



# ADDINGTON

## NEWSLETTER

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It is with great pleasure that I am able to begin our first newsletter of the year with the news that Ofsted inspectors have yet again rated Addington School as Outstanding. We are extremely proud of all our staff and pupils for showcasing all that we do and very pleased that Ofsted recognised the huge amount of work that has gone into maintaining an outstanding education for our pupils – all this in what is becoming an ever-changing landscape in the field of education. You can access our Ofsted report via the link <http://addington.schooljotter2.com/our-school/ofsted> or on our website.

As usual the beginning of term was extremely busy and I would like to welcome our 17 new families to Addington whose children started with us this term. I have seen them settle in quickly and begin to make, what I hope, will be some lasting friendships as well as making strides in their classroom work.

As our doors opened back on the first day in September, pupils flooded in looking incredibly smart in their new school uniform. Thank you to all our families who made such an effort to ensure the new uniform policy was adhered to, and I am confident that our pupils will be a credit to our school whilst out and about in the community.

I would also like to mention our Addington Association. The Association is beginning to take off again with some new members and is busy commissioning some marketing ideas, such as a new logo and publicity banners to raise awareness in the local community. The money they raise is vital to provide extras that the school budget cannot afford and I know that they are actively looking for some new members. Please contact [AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com) if you can spare a few hours to support this very worthy cause.

Finally, as we move towards Christmas, I hope that parents and carers will support all our Christmas events which will be advertised through our website and on our app. Although it is a very exciting time of year, I am mindful that some of our pupils can find it overwhelming so staff will try to ensure that there is an air of calm and tranquillity around the proceedings if needed.

I look forward to seeing you at many of these events leading up to the Christmas holiday,

**Sara Attra**  
**Headteacher**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have certainly had an eventful beginning to the new year at Addington, in more ways than one! Still, it is always wonderful meet new pupils as well as welcome back our established students, and to meet their families too.

As well as our yearly coffee morning for Early Years pupils, we were lucky enough to be offered a morning's training for parents by Stephanie Lord. Stephanie is renowned for her work with scent and massage in supporting young people with additional needs, and was the person who trained Addington's team of Aromatouch practitioners. The session was really enjoyable; fun and informative, and we are lucky enough that Stephanie has agreed to run another session for us later in the academic year.

Since half term, I have supported Eirfron and the Access team of teachers with an event for parents and carers of our access class students. The main objective of this was to get families views on the curriculum. Feedback and suggestions from the parents who attended was excellent, so look out for a summary of the key points if your young person is in one of our amazing access classes.

This year I have decided to support the Addington Association Christmas morning rather than run a separate event. This will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, and I will be available on the day for a catch up and a chat before the Christmas holidays.

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

Best Wishes,

**Lucy - Parent Support Adviser**

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## **SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE LIST**

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



**All monies should be paid in advance.**

**ONLINE PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE please ask for details**

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

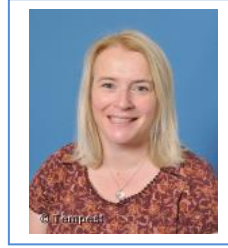
**Please look out for a letter regarding this year's Christmas Dinner...please return your order form along with any monies as soon as possible!**

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## Our Senior Leadership Team



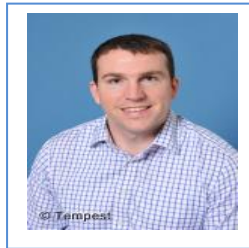
**Sara Attra**  
Headteacher



**Lynda Wood**  
Deputy Head



**Eirfron Watkinson**  
Assistant Headteacher



**David Maycock**  
Assistant Headteacher



**Sue Tod**  
School Business Manager

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## Addington Youth Club

Managed and staffed by  
Wokingham Bracknell & Districts Mencap

Wednesday evening 7pm to 9pm  
Fun for all youngsters from Year 9 up

Look out for the activities planned for the current term,  
come along and try a session.

Contact Wokingham Mencap on 0300 777 8539 for more information.

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### Parent Contact Information

We want to cut down on the amount of paper we send to parents and to get in touch more electronically via emails, texts and our school website ([www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.addington.wokingham.sch.uk)).

Apart from the money saved on printing costs, electronic communication is instant. In order to do this we need to be kept up to date with your latest email address and mobile numbers.

