



# ADDINGTON NEWSLETTER



July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a school year like no other, I would like to thank you all for the support you have given Addington School throughout the Covid pandemic. It has allowed us to provide a high level of provision to all our students, both in and out of Lockdown. I sincerely hope that September brings a return to normality for parents, pupils and staff alike and we can move forward offering the full breadth of our curriculum. I will write to you before school starts in September to update you on any restrictions that may still be in place, as I fully expect that things may still be subject to change over the Summer holidays.

Despite the very disrupted year, we have had many achievements to celebrate and we shared these with pupils at an end of year assembly. I am very proud of the way that our pupils have managed to cope with all that has been thrown at them this year and how much progress we have continued to see. Families have been instrumental in this, despite at times having to weather some very difficult circumstances.

Please do have a look at the huge range of activities detailed in the following pages as it illustrates the many activities that have been able to go ahead.

We have said goodbye to a group of staff this week and I wish them every success in the future. I would however, like to mention two people in particular: Alison Tomsett, our Head of Literacy & Communication has been responsible for raising the standards of reading and communication over the last few years at Addington and I wish her well for her new part time job as a SENCO – she will be sadly missed. Also Sue Aulsberry, who has worked at Addington for 22 years, is retiring. She has supported many pupils in her time here and I would like to thank her for her dedication and commitment, and to wish her a long and happy retirement.

## **Important reminders for September:**

- All pupils (with the exception of some Early Years pupils) to return on Friday 3 September
- There will be no staggered start or finish time, therefore all pupils will start at 9.00am and finish at 3.15pm
- New Covid information from the Government regarding 'Track & Trace' from the 19 July can be found on our website [here](#)

Finally, it remains for me to say: have a happy and safe Summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Yours faithfully

**Sara Attra**



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have experienced a tough and demanding year in all aspects of our lives.

We would have loved to have been more involved in organising our coffee mornings and other events, but this was not possible due to the restrictions....

It has been a really difficult year for everyone but despite the complications we have managed to host one coffee morning and most recently the Speech and language department led three virtual workshops on PECS, Signing at Addington and Visual Communication.

We look forward to seeing you all in September when we will be holding our usual coffee morning to welcome new parents to the Addington family.

Lewis and I will be in school some days throughout the holidays and available to offer support, so feel free to contact us via email on:

[ellie.robinson@addington.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:ellie.robinson@addington.wokingham.sch.uk)

[lewist@addington.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:lewist@addington.wokingham.sch.uk)

We wish you a safe and happy summer break.

Ellie and Lewis

Family Support Workers

### **Addington Render project – summer 2021 update**

This summer Wokingham Borough Council will begin its project to replace the external render on the main building at Addington School in Woodley.

Work will be taking place on site during the summer school holidays to replace parts of the exterior render.

There will be some non-noisy and non-disruptive work during term times in the spring and summer months, over the next few years.

#### **Background**

The render is the prominent exterior on the outside of the main building. There have been ongoing problems with the external render since the building was finished in 2009. These had been repaired on an ongoing basis but the council enforced a latent defect clause in line with the contract conditions.

The original contractor has agreed to carry out the repairs, which will have no financial cost to the school, council or taxpayer. The school, council and contractor have been working together to ensure this takes place promptly without disrupting the school or its activities.

#### **What will happen?**

Work will be taking place on different parts of the school building in different stages. This is starting with the west elevation and roof lights in summer 2021.

All noisy work, such as drilling and hammering, will take place outside of term time. If it is undertaken during term time will take place outside of pupil hours.

Any work which does take place with students on site will be less noisy work, such as the installation of the render.

#### **How will we be kept updated?**

Further updates will be sent ahead of each stage of works over the next few years.

# 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

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## Parent Contact Information

Our communications with parents are mainly via emails, our school mobile app, texts and our school website [www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk](http://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](mailto:office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk)

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## 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.**

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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.

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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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## 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.

***If your child has school dinners, and there is a balance outstanding on your account, we would be grateful if you would kindly clear this balance as soon as possible.***

***If you have any query or difficulty with payment of this amount, please let us know and we will endeavour to help.***

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:

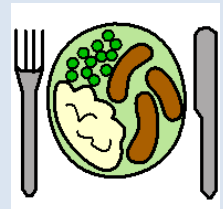
Primary lunch is £2.10  
Secondary lunch is £2.30

From September 2021, the prices will increase to:

Primary lunch is £2.15  
Secondary lunch is £2.35

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

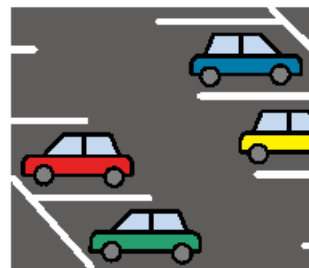
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# CAR PARKING REMINDER

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



## TERM DATES NEXT YEAR - 2021-2022

You may be aware that the Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 has been moved to Thursday 2 June 2022 and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June 2022 has been given to see a 4 day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As schools will already be on their half term break and therefore not benefitting from this extra day, the Local Authority have agreed for schools to observe this additional day on Thursday 21 July 2022. Term will therefore end on Wednesday 20 July 2022.

Revised Term Dates can be found at the end of this newsletter and [on our website](#).



