from Elves, singing Christmas songs and decorating the class Christmas tree.



Tulip Class



In Tulip Class this term, we have been learning and exploring different types of Weather! We have enjoyed reading "Kipper's Book of Weather" and "Pip and Posy: A Snowy Day", before moving onto more festive activities to finish the end of term! In Maths, we have continued to work on our Waldon skills and we have been exploring different sounds and letters S A T P through a sensory approach to Phonics. On the run up to Christmas we have had fun baking gingerbread, creating Christmas craft and exploring a Snowy scene in the classroom!



Primrose Class



This term we learned about the weather! We had fun making rain sounds with rice and playing with ice cubes and edible snow. We explored hot and cold foods and wet and dry ingredients in our cooking sessions. We also enjoyed learning new songs and rhymes about the weather. Towards the end of the term we did lots of arts and crafts. We enjoyed our visit from the elves and took part in the whole school gingerbread baking and decorating competition!



Lily Class



Lily Class have had a busy half term at home and at school! Our topic this term has been "Weather and Christmas". We have been exploring different types of weather - making kites for windy days, sunny pictures, binoculars for cloud spotting and jumping in muddy puddles! We have also learnt about Diwali and how people celebrate - trying on some of the costumes and completing art activities linked to this theme. We have also completed lots of Christmas activities - making paperchains with repeating patterns, making and decorating gingerbread biscuits for the whole school competition and many other things involving sparkles and glitter!



Daffodil Class



This term our topic has been "Weather and Christmas". We read "Elmer's Weather" and "Little Cloud". We enjoyed learning a new class weather song and identifying the weather for our daily chart. Just like Elmer, we looked at different shapes in the clouds and created our own cloud shapes with shaving foam, bubbles and cotton wool! We have had lots of fun "Weather & Christmas" themed Attention Bucket sessions. We are really getting into our Stage 4 activities now and developing our independent work skills. We loved our visits from the elves and enjoyed their songs, stories and funny jokes. Baking Gingerbread Men was a real highlight. Kaylea had to bake extras as it was just too tempting not to sneak a munch while we were decorating!

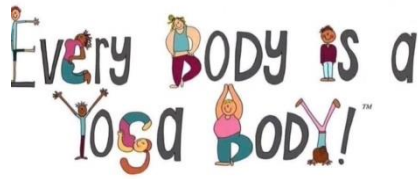
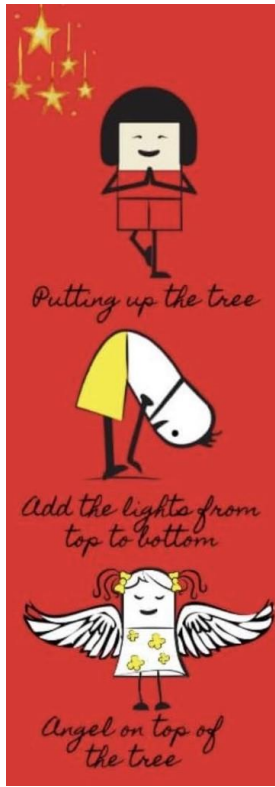


Yoga and Music and Movement with Claire

This term we have had lots of creative fun. We enjoyed yoga flows to celebrate Firework Night, Poppy Day and flows linked to our topic of **Weather**. Here is our favourite flow which we can also practice at home as well by logging on to the school website, **home learning 20-21, Explorers, Wellbeing**.

This week's weather ☀️🌧️🌈☁️🌨️ yoga flow 🧘 at Addington school
with Rainbow 🌈 Claire 📖





Our favourite breathing technique this term has been '**smell the flower, blow the candle out**'.

We have enjoyed moving our bodies into a Christmas flow to decorate a tree and lots of music making to our favourite Christmas songs too.



We hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas holidays and that Father Christmas is kind to you!
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from us all in the Early Years Department!