If you need to update us please email: [office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@addington.wokingham.sch.uk)

We also now have a school app which you can download (see links on our website), enabling you to receive news updates and alerts on your phone or other mobile device. You can also view our newsletters and see photos of the students.



## After school Tag-Rugby Club

This term the focus of our after school sports club has been Tag-Rugby. We have been lucky enough to have a brilliant coach called Joe from London Irish Rugby Club to come into Addington to deliver the sessions. The sessions have been excellent with students developing their passing, running and tagging skills.



## Golf Scholarship

Congratulations to Liam who has received a full Golf Scholarship at Sand Martins Golf Club. Liam will now be able to play Golf at Sand Martins for free till he is 21. Liam is a keen Golfer and has been attending lessons at the afterschool Sports club at Addington and at the Golf club. A big thank you to Alan Leason and Symon

O'Keefe for organising this. The Bracknell news link is :

[http://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/15512991.Golf\\_club\\_hands\\_out\\_scholarships\\_to\\_youngsters/](http://www.bracknellnews.co.uk/news/15512991.Golf_club_hands_out_scholarships_to_youngsters/)





## Schools Games Gold Award – 2016-2017

We were very happy to be awarded Gold School Games Mark accreditation for 2016-2017 for YR 3-11 engagement. It is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of sport across their school and in the community. We will be receiving a plaque soon for our Gold status.

Many congratulations to the other successful Wokingham Schools:

### Gold Games Mark

Addington  
Nine Mile Ride  
Radstock  
Robert Piggott  
Shinfield St Mary's

### Silver Games Mark

All Saints  
Beechwood  
Hawkedon  
Finchampstead  
Highwood  
Hillside

### Bronze Games Mark

Whiteknights



### Girls Football Tournament

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Addington attended a Girls SEN Football tournament at the Wycombe Leisure Centre, the tournament was organised by Wycombe Wanderers Football Club. Addington played some amazing Football and won the tournament. Well Done Girls!





## Paralympian comes to visit Addington students

Jim Roberts, a wheelchair Rugby Paralympian came to visit our school for a day. He started with a very interesting presentation about his difficult journey. The students listened very carefully, asked questions and found him to be interesting and brave. They got to touch his medals, GB team kit and look through a book of the Rio Paralympics. He also ran fun Rugby Wheelchair sessions during the day. He ate lunch with the students and also spent time with them on the playground. The students loved having him here and treated him like a celebrity. Hopefully they were inspired by his story to be determined even when times are tough.





# The Music Page



*The start of a new school is always very exciting in the music department. Our theme this term is 'Memory Lane' and many classes have been exploring how music can tell stories through playing pieces such as 'Summer of '69' and 'Best Days Of My Life'. Our students on the access curriculum have been exploring music telling the story of a day trip to the zoo in their sensory theatre music sessions and some of our younger students have been singing songs about the Harvest.*

*Our instrumental lessons have all started well, with many students continuing their lessons and some students having the opportunity to try a new instrument. This year we have new cello teacher Katy and our Key Stage 2 singing session leader Theo to welcome onto the team. There is always a waiting list for lessons but if students are interested please let us know as places can often become available over the course of the year. We have a system here of offering free lessons for students to try out an instrument and if they choose to continue these lessons are then privately funded.*

*Extra-curricular lunch time clubs are also well underway, including our afterschool Theatre Club and Addington Band, which welcomes some new students this year.*

*We hope you all enjoy half term!*

*Rhona, Sean, Jules and Martin*

*Dates for the diary:*

*School Carol Concert - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm*

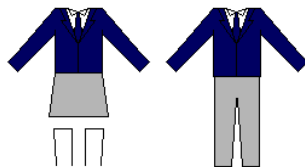
# CREATIVE ARTS



*We are developing our Creative Arts here at Addington School. In July we achieved our Artsmark Platinum award which is in recognition of the various arts that take place around the school. We now an art teacher and drama teacher each working with us for one day a week. Chris Bennett works with us on a Monday leading drama activities and Beccy Hyatt is here on a Thursday leading art sessions. Both are specialists in their area and will be working with various groups for a term or half term over the course of the year.*