# Headteacher's Award Winners



*Congratulations to the following students:*

## **END OF YEAR AWARDS 2021**

Musician of the Year  
Artist of the Year  
Sportsperson of the Year  
Most Improved Sportsperson of the Year  
Golden Behaviour Award  
Outstanding Behaviour Award

- David Russell
- Presley Shearer
- Luka White
- Tom Nicholls
- Fabio Mazzarella
- Ryan Skevington

## **HEADTEACHER WEEKLY AWARDS**

### **Early Years**

Alfie Baker-Scott  
Amna Rehman  
Ananya Uppal  
Charlotte Wills-Parsons  
Cloey Spenceley  
Freddie Page  
Lexi Reid  
Lochlan Davis  
Louie Parsons  
Malachi Bilankulu  
Mikail Asif  
Peyton Hipgrave  
Sammy Gibson  
Ula Bukyte  
Valerie Egwuagu

### **Key Stage 2**

Aaron Sondhi  
Anamol Rai  
Basil Malik  
Daisy Cornell  
Dylan Bourne  
Jai Karwal  
Jenna Geary  
Jeremy Eitokpah  
Maya Onwualu  
Reid Denman  
Riley Farmbrough

### **Key Stage 3**

Anya Crawshaw  
Billy Sawyer  
Josh McDonald  
Joshua Martin  
Kris Dziaduch  
Leo Van Cao  
Melek Cebi

### **Key Stage 4**

Abhishek Das  
Chloe Weavers  
Daniel Meriacre  
Danny Shilton  
Ellie Cave-Humphrey  
Grace Gessey  
Luka White  
Nathan Hunter  
Ollie McGrath  
Saahil Ali  
Summer Tingley  
Tony Su

### **Key Stage 5**

Aliza Imran  
Charlie Manning  
Daisy Cripps  
Daniel Skeates  
David Russell  
Liza Abramkin  
Luke Adams  
Mary Jane Hooley  
Tom Scott  
Tyler Lynn  
Vedanshi Gandhi

### **Complex & Sensory Needs**

Asad Khan  
Callum Larkin  
Carys Westgate  
Favor Onoriode  
Finlay Bennett  
Inaya Hanif  
Isaac Mansfield  
Mahdi Padia  
Sofia de Mesquita  
Tommy Hunter



# SPORTS PAGE

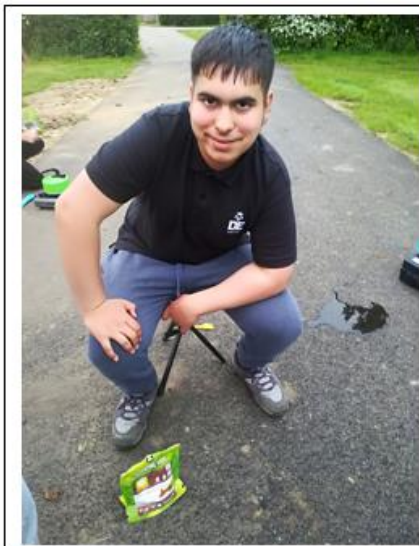


## OUTDOOR LEARNING

### Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition May 2021



The Bronze D of E group did really well on their practice expedition. They walked for 2 days and camped for 1 night, in much improved weather conditions. They are now fully prepared for their qualifying expedition at the beginning of July, where they will be walking 17 miles over 2 days and camping for one night. Well done boys and girls, you showed great resilience and perseverance.







A big thank you to Ian B, Amanda G and Wendy B for all their time, hard work and dedication to the students. We look forward to them participating in their qualifying expedition in July.

Mel Pengraeve  
Head of Outdoor learning



## **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition July 2021**

Following the successful practice expedition in May, our 7 bronze students set out on their qualifying expedition knowing they had the stamina and resilience to complete the 16 miles over two days and a nights camp. The weather was kind and the students were able to show their assessors how they have developed over the year. On the second day, we arrived at the Henley Regatta course just in time to watch the women's regatta races and an impromptu history lesson from the race judge. The students showed such good teamwork and caring friendship within the group that they drew high praise from their assessor. Well done to all the bronze participants.







A big thank you to Ian B, Amanda G, Wendy B, Kim & Simon M for all their time, hard work and dedication to the students.  
Mel Pengraeve  
Head of Outdoor learning

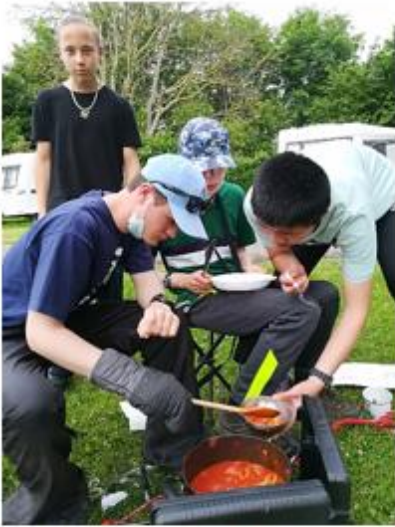


## Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition June 2021

Following our very successful but rather wet practice expedition, we embarked on our first Silver qualifying expedition. The boys had learned much from their practice and were able to use their skills, fitness and resilience to the full. They walked 33 miles over 3 days, camping two nights at Wallingford and using their fire-lighting skills to cook their meals. There was so much 'banter' and fun that the miles just flew by. The staff were rather weary by the end at the bandstand on Riverside at Henley-on-Thames but the boys showed their fitness by sprinting the last 100 metres to the minibus! Well done to the students, who have completed this internationally recognised qualification with such determination.