Key Stage 2 Newsletter

This half term in Willow Class has been filled with highlights! We've enjoyed training as superheroes in our Super Hero Academy, and received certificates in assembly to prove that we completed our training; we've been working hard in our maths lessons on number, shape, positional language and length; we had so much fun on our first Humanities Day, learning about Ancient Greece and the Olympics; we've worked hard in PSHE learning about anti-bullying week, how to be a good friend, and about puberty; we've done loads of acting, mapping and writing about our stories "Leaf Man", "The Gruffalo's Child" and more. And that's before even mentioning Christmas! Speaking of which, Merry Christmas to you all, and Happy New Year! - Martin



We have been very busy in Rowan Class this term. We loved taking part in 'Superhero Academy' drama sessions with Rhona and Sean, and we received certificates for all our hard work. We had a Humanities Greek Day, where we tasted Greek food, had a mini Olympics and dressed in Ancient Greek togas. We also enjoyed all our Christmas crafts, including making sock snowmen filled with rice. – Mark

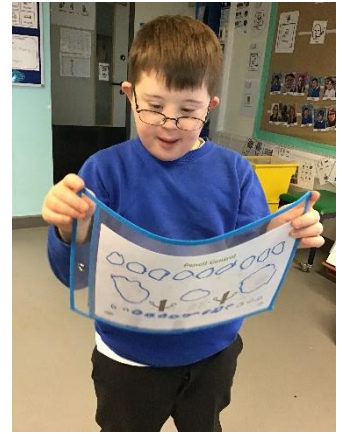


Another very busy half term in Birch Class! This term we have been learning all about 'Autumn' and we have loved listening to our two stories: "We're Going on a Leaf Hunt", and "Stick Man". We had our very first Humanities Day this term where we learnt all about Ancient Greece and their Olympic Games. We had our very own mini-Olympics and got to dress up in togas too!



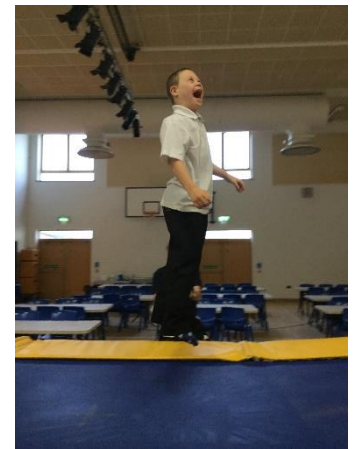
In maths we have been working on 2D shapes, number and looking at things that are big and small. We have also celebrated Children in Need Day and Christmas Jumper Day where we had lots of fun craft activities and games to participate in. Birch Class were very lucky to have had a go at playing the ukulele this half term with Sean – it was great fun!

Hope you all have a very well deserved rest, and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. - Lydia



Pine Class have been very busy this term learning all about Autumn. In Literacy, they have particularly enjoyed our two stories called "We're Going on a Leaf Hunt" and "Stick Man". During Science, they had to investigate and explore how to free the frozen Stick Men from the ice! This term we have experienced Humanities Day, learning about all things Greek! We also had Children in Need Day, during which they participated in lots of creative activities. Pine Class also had the opportunity to participate in trampolining! Recently, we have had a new visitor to Pine Class called Elfie and the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the naughty pranks he plays in class and trying to find him each day! –

Lauren



Complex, Therapeutic and Sensory Needs Department

Holly Class News

Holly class have enjoyed our group Music and Art therapy sessions. We have engaged as a whole class by listening to Karen play her clarinet and by using some of the instruments. We have loved using the parachute during these sessions too. The pupils have also loved using our new soft play equipment in the classroom, especially the ball pit! We have continued to learn skills to help keep us regulated. The 'whizzy Dizzy', trampette and exercise bike are our firm favourites.



Beech Class News

This half term we have been continuing learning about time and money in Maths. Our lessons are always a mixture of work and practical application, such as our class shop to purchase our cooking ingredients for our cooking lesson.

We have enjoyed learning all about the jungle and jungle animals, from our literacy topic "The Jungle Book". We have learnt all about the different groups of animals and their habitats. In PSHE we have been enjoying exploring different feelings and emotions, both recognising in ourselves and in others and looking at situations and how they make us feel.