*We are also extending our Arts Award delivery. Arts Award is an accreditation which we have previously offered to some of our musicians, but this year we are also involving art. Students choose their art form, set targets and then work towards them, making journal notes of their progress at each stage. They also complete project work and explore the wider arts in the community. We now have 2 groups taking part in the award at Bronze and Silver level, plus some students in Key Stage 3 working towards their Explore level.*

## Second-Hand Uniform



**On the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> December, alongside our parents Christmas coffee morning, there will be a selection of second hand uniform available to purchase in the reception area.**

**We have a range of sizes available, some cardigans, sweatshirts, jackets and fleeces and more all in excellent clean condition at bargain prices.**

**All monies raised will be donated to the After School Club here at Addington.**





## Addington School Association News

Charity No 1088765

Dear all,

As many of you are no doubt aware Natalie Walker stepped away from chairing the association back in April time and some new faces along with some of the remaining members having been having a long think about how we carry on the work of the association. I'm sure you will agree that Natalie along with Barbi have done a fabulous job with heading up the committee and raising those additional funds for our school and I'm sure you'll join me and the committee in saying a huge thank you. Barbi is still about helping support us and Natalie has joined our helpers list. Watch out for the Christmas draw tickets that will be coming home shortly, all organised by Barbi for us, I know you'll show your appreciation by selling as many as possible to friends and family; don't be afraid to ask for more!!

Sadly because of time constraints and the enormous amount of work involved there will be no Christmas Fayre this year. One of the committee's new member's, Jason Thrower, is keen to head up making it happen in 2018. You will have seen around school and on the web site that we are working towards attending the Wokingham and Woodley Winter Fayres and have been asking for donations of gift bags whether used or new and items to fill them for a Posh Bag Tombola. Wokingham's Fayre is on the 26<sup>th</sup> November and Woodley's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December so please if you get chance come and say hello and keep your fingers crossed for us for a dry not too windy day! We will be taking donations right up till these events so please do keep them coming and a big thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We will be taking draw tickets with us too to sell to the wider community.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December we will be hosting a coffee morning in school; so please put the date in your dairies. More details will follow regarding this nearer the time, but, it will be a nice opportunity to come in and get into the festive spirit.

The Association committee are looking at taking our fund-raising efforts out into the community more; in the hope of more support from our local community rather than just through parents and friends of the school. Sandy has taken on the role of approaching businesses for funds and support and to help with that we are currently in process of having information leaflets produced, along with some other promotional materials. We should very shortly have a brand-new Association logo to share with you all thanks to the efforts of Jason Thrower. Committee member Suky Sehgal is looking into organising an Addington Ball which we are all very excited about and we should have a date and more information for you all on this shortly. It's a big undertaking as you can imagine.

We are all very excited as well as very shortly we will have our very own notice board outside the school building to help keep everyone informed about what we currently have going on.

We are gradually putting together a list of annual community events that we could attend to fund raise; so please if you know of anything let us know, it would be much appreciated.

You will have seen around school or on the web site that by sending in community cash tokens from the local Wokingham paper we can enter their draw and have the chance to pick up £200.00. The draws take place every two months, the more tokens that go in the greater our chances. The tokens must be originals from the paper; you can send these into school, they don't have to be filled in, we can do that! It's that easy! The papers can be found at local garden centres, often given away free! So please keep your eyes open and keep them coming in. As we speak we are preparing to send first load in, a fabulous 30 tokens! Let's make it more next time! A big thank you to everyone who has started collecting and sending them in already.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who responded and volunteered to join our helpers list for events. Thanks to you we will be able to get out and about and raise some funds for our school. Please do get in touch if you're interested and haven't done so yet, the more people we can call on the more we can do; you don't have to join the committee you will just be approached when we have an event coming up that we need help with. However, if you would like to join the committee and take up a role or project for us we could certainly do with a few more people to spread the load. Please get in touch via school or via our very own email address [AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:AddingtonAssociation@gmail.com) this site is monitored by one of our committee members.

Please do keep an eye to the web page and for our news flashes as to what we are doing.

Thank you for all your support,

**Yvonne Thrower and all the Association Committee Members.**

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We are very pleased to announce that an Addington School parent Knara Makhtumoua; mother to Andrey has agreed to run next year's Reading Half Marathon on March 18<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for the school.