A big thank you to Ian B and Amanda G for all their time and dedication to the students.

Mel Pengraeve  
Head of Outdoor learning



## Sports Days 2021

We marked Olympic year by having our own Olympic torch lighting ceremonies at the start of Secondary/6<sup>th</sup> Form and KS2 sports days. Four students were picked to represent their sports days, and ran around the track with replica torches and ceremonially 'lit' the flame. Every competitor received a medal with the Olympic flame on it.



There was a new format to Sports day this year; we split it into four sessions:

### Secondary and 6<sup>th</sup> Form

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July morning -      Secondary and 6<sup>th</sup> form races  
40m sprint  
40m walk  
40m walker/wheelchair race  
100m round-the-track sprint  
4 x 25m round-the-track relay  
40m Obstacle continuous relay

The morning was fantastic with brilliant personal performances and keen competition. The weather held out until the last race before it started raining.

Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Green Crocodiles  
2<sup>nd</sup> Blue Sharks  
3<sup>rd</sup> Yellow Tigers  
4<sup>th</sup> Red Eagles









## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July afternoon - Inter-house cricket competition



We were able to start our inter-house cricket competition while it was sunny but as we reached the halfway mark the heavens opened and it rained very heavily. As a result, we had to finish there and the results were:

1<sup>st</sup> joint **Green Crocodile** **Blue Sharks**

3<sup>rd</sup> **Yellow Tigers**

4<sup>th</sup> **Red Eagle**

### Sensory and complex needs and EYFS

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July morning - Sensory walk/run/travel on the MUGA  
Quoit sprint on the MUGA  
40m sprint on the field  
40m Obstacle continuous relay on the field



Better weather on Wednesday meant that we could complete the programme, morning and afternoon. A sensory track was set up on the blue MUGA, including a parachute, sensory line, bubbles and bubble wrap strip. A cone and quoit drop was added for the quoit sprint.



Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Green Crocodiles  
2<sup>nd</sup> Blue Sharks  
3<sup>rd</sup> Red Eagles  
4<sup>th</sup> Yellow Tigers

## KS2

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July afternoon - 40m sprint

40m Obstacle continuous relay

4 x 25m round-the-track relay

A big thank you to the House Captains for their help during the day.



Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Yellow Tigers 2<sup>nd</sup> Red Eagle 3<sup>rd</sup> Blue Sharks 4<sup>th</sup> Green Crocodiles

The combined results for all 4 sessions is:

1<sup>st</sup> Green Crocodiles 471 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Blue Sharks 454 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Yellow Tigers 433 points

4<sup>th</sup> Red Eagles 295 points

At the end of the day the house shield was presented to the Green Crocodiles' House Captains.



## Sportsperson & Most Improved Sportsperson of the Year 2021



Well done to you both!

# THE HOUSE POINTS CUP



Students work hard all year to earn house points in their classes. They have also earned house points from the sports days and participating in the 'Active Maths' challenge. Here are the final standings for the year:

**1<sup>st</sup> – 2253 (Yellow Tigers)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 2217 (Red Eagles)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 1943 (Green Crocs)**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 1869 (Blue Sharks)**

**Well done to all, but especially the Yellow Tigers.**



# Travel to the **TOKYO** Olympics challenge



Staff, students and parents were set a challenge 9 weeks ago, to travel by foot, bicycle, scooter, wheelchair or in the water virtually to Tokyo, Japan to deliver the Olympic Torch. Some recorded their progress on STRAVA, others on Fitbit type watches/devices and the rest on a tally sheet at school.

We are very proud of you all, as a community, because you have reached and over-achieved the massive target of:

**3827** miles in  
**9 weeks**



**Tokyo  
Olympics**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> July -  
8<sup>th</sup> August  
2021**



## Special Mentions:

### Students

TOP WALKERS - Tommy Hunter & Tony Su

TOP CYCLISTS – Daniel Skeates, Ollie McGrath & Luka White

TOP RUNNER – Luka White

TOP ALLROUNDER – Luka White

(run, walk, cycle & swim)

### Staff

TOP WALKERS – Sarah Turner, Sue Tod, Lucinda Basset, Amanda Giles & Alex Brown

TOP CYCLISTS – Rachel Martin, Mel Pengraeve, Sev Konieczny & Ian Brown

TOP RUNNER's – Leila Oliver, Sean Trim-Coleman & David Maycock

TOP SWIMMER's – Sev Konieczny & Aga Kudlak

TOP ALLROUNDER's – Rachel Martin & Sev Knoecsny

### Parents

TOP WALKERS – Alena Hunter

TOP RUNNER's – Palbinder Bourne

### Classes



## Daisy Class



This term we have continued our theme of 'Transport', our favourite story this term was 'Whatever Next?'. Through our sensory story we explored textures and senses. We had lots of giggles from some students when we travelled over the bubble wrap moon. We have continued to explore our senses through TAC PAC and sensology and are now showing more exploration of materials than before and tolerating more textures. We have taken advantage of the lovely weather with some of the activities from the story 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'. We made boats from different materials, had lots of fun with water play, sailed boats down guttering and explored animals and objects that float and sink. We ended the term with a trip to the wheelchair accessible park to explore and have a picnic lunch, like in our story.