We have been having daily story time and are reading "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"; this is a lovely calm session and all the students can't wait to hear the next chapter when we finish!



Lime Class News

In Lime Class we have been enjoying our sensory story "Walking through the Jungle" – especially exploring edible mud!

We have been working on our independence skills in cooking and we have all been working on our communication and interaction skills. We have been having lots of fun!



Apple Class News



Apple class have been very busy this term! We have done a lot of messy play involving cold items and the children (and staff) have had fun with ice cubes and fake snow! We have enjoyed a range of sensory stories, finishing the year with "How the Grinch stole Christmas". The children have all been working really hard towards their targets and have made fantastic progress! We are all very proud! ☺

Rett Awareness Day

To celebrate Rett Awareness month, we had a non-uniform day where Students and staff dressed in purple and we raised £144.88.



Cherry Class News



This term we have had lots of fun exploring using different sensory items and new technology. Our department has recently purchased an interactive floor mat: the images can be moved by using hands, arms and legs and it works on the floor as well as tables and work chair trays. We have finished our "Paws, Claws and Whiskers" topic and really enjoyed creating sensory pictures, animal themed massages and the story of "the Jungle Book".



Poppy Class News



This half term Poppy class has enjoyed stage 1 and 2 attention bucket and they were very engaged with the squeaky duck! They all are having so much fun with all the Christmas activities



Key Stage 3

Aspen

This half term, Aspen Class have been discovering different religious festivals. We ate some wonderful food that is traditionally eaten during Diwali. During our lessons learning about Hannukah we made some superb Menorahs by wrapping aluminium foil around pipe cleaners. We also made traditional 'Latkes', which are a potato style pancakes often eaten during Hannukah. They were very tasty!

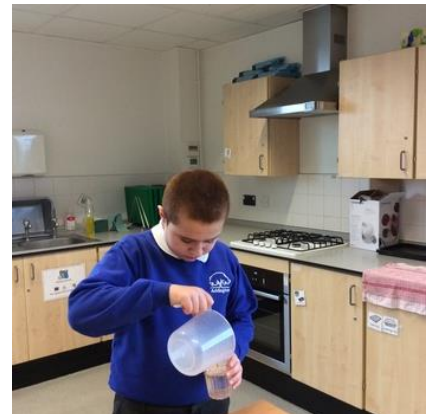
In English we have read the story, 'Beegu' about a friendly, yellow alien that is stranded on Earth. We created some amazing cardboard spaceships to help Beegu get back home. During our lessons about Ancient Egypt, we made some colourful masks, just like that of Tutankhamun. On the lead up to Christmas we have done extremely well signing along to 'We wish you a Merry Christmas.'



Chestnut

Chestnut Class have a busy time this term. Despite all the things that seem so different in the world at the moment, we have been keeping lessons in class as normal as possible. In Science we have been learning about planets. We have been learning how the Earth orbits the Sun by using huge balls! We have also been discovering lots of different facts that we enjoyed sharing with the class.

We have now finished our work on Harry Potter. We used Harry Potter's invisible cloak as inspiration to create a puppet show, retelling our own story of an Invisible Cloak. We were all able to retell the story and make our own characters.



We have been concentrating on our PLP's by increasing our independence, making drinks and toast. Every Friday we have a cooking session and entered our contributions to the Gingerbread competition! We have also been working on our team work and turn taking skills, enjoying playing some structured games.



Maple

This term, we've learnt about lots of different festivals - Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. All of these festivals have lovely traditions, centred around light, food and gathering with family and friends. We made coconut barfi for our learning about Diwali, created our own model menorahs for Hanukkah and of course took part in many different Christmas activities.

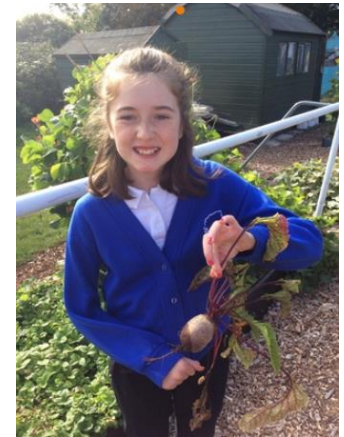
Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year everyone!