Knara's son Andrey has been at Addington since foundation, his twin sister Sophia is a pupil at Highwood and Knara who has only been running for a couple years wants to show her appreciation for all the school does for Andrey by helping raise some money for school projects.

Knara pictured has a goal to raise at least £500.00 and we would like to invite you to help her make this happen. Details how you can do this will follow shortly. We will keep you posted on how Knara's training is going and how her target stands.

A huge thank you to Knara from all of us on the Addington School Association.

And should Knara inspire you to take on a challenge and raise funds for us, please do get in touch and we will do everything we can to support you.



## Autumn 2017 - Routes to Work Work Related Learning

### Business Enterprise

As part of Business Enterprise, FE students worked together to host a wonderful coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

After trialing, preparing, baking and stocking up a range of baked goods, students provided a delicious break for all of the classes, staff and visitors in school.



Students practiced a range of work related skills; team-work, customer service, handling money and communication skills. Everyone looked very smart in their PPE and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

### Work Ready Day at Wyevale Garden Centre

Students from an FE class experienced a most informative and interactive Work Ready Day at Wyevale Garden Centre in Binfield. After being met by the centre manager, students completed a health and safety briefing which allowed the access to all areas. They thoroughly enjoyed exploratory visits through the outside plant area, the Christmas stock room, the catering area, outside greenhouses and the aquatics area. Students learned about customer service, marketing, health and safety as well as finding out more about the horticulture industry.



## Autumn 2017 - Routes to Work Work Experience

### JOB SHADOWING at WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL



Late last year, at the very end of summer term, four students took part in a job shadowing experience at Wokingham Borough Council. They worked in four different departments – finance, economic development, environment and leisure – to learn about the roles and responsibilities attached to each area.



### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD



Employee of the Month has been awarded to **BEN REYNOLDS** from Key Stage 5. Ben is currently completing a work experience at Rainbow Cafe.

He has been given this award in recognition of achievements in targets relating to good customer service. Ben has also been learning about health and safety in the kitchen and food preparation.

**Congratulations Ben!**



## **The Interns**



### **National Grid - EmployAbility**

The three new interns are settling well into their job roles at National Grid. They have taken roles in different departments, and have been working alongside job coaches to adjust to the routines of being in a work environment.



Previous interns who have gained paid employment at National Grid have enjoyed acting as mentors to the new intake, passing on their 'top tips' and being a friendly face at lunchtimes.



Travel training, has also been completed and the interns have shown that they can travel independently to and from work. This is a really important skill for the interns, as it develops their independence and means that they learn how to become self-reliant when it comes to accessing paid employment.

### **Opportunity Evening**

On **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**, the FE Faculty will be hosting an **Opportunities' Evening** at Addington School. This is an excellent opportunity to find out about post school placements as well as the many varied clubs and societies that are available in the community. The event is for year 7 upwards.

There will be representatives from Social Care Services, the Education Business Partnership and Transition services. We have also invited representatives from all the local Further Education Colleges and other organisations that provide services for our students when they transition to F.E and when they leave school. The Supported Employment Service from Optalis will be presenting during the evening to provide parents, carers and young people with information about their services and support networks.

Representatives from local clubs and societies will be present and are only too delighted to discuss their programmes with you and your parents and carers. We hope you can join us on this informative evening at Addington School.





## Autumn 2017 - Routes to Work City & Guilds

### Hospitality

Hospitality students have had a very productive half-term and work has already begun on assessments. Three new students entered this course this year, so students from last year have been acting as mentors. Year 2 students have enjoyed the extra responsibilities around guiding others through health and safety regulations, managing their time, working with customers in Shuter's café and personal presentation.

Staff at Wokingham Borough Council missed our café during the summer and they were delighted that we have returned to business. Our first morning at the café was as busy as ever!



Hospitality students were delighted to cater at the Woodley Business Fair at Oakwood Centre this half-term. Not only did they have an opportunity to work with the general public, but the event was an excellent experience for net-working with employers.

### Horticulture

The students have worked really hard, preparing the ground ready for the winter. We have harvested lots of seeds ready for sowing in the New Year; the beds at school and at the allotment have been prepared, ready for covering over winter.

The weather has been very confusing for some of the plants....we have Christmas hyacinths in flower already! The potatoes are beginning to show growth, and will hopefully be ready for Christmas whilst our garlic and onions are already showing, due to the mild weather.