This term some pupils have enjoyed Waldon activities and pre-sensory circuits. We have worked on tracking of lights and interacting with new toys and switch operated toys. Bubbles and parachute has been a huge hit and supported their language development by pupils requesting more of the motivating activity using a communication switch or showing anticipation and saying "Go!" We have also continued to enjoy our swimming, rebound, sand and soft play sessions. Jo and I are moving to new classes in September and will miss working in Daisy Class. We wish all students the best with their new teachers and classes. Have a relaxing Summer.



## Sunflower Class



This term in Sunflower Class we have enjoyed doing lots of new and exciting things, including going on our very first trip to Sol Joel playground. The children coped very well going on the minibuses for the first time and had a fantastic time playing on the park equipment- even though the weather wasn't great! We also really enjoyed Sport's Day, and it was the first Sport's Day for all of our pupils. The children did incredibly well in all of their races, some running with adult support and some running on their own. Another highlight for Sunflower Class this term has been having some Music lessons with Sean. The children were really engaged in the sessions and very excited to have a go at playing the cello!





## Tulip Class



This term our topic has been Journeys! We have been enjoying two books 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'. We have been focusing on learning key vocabulary from the stories and experiencing different story role play experiences.



We have had great fun during music lessons with Sean and enjoying outdoor learning when the weather has been nice. We also received some new games for us to practice our turn taking skills.



## Primrose Class



This term we engaged in activities following our topic 'Journeys and Holidays'. We enjoyed exploring different settings as part of our sensory stories and Sensology sessions.



We also enjoyed spending time outside in the sunshine and learned to move and balance over different obstacles in our PE lessons.



We made 'ants on logs' and lemonade during our cooking sessions.



We loved taking part in Sean's music sessions each week and we all had a go at playing the cello!

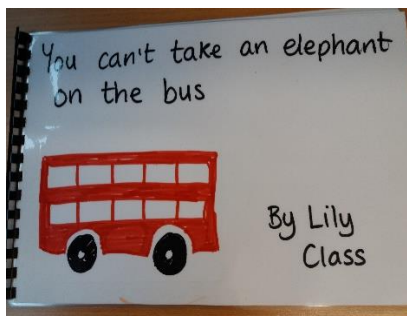
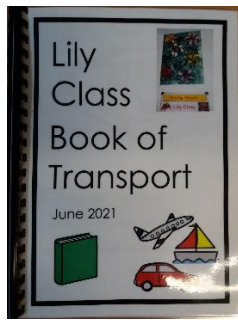
We are saying good bye to some of our friends who are moving up a Key Stage! We wish them all good luck on their next adventure!



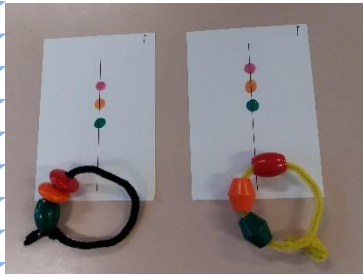
## Lily Class



We have had another busy term in Lily Class! Return to school after half-term saw us transforming our papier-mâché balloons into giant chocolate, strawberry, vanilla and lemon cupcakes! We decorated them with buttons and pom-pom "sprinkles" and even made our own paper cases using the zig-zag, paper folding technique. We think you will agree, they look delicious! They were put out on display for everyone to find on the recent Addington Arts trail, outside and around the school. We all enjoyed finding exhibits and marking them off in our booklets.



We have continued work on our 'Transport' theme. First, looking at two big information books. Our favourite was 'Emergency!' We have enjoyed Emergency services role play in class and in soft play. We have talked about being a good friend / having 'kind and caring' hands and even made friendship bracelets in 'Bucket' stage 4. We were inspired to make our own class books and we are all very proud of them!



Active Maths Week saw us playing parachute games; looking for numbers called aloud, 'underneath', playing 2D shape 'Pass the Parcel', finger painting and creating delicious fruit kebabs, all following symbol strip sequences.

Sports day was great! We all enjoyed wearing our coloured team t-shirts, finding other team-mates and joining in for our races. We even got to hold of the Olympic torch!

We are looking forward to the end of term, to meeting our new teachers and finding out where we will all be next year. Have a great Summer everyone!

## Daffodil Class



This term in Daffodil Class we have been continued the theme of transport and used this to explore journeys, including our journey into a new Key Stage. We have had fun learning through the stories of 'The Naughty Bus' and 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car'. We constructed our own London landmarks and designed and made our own buses. We have been thinking about Paddington's journey and the special things he packed. At the end of term, we will be thinking about the special things we will pack to take to our new class.

It has been a very busy term with lots of fun events. We have participated in the 'Rockstars' event and had lots of wonderful audition entries for 'Addington's Got Talent'. Sports day was a success, with several members of our class competing in their first Addington Sports Day. The children enjoyed a range of sensory obstacle courses, running and relay races. We have been fortunate to have Sean teach music this half term and these sessions have been thoroughly enjoyed by all the children.