Sycamore Class

This term Sycamore class have continued to look at the theme of Magic and Mystery. We enjoyed learning about planets in science and how they orbit the sun. For anti-bullying week we participated in a drama session where we acted out scenes and we also answered questions about whether a statement was bullying or not. We thought about how we could be good friends to others and help them if they were being bullied. In our gardening sessions we've enjoyed preparing the raised beds with fresh soil ready for planting. We've also enjoyed trips to Camp Mohawk where we got to enjoy the outdoor environment.



Key Stage 4

Swan Class News

This term there has been lots of events and special days in class, including Remembrance Assembly which our class were asked to present via Teams to the school. Three of our students took responsibility for presenting the whole assembly. They sat by the computer and read their words nice and clearly and at a good pace.

Initially it was going to be just 1 or 2 classes but in the end much of the school attended via Teams. We were all very impressed with them as presenting through Teams is not easy!



Students took part in Diwali celebrations, including dressing up in Indian clothing, and making Diwali sweets. We also tasted a range of Diwali confectionary, all of which were incredibly sweet. Some of the students really liked them.

In anti-bullying week, there was a special drama workshop with Carla for students to act out different scenarios. They have had 4 drama sessions with Carla, a specialist drama teacher. Students have taken part in filming a scene for the Christmas Production and they recorded a song for the school rock concert.



In life skills, students have cooked a variety of different dishes this term including fruit crumbles, bread and scone pizza bases. During December, students were busy baking gingerbread for the Inter-House Gingerbread competition with our House Captains helping to set up and tidy up for the competition. Blue Sharks came first and Chris was the overall winner. In our last week all of



the class, including staff made their own Yule Logs for Christmas as well as making mini Christmas cakes for Keystage 4 Enterprises.



This half term Swan class and Kite have joined together in 2 mixed class groups to go to Ridgeline Trust. Each group goes once every 2 weeks and participates in various gardening and craft activities. The gardens are very beautiful and the students have been very busy planting and making craft items.



Kite Class News

Drama

Students have had a number of drama classes this term, where they acted out some bullying scenarios in the first session and played a number of drama games with Carla our drama teacher. The students all loved taking part in all the activities.



Cooking

In cooking this term, students have been working independently to make a variety of different dishes including bread rolls, scone based pizzas and apple crumbles. As part of the lessons, they wash, dry and put away all the equipment. Some of the students also successfully managed to set the correct time and temperature on the ovens.

Cats Protection Virtual Work Ready Day

On 4th December, Kite class took part in a virtual work ready day. Students learned a lot about different job roles at Cats Protection, as well as how cats are cared for. Kite class dressed smartly and took part in activities on computers such as identifying what skills the employees needed for their job.



KS4 Enterprise

Swan and Kite classes have been developing their business skills this term by setting up Key Stage 4 Enterprise.

They have then been busy making a variety of Christmas crafts to sell, including Christmas Wreaths, Christmas Cakes, and bottle lights and hot chocolate cones.

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone that supported us. We are looking forward to creating new products for you to enjoy next term.



Sixth Form

Highlights from this half term include the following:

Well done David and Alex for wonderful D of E presentations which were shared with all on Teams. They now have their certificates – excellent!

Well done to Daisy and David for fantastic work towards their silver arts award involving leadership and film making.

We've made mocktails, had an Ultimate Christmas party dance off, been 'dragons' and entrepreneurs from Dragon's Den, raised money for Children in Need, completed a 'Santa Dash' and of course taken part in anti-bullying week and Remembrance Day.

So, despite not being able to go to college / external work experiences / offsite trips this half term we have still had a really great time in 6th form.



Christmas has arrived in the new 6th form building! As well as working hard on our life and work skills, we have also taken every opportunity to enjoy ourselves from dressing in our finest Christmas jumpers, decorating the tree, to making Christmas crafts in horticulture. We also enjoyed our first 'self-cooked' Christmas dinner – which was so successful it is definitely going to become an annual event!