We wish all those children transitioning to Key Stage 2 and Sensory and Complex Needs a smooth transition and look forward to hearing about what you have been up to in your new classes next year. It has been an unusual year but wonderful in many ways with lots of memories made! We wish everyone a wonderful Summer Holidays!



## **Yoga and Music with Rainbow Claire**

In Early Years **Yoga** ☐♂ this term we have been moving our bodies in lots of different poses (asanas) to 🧘 welcome the season of Summer ☀. We have been following a flow called '**Sun Salutation**' and enjoying a collection of poses in a circle ○, 3 times to really feel the benefits for our body and mind. Give it a go! How does it make your body feel?





In Early Years **Music** 🎵 and **Movement** this term we have been enjoying Summer songs; 'Here Comes the Sun' by **The Beatles** and 'We're all going on a Summer holiday' by **Cliff Richard** have been our favourites. We loved practising our **Rockstars** songs of the term and had great fun moving our bodies with lots of props!



We have enjoyed Claire's new instrument, the purple steel pan drum and creating calming sounds with the beaters. Wishing you all a lovely Summer holiday. I hope you all get to rest, enjoy some sunshine and a chance to recharge your batteries. Enjoy the Summer yoga poses and **Create Calm Yoga Flow** I have sent home to practise over the holidays.

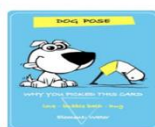
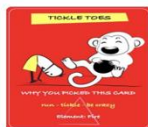
Namaste Claire 🙏🧘♀️



Creating *Talm* for Primrose Class, July 2021

by Rainbow Yoga 🌈 🧘 Claire

1. Hands together in heart ♥ centre and say ..... **Namaste** 🙏  
silly ones. 3. **Bunny Breath**. 4. **Mountain Breath**  
**NOW START THE YOGA 🧘 FLOW WITH YOUR BODY.....**  
7. **Dog 🐕** pose 8. **Giggle 🤪** pose 9. **Self-hug** pose 10. **Relaxing 🧘** pose  
Say **Goodbye 🙏** to Yoga ; Hands together in heart ♥ centre and say ..... **Namaste** 🙏



**The Early Years department wish you a wonderful Summer!**



## Key Stage 2 Newsletter

'This half term KS2 has been exploring our 'Now and Then' / Greatest Showman topic.

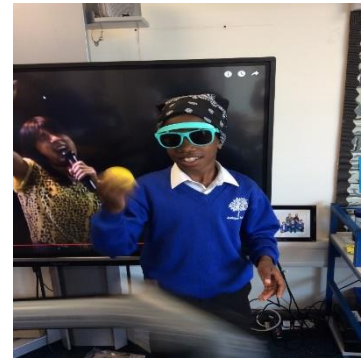
**Willow class** - We have been travelling back in time and playing some traditional Victorian games, such as 'hoop and stick' and 'skittles'. In Literacy we have been exploring a true classic - Jack and the Beanstalk. We had great fun stomping around like giants! In music we have been practicing for our Key Stage 2 Proms performance, as well as our Rockstar video. With the beautiful weather over the last few weeks, we have made the most of the sensory garden and explored the mud kitchen, sand pit and pebble area. We even made our own sandwiches and enjoyed a picnic!



**Rowan class** have enjoyed exploring aspects of life during the Victorian times, which we incorporated into Literacy lessons. This included the school day, roles for children, traditional stories and toys. We used words such as 'past,' 'present,' 'old' and 'new,' as well as identified both similarities and differences, when comparing now and then.



Our Numeracy topics this half term have included addition, positional and directional language, and measuring length and capacity, often after estimating first. We also created some summer-themed crafts during Attention Autism sessions, such as butterflies and ice creams and enjoyed Primary Sports Day and visits to Camp Mohawk and Thames Valley Adventure Playground. A great time was had by all!



### **Birch Class:**

Wow, what a busy last term we have had in Birch Class! We have really enjoyed learning about the circus this term and getting to experience all that the circus has to offer. We have participated in a circus sensory story where we have been able to taste popcorn, feel what it is like in the Big Top Tent and enjoy all the laughs from the clowns. We have been very lucky to have had another trip to Taplow which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and with great weather too! Sports Day was a huge success for Birch Class with all pupils participating in a race and some very speedy runners! They have all worked incredibly hard, and very much deserve a good rest over the summer with hopefully some sunny weather. Well done Birch Class, you should be super proud of all you have achieved!



## Pine Class:



This term Pine Class have been very busy! We were very lucky to be able to visit Taplow twice this term! The children loved the new soft play and being able to experience the splash area! This term Pine Class have worked very hard in Maths with their money skills! The children have been able to transfer those skills to the shops, where we have been buying ingredients to make ice-lollies! The children have continued to progress with their independence and communication skills, this has been a pleasure to watch! Lastly, the children thoroughly enjoyed Sports Day! All the children took part in a race and supported each other from the side lines. We had lovely weather which made the day even more enjoyable.

Well done Pine Class, another fantastic term!



As we reach the end of another exciting half term and look forward to our holidays we are also looking onwards to September when many of our pupils will be moving on to new challenges in KS3. I would like to wish them well and look forward to seeing their continued progress at Addington School. I am also delighted to welcome Jo Maynard who is moving up from Early Years to be my 'other half'. She is excited to be a part time Head of KS2 and teacher in Willow class on my days off. Best wishes for a happy and healthy summer holiday.