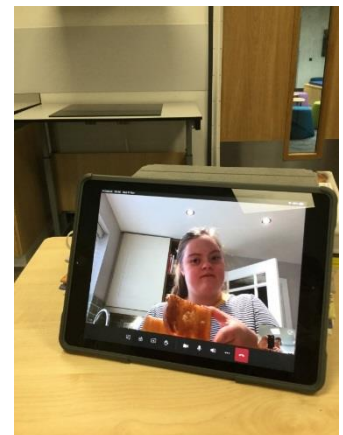


6th form students are working very hard to make sure the Upcycle BE Project is going well. Since October the Bike Maintenance Team managed to fix seven bikes and we have also sold nine bikes already! This is a huge success as we made £679!

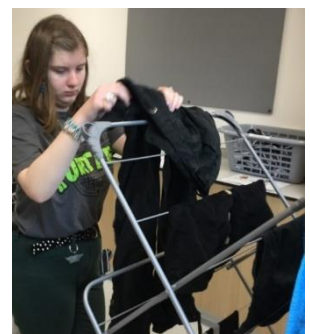
Students learned new skills and some of them can now independently change an inner tube or replace a brake cable. They are enjoying outdoor learning and working as a team!



Keeping calm and carrying on, in yoga



We've learnt to adapt with technology! – Toast and Tea-ms!





Horticulture at BCA, Ridgeline and in school



Gingerbread Competition 2020



Move over Pru and Paul! The 6th form judges make their decisions!



6th Form students took part in the second whole school inter-house Gingerbread decorating competition! Putting their weighing, measuring and recipe following skills to good use, students made their own gingerbread shapes during cooking lessons, and thoroughly enjoyed decorating them lavishly with icing and sweets! We had some impressive results, making it a very difficult job for our judging panel, in a 'bake off' afternoon in the common room!

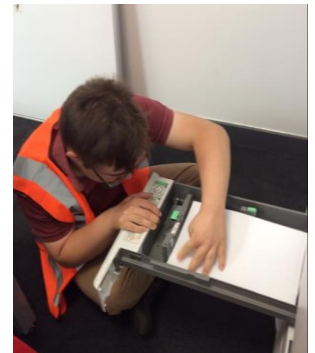
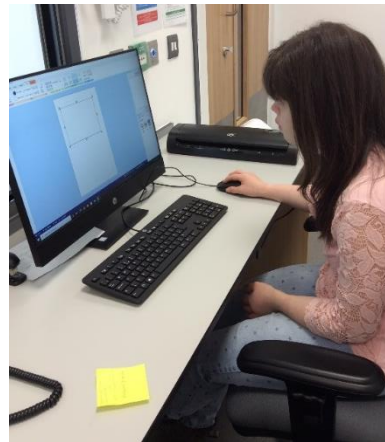
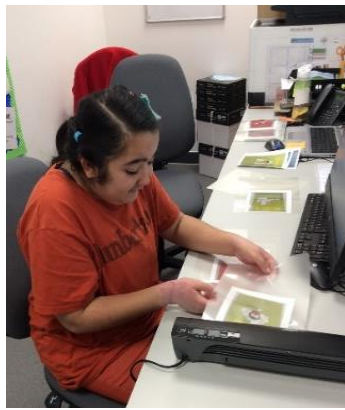


6th Form Reception 2020



It's been a busy term on student reception, with students continuing to learn the invaluable soft skills. The students have been building their knowledge on how to use the photocopiers, printers and how to laminate independently.

As the role of reception grows, the students are becoming more familiar in what is expected from them; this covers a wide range from how to communicate with visitors to ensuring they are well presented for 6th form reception.



It's great to see the student's enthusiasm for reception and the role and responsibility of being the 'receptionist' is taken seriously.

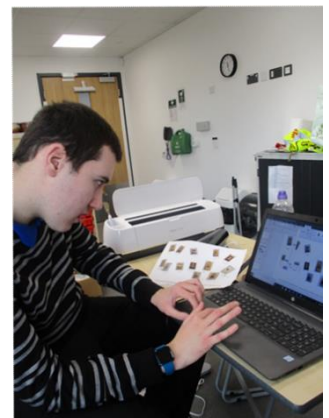
It's also clear to see how much potential the students have, so in the New Year we hope to continue to build on these skills and start to incorporate more challenging tasks – we all need to know how to deal with an angry customer!



Business Enterprise

Our students have been busy working in Addington's very own elf workshop preparing gifts for Christmas and our catalogue. This year our top sellers were cat and dog baubles. Two of our students also worked very hard making miniature toilet rolls, hand sanitizers and facemasks, raising money to buy presents for local families who cannot afford Christmas, especially this year, through the charity First Days. They made over £200 profit and bought lots of presents including crafts and gifts.

Well done everyone!





The Creative Arts Page

Music

We have had another wonderful, super and jam-packed term. In November, Rhona and Sean led an immersive theatre superhero adventure with KS2 in the small hall. Students have been singing and dancing along to new songs as well as exploring superhero moves, shadows and making themselves invisible. Each week they had a challenge to complete from a supervillain in order to save the day and graduate from the Superhero Academy.



Students have also been exploring how to play the ukulele too. Sean has been working with KS2 whilst Rhona has been able to teach KS4. They have been learning strumming patterns and different chords to songs like 'Ho! Hey!' and 'Can't Stop the Feeling!'

Martin has continued with African music in KS2. They have been enjoying the song 'Tue Tue' and developing improvisational skills using the xylophones and djembes.

Art

In November, students have been creating art based upon the work of Keith Haring. It is a continuation of their learning of shadows, silhouettes and reflections from last half term. They have produced wonderful pop art pictures and painted paper mache figures. Their work is currently being displayed around the school and in the art room.



The Addington Show

The Addington Show has been continuing every month with two new shows this half term. In November we looked at what makes us smile and feel happy and this month's show

focussing on what Christmas means to us. All shows are available for students to watch upon release at school as well as via the school website at home. December's show is available to watch now.

Watch out in the New Year for a notice to send in your pictures and videos of activities that you would like to include in the next show. You can email them to m-ca@addington.wokingham.sch.uk

A Creative Arts Christmas

Carol Singing

This year we have not been able to go out and sing carols in the local community. So we had virtual carol singing afternoon on Teams instead with classes logging on the call to sing and sign along with Rhona and Sean. It was a wonderful afternoon and amazing to see so many students together to sing and have fun.



'All About Christmas'

Like the carol singing, we have been thinking hard about how we can come together as a school community. And this year, we have created a school production called 'All About Christmas'. Each class filmed a scene for the production with a small group of actors linking the story together. Some students have explored using the green screen whilst others have been really creative with their sceneries and props. Students and class groups have also recording different songs for the production too (see Addington Album 2020 for more details). Everyone has worked incredible hard to put it all together so we want to thank you all for your effort and work.

Addington Album 2020



Students (and staff) across the school have recorded a Christmas album and this can be accessed via the following page on our website: <https://www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk/home/addington-christmas-album-2020>

Please download the tracks and enjoy. If you would like to, we invite you to give a donation on the [just giving link](#) so we can raise some money for Thumbs Up Club. We hope you enjoy the album!

Christmas



Decorations

The students have immersing themselves in creative activities throughout the festive period and been busy creating lots of Christmas decorations which have been filling up the corridors around Addington for all to enjoy.



Addington Carol Concert

On Monday 14th December we had our very first virtual carol concert. Over 100 accounts logged onto to sing along with Owen and the Woodley Concert Band plus some songs from Rhona and Sean. There was the traditional Christmas story from Sara, student performances as well as the Addington Association Raffle. It was a memorable evening which warmed many hearts. Thank you to everyone for supporting this beautiful event.