Yvonne Edwards  
KS2 Head





## Complex, Therapeutic and Sensory Needs Department

### Cherry Class

This half term we have made a sunshine sculpture for the Addington arts trail, we got a bit messy but had fun! We filmed a Rockstar video to 'Living on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi and had lots of fun listening to different songs to pick our favourite. Sports day went really well and we took part in a sensory race. Everyone had fun competing and loved the chants and cheering!

Our around the world topic came to an end and we have loved visiting the different countries through art and our sensory story, we visited India, Italy and Iceland.

Have a lovely summer break and we will see you in September!



### Poppy Class

This last term our fortune teller has shown Poppy Class lots of countries, Ghana, Sahara Dessert, Bolivia, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand in her magic ball. Some students had the chance to celebrate their birthdays in Hawaii! They also have enjoyed rehearsing with Poppy Class Rock Band and in our last week we have had some amazing achievements swimming and walking. Amazing end of the term for all students!



## Lime Class

Lime Class have been enjoying our topic this half term, 'Around the World'. We have visited Scotland, Antarctica and we're now enjoying the hot weather in Spain! We have been spending lots of time enjoying the water in the sun and have been working hard on our communication skills. Have a great summer everyone and we look forward to seeing you all in September! 😊



## Apple Class

Apple have enjoyed our 'Around the World' topic this term and we have looked at Spain, Antarctica and Scotland this term. Our favourite sessions have been dance massage where Apple class has been able to strut their stuff! We enjoyed a picnic all together and it was lovely to spend some quality time together, with one of our favourite things...food!





## Holly Class

This half term Holly class have successfully gone offsite to Camp Mohawk twice as a whole class. This is a huge achievement for the class and the trip was enjoyed by everyone. The firm favourite was being able to access their outdoor swimming pool, even in the rain! We have also been working on life skills and have been learning how to safely use graters, peelers and knives. We hope you have a great summer holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back in September.



## Beech Class

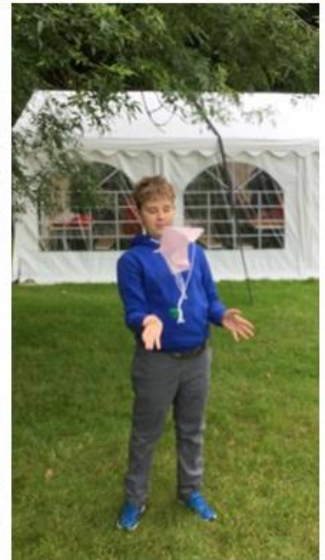
This term Beech class have enjoyed a trip to Camp Mohawk; we were lucky enough to be able to use the swimming pool, and the weather was luckily dry and warm. We recorded our contribution for Addington's Got Talent. We recorded a class favourite "Mr Blue Sky", and had great fun, singing, dancing and signing. We have been cooking pizzas, once a week, and practising all of the life skills involved with this process, including washing up: perhaps they could practice this at home?! We have also been working on our prepositions: over, under and between, in our literacy lessons and then practising this throughout the school day.



## Key Stage 3

I would like to say a HUGE well done to everyone in Key Stage 3 for how brilliantly they have coped with this year with all the changes and uncertainty. Key Stage 3 were amazing over lockdown with their home learning and engaging with our topic. I particularly enjoyed our assemblies where we shared our successes. This year we have had many lovely trips to Camp Mohawk and last week we enjoyed our end of term trip to Thirtover Place where we participated in fun outdoor activities such as fire lighting, low ropes, grass sledging and science activities. Well done to everyone in Key Stage 3 on a brilliant year! You should all feel great about the progress you have made this year – all Key Stage 3 staff are very proud of you!

Lydia Colios  
Head of KS3



## Aspen Class

This term Aspen has thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Ancient Greece. We have created story maps and newspaper reports about some of the myths we have been exploring.



We have also looked at the Olympics during Ancient Greek times and compared the events to the modern day Olympics. This was very useful just before sports day! We were very prepared for our races.

This term we have also been learning to play the Ukulele. Sean has been teaching us to play along with some of our favourite songs and make some wonderful music.

As part of the schools art trail we created a sculpture of two people holding hands to represent happiness. We all worked extremely well together to create our class sculpture.



## Maple Class

This term, Maple Class have been getting outside to enjoy some outdoor learning! In Active Maths week, we combined maths with our topic of the Olympics, and had fun doing scavenger hunts in the classroom, number hunts around school, measuring how far we could jump and throw, and predicting how many exercises we could complete within a certain time. We've also done some great Call and Response, signing and writing around the story of Daedalus and Icarus. A highlight of this half term was being able to hold a real London 2012 Olympic torch (kindly loaned to us by Joshua H's mum) and the whole of Key Stage 3 joining together for a torch relay, in which everyone had the chance to carry the torch and pass it on!







## Sycamore Class

We have really enjoyed getting out and about this summer – Sports Day, Camp Mohawk, gardening and especially our trip to Thirtover Place. We also really enjoyed making a mod-roc flower to be part of our class sculpture – Happiness is nature.



## Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have had another very busy half term. We have continued our topic on Ancient Greece, more recently learning about the Olympics. We have been exploring where and how the Olympics started in ancient Greece, and learning about what the Olympics is in present day. The class have really enjoyed watching some of the highlights of the London 2012 opening ceremony and the sporting events. They have been doing some lovely writing, finding out about the GB athletes and some of the events.

We have also worked on the story of 'Icarus and Daedalus', the father and son that made wings from feathers and wax and flew too close to the sun. The class enjoyed creating newspaper reports about this story, generating news headlines and retelling some of the exciting events. In Art we have continued this theme by designing and making a huge set of wings, and using wax to create a patterned sun wall hanging. These works are still in progress!

In other subjects we have been learning about how to keep safe on the internet and on social media. The class made this poster to put in the classroom so we can remember the rules that keep us safe.

We have also been learning about the skeleton and teeth in Science.



To end the year, we had a fantastic day out at Thirtover Place for our Key Stage 3 trip and we were so lucky with the weather! We did lots of activities throughout the day including Orienteering, parachute making, low ropes, grass sledging and fire making. We all toasted marshmallows on fires and ate shmores – yummy!



Ness and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching Chestnut Class this year. We are so proud of how they have all coped with the challenges that this year has presented and we are so pleased with the progress they have made, both in the classroom and home learning. We are so looking forward to watching them all flourish next year.

Thank you for all your support and have a great summer holiday,

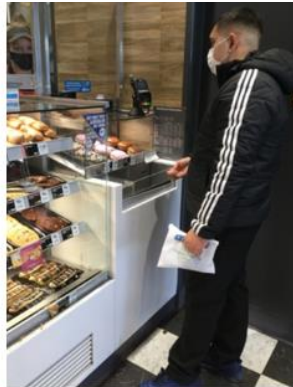
Angie & Ness



## Key Stage 4

### Kite Class

This term we have focused on travel training and independence in a café. With support students have used timetables and the Reading buses app to get to town and back. They used Google maps to navigate town centre to locate a café where they put their budgeting skills to the test, reading prices and making choices according to the money available. They have communicated their choices clearly with the café assistant before paying.



We thoroughly enjoyed putting our travel training skills into practise again by getting a bus and a train to Bracknell, to go to Hollywood Bowl. Students showed independence and fantastic communication skills. The bowling was a lot of fun with everyone cheering each other on! We ordered and enjoyed a meal before heading back to school. The group represented Addington really well.





This term Kite class have loved going to the driving range for offsite PE. Everyone developed their technique over the sessions and found it a great way to spend their time – perhaps something for the family to do together over summer!



We have some top performers in Kite class, with the majority entering themselves for Addington's Got Talent! They put in lots of practise which paid off; the show was a delight to watch! Congratulations to everyone that took part!

## **Swan Class News**

As we move to less Covid restrictions this term we have taken the opportunity to go and about more, and the students have really enjoyed being back out in the community, travel training and going on trips.

## **Travel Training**

We have had taken more opportunities to go travel training either in small groups or as a class. We have used buses and trains and the students' confidence has noticeably improved as they have had to use timetables, purchase their own tickets and decide when to get on and off public transport. We took a bus and a train to Hollywood Bowl in Bracknell for a class trip, which gave students the opportunity to plan a two-stage journey and use local leisure activities





Further trips into a fast food restaurant in Reading, and Greggs have given the students further opportunities to practice their money skills and social skills as they order and pay for their own food.



## **Horticulture**

We are all very proud of the work of our students, redeveloping the staff roof terrace. This was a barren area, at the beginning of the year but Swan class students adopted it and have been growing a variety of plants and vegetables, from Sunflowers, Yew and Bay leaf trees to sweetcorn and tomato plants. This is now a much greener space for staff to enjoy their breaks.

## **Active Maths Week and Functional Maths**

During active maths week, students went outside to collect and analyse data on the local environment. Inside they had to measure a variety of different liquids to make their own fruit mocktails.





## Cooking and Life Skills



In life skills students made weekly trips to the local supermarkets to purchase ingredients for weekly cooking lessons – they had to add up their shopping using calculators so that they knew they were staying within their budgets and had enough money to purchase their shopping.



Our last cooking session of the term has been a Ready Steady Cook competition, whereby 2 teams – Green Peppers and Red Tomatoes had to design a two course menu using only the ingredients left over in the cupboards at the end of term. Our celebrity judges then had to come down to choose a winner – it was a close competition!





## Sixth Form News

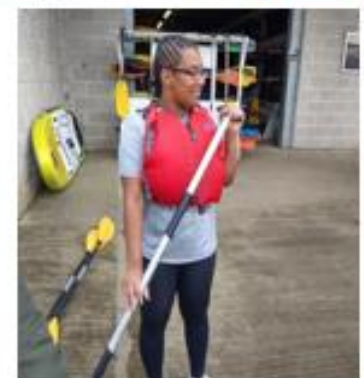


6<sup>th</sup> form upcycling project





6<sup>th</sup> form students have enjoyed off site activities as the restrictions have gradually eased.