From the Creative Arts Team, we wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Rhona, Sean, Jules, Martin and Angie



News from the Association

Email: AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, what a year 2020 has been! Certainly, I don't think anyone could have foreseen the strange circumstances this year has brought to us all.

To be fair, our fundraising did get off to a great start this year with 2 donations in January/February for £500 and £1,500, respectively. We've also received some further one-off donations which we've been incredibly grateful for.

We've continued to receive quarterly payments from EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile which have been very welcome. We've received almost £350 from Amazon Smile and over £300 from EasyFundraising so far this year. Thanks to those of you that support us via these websites. As you can see the payments we receive really help to make a difference over the course of the year.

It's fair to say that the Association has not functioned anywhere near normally during these times. We had such a lot of ideas for events at the start of the year and had just finalised our plans for our Family Quiz Night shortly before the first lockdown was introduced. However, this was clearly not to be and we had to postpone, albeit I think at that time we thought it would be postponed for a matter of weeks only! Plans such as a car boot sale in the summer and our Christmas Fayre also had to be cancelled due to the rules on social distancing.

However, it's also fair to say that, as with many companies and organisations, we've started to find alternative methods of hosting meetings and events. We've been holding our Association meetings via Zoom, which has proved quite interesting, but we're now (almost) experts! Talking of Zoom, our thanks must go to the wonderful Creative Arts team for taking the initiative and organising the virtual Carol Concert on Monday 14th December. What a lovely event and so special to see all the children (and adults too!) having a great time. As those of you that have attended Carol Concerts in the past will know, this is when we traditionally draw our Christmas raffle winners. This year was no different, but this time using the virtual 'wheel of fortune'. It was exciting to watch and wonderful to see some of the winners live on camera. My thanks go to Association members Samii, for setting up the JustGiving page, and Sarah and her sister Dawn for donating all of the hampers. And of course, thank you to everyone that entered the raffle. I was truly touched by the generosity shown and we were able to raise over £1,200 on the raffle this year!

Once we're back in the New Year I will be in touch with some news on some events we will hopefully be able to run in 2021! In the meantime, on behalf of the Association I wish all our extended Addington family a peaceful, restful and above all, safe and healthy Christmas and New Year.

See you all in 2021.

Dawn Adams
Chair – Addington School Association

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ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020 - 2021



Addington School

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Staff Training Days – All Staff (closed to pupils)	Tuesday 1 September & Wednesday 2 September 2020
Term Starts	Thursday 3 September 2020
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 26 October to Monday 2 November 2020 inclusive
Term Restarts	Tuesday 3 November 2020
Term Ends	Friday 18 December 2020

SPRING TERM 2021

Staff Training Day (closed to pupils)	Monday 4 January 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 January 2021
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2021 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 22 February 2021
Term Ends	Thursday 1 April 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Staff Training Days – Teachers Only (closed to pupils)	Monday 19 April 2021
Term Starts	Tuesday 20 April 2021
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Friday 28 May to Friday 4 June 2021 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 7 June 2021
Term Ends	Wednesday 21 July 2021

ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021 - 2022



AUTUMN TERM 2021

Inset Days – (closed to pupils)	Wednesday 1 September & Thursday 2 September 2021
Term Starts	Friday 3 September 2021
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October inclusive
Inset Day (closed to pupils)	Monday 1 November 2021
Term Restarts	Tuesday 2 November 2021
Term Ends	Friday 17 December 2021

SPRING TERM 2022

Term Starts	Tuesday 4 January 2022
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February 2022 inclusive
Inset Day – (closed to pupils)	Monday 28 February 2022
Term Restarts	Tuesday 1 March 2022
Term Ends	Friday 8 April 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022

Term Starts	Monday 25 April 2022
Inset Day – (closed to pupils)	Friday 27 May
Half Term – (closed to pupils)	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022 inclusive
Term Restarts	Monday 6 June 2022
Term Ends	Thursday 21 July 2022

Inset Days – School closed to pupils

Wednesday 1 September 2021
 Thursday 2 September 2021
 Monday 1 November 2021
 Monday 28 February 2022
 Friday 27 May 2022