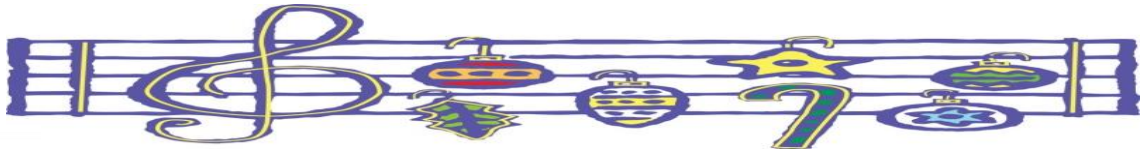
## Pop – Up Bike Shop

6<sup>TH</sup> Form students have set up a pop-up bike shop in the school car park. Bikes are upcycled and serviced by the bike maintenance team of students from Key Stages 4 and 5 - they have had a few sales already!



Goodbye and  
Good Luck to our  
Sixth Form  
Leavers – We will  
miss you!





# The Creative Arts Page

Another busy term has come and gone. Although we were not able to enjoy Proms and FestForAll this year, we have kept ourselves very busy with lessons and other events.

## Music Lessons

This half term Sean has continued drumming with KS4 and the Sixth Form learning 'Africa' by 'Toto' and performing as a large group on the Sixth Form Courtyard. KS2 have also enjoyed drumming sessions with Sean too. Early Years had some music sessions in June with songs about the sea. They were developing their playing with changing between fast and slow and also explored playing the cello. KS3 have been having ukulele sessions with Sean too, learning chords and strumming patterns along to the songs 'Ho! Hey!' and 'Can't Stop the Feeling'.



## KS2 Mini Proms

KS2 have continued to have weekly music lessons with Martin. They have been working towards performances of their favourite songs from the last year to perform in their own mini proms afternoon in the small hall. It was fantastic to see so many happy children performing music to an audience. Well done everyone!





## **Art Lessons**

Much of the artwork for KS3 has been around the Greek story of Daedalus and Icarus. Students have been learning how to mix colours together and using them to paint feathers which have been turned into wings. Classes have been learning a technique called Batik, which is a form of fabric dye. Each class has made a section which is being put together to make a big sun.



## **Arts Trail**

In June, classes created models which were displayed as part of an Arts Trail Week. Creations were based upon the phrase 'Happiness is...' which saw models like an ice cream, rainbows, flowers and the sun to name a few. Students were given workbooks and went around the school to find where all the models had been hidden.

## **Addington's Got Talent!**

Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed the return of Addington's Got Talent auditions. It was fantastic to have some live acts see how hard the students have practised for their auditions. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we were not able to meet together for the final, but we were able to film those students and broadcast a virtual talent show final. It was a fantastic afternoon which brought the school together. Yet again our students showed their talents of singing and dancing as the afternoon was filled with students between Reception and year 14 taking part.



## **The Addington Show**

There have been two shows this half term which are both available on the school website <https://www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk/pupil-pages/vidcasts> and you can also find all our previous shows via this link too. In the latest show here are instrumental performances from those who have peripatetic lessons plus some other class performances.



## **Rockstars**

Instead of Proms this year, the creative arts team have produced a film called 'Rockstars'. The film showcases every class creating performances of their favourite songs. Classes have been creating props, dressing up and choreographing performances which have been filmed and edited together to make whole school show. The performances have been fantastic and some of the costumes have been outstanding. Well done everyone for your performances, they were amazing!

Wishing you a restful and sunny summer holiday!

The Creative Arts Team

Rhona, Sean, Jules, Martin and Angie





# News from the Association

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

Dear Parents and Carers



## **Flower Stall**

Some of our wonderful 6<sup>th</sup> Formers will be creating and selling lovely flower bouquets on 29<sup>th</sup> July at Centre Stage in Woodley Town Centre (11am to 1pm). Please come down and treat yourself to some beautiful flowers. All profits will be shared by Addington School Association and the Ridgeline Trust.

Kindly Sponsored by Eliza Jane Flowers



It simply doesn't seem possible that we've reached the end of the school year already! It's been another strange year with Covid taking centre stage, but I like to think that we've managed to adapt some of our fundraising schemes during that time.

This last term we had the launch of the Addington School Association Lottery and the first Association virtual Family Quiz and we've been so grateful with the amount of support that has been shown.

Please do continue to support the Association throughout the summer break if you can. We have our 3 main fundraising schemes which operate all year around. These are:

**Our school lottery** We've had a fantastic start to the lottery and some of our lucky supporters have already shared prize money of over £300. If you haven't got around to buying a ticket as yet, you can do so by using this link -

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/addington-school-association>

**Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile** As always, please can I encourage you to support the Association by nominating us as your chosen charity on EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile. It's easy to do using the following links:

Easyfundraising: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/addingtonschoolassociation/>

Amazon: [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) then hit 'Get Started' and select 'Addington School Association' as your organisation to support.

So, all that leaves me to say is on behalf of the Association, I wish you all a very happy and healthy summer break! Here's hoping that we can return to some of our more traditional fundraising activities in the autumn term.

Kind regards, Dawn Adams  
Chair – Addington School Association

# ADDINGTON SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021 - 2022



## AUTUMN TERM 2021

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

## SPRING TERM 2022

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

## SUMMER TERM 2022

<b>Term Starts</b>	<b>Monday 25 April 2022</b>
<b>Inset Day – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Friday 27 May</b>
<b>Half Term – (closed to pupils)</b>	<b>Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022 inclusive</b>
<b>Term Restarts</b>	<b>Monday 6 June 2022</b>
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Wednesday 20 July 2022</b>

### **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