

Dear Parents and Friends,

The Polli:Nation corner continues to develop, and special words of thanks go to Mrs Meyer and Mrs Stamatopoulos for their extra work at the weekend. Other plants, better suited to little hands, have now been added and we can look forward to a colourful (and aromatic) Spring.

**Staffroom Paint** Can any of our wonderful volunteers remember what colours were used to paint the staffroom? Perhaps there was some paint left over? We are now ready to paint the built in cupboard, and the bright pink is still in need of a final coat. Thank you.



### Hockey

We spent a very pleasant afternoon at the District Hockey tournament. Like many schools, we were able to enter more than one team, so competition was fierce as well as fun.

'Tenacious' Josh said "We played against Blue Coat, Cam Everlands, Dursley Primary and The British School, as well as our other North Nibley team." Laney was particularly proud of herself for scoring. Isla learnt that she was better in defence than attack. Alice scored twice in the same half-match, once at a very tight angle. Oliver said he enjoyed it because "We made it into the same group as the A team." He scored a hat-trick in one match (even though Freddy could have poached the goal, but generously let the ball run on to allow Oliver his moment of glory!) George was pleased that the A Team won their group, putting them 5<sup>th</sup> out of 15, a very respectable score. Our B Team came 7<sup>th</sup>, also a super achievement. Tim described it as a great experience. Freddy thought overall they played very well as a team. Harry described his team's play as "consistent."

**STOP PRESS - Team A now progress to the County Finals!**



### Red Nose Day 2017.

Please wear as much 'red' as you can on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, and come prepared to make a generous donation 'on the door' for a day of silliness with a serious message...

### See you in court!



Year 6 were prosecutors in the annual inter-school 'Mock Trial' competition. In this case another primary school successfully defended their pupil who had been charged with arson. Although our case was not proved beyond reasonable doubt, our pupils were praised for their preparation, impartiality and performance in the court room. Here are the teams, pictured with the Rt. Hon. Countess Bathurst, High Sheriff of Gloucestershire (centre). Also pictured is Mr Batchelor's old 'boss', magistrate Cathy Wildsmith, who once upon a time was class teacher to a young 'Miss Surrige'. Small world!

**Mrs Dixon** has been signed off for a further week. I am sure we are all grateful for the way the staff have rallied round and taken on additional duties to minimise disruption for the children. As a direct result there will be **NO SPORTS CLUB** on **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH**. We wish Mrs Dixon a speedy recovery.

**Fair Processing Notice** You should have received today a Fair Processing / Data Protection / Privacy Notice (it seems to go by several names!) There is also a copy on the school website! It is a requirement in law that we tell you how we use data.

**Our Website** You might recall that school is required to publish the Governor's Register of Interests. The Governor pages on the website have received an overhaul. Do take a look.

**Did you know...** Following a parent's suggestion, we created a website page listing the current and previous club 'offer'.

**Apologies** – four mistakes or omissions (that I know of) made their way into the last newsletter.

- 1) Comic Relief is **FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March**.
- 2) The date for Round One of the Wildlife Quiz will now be **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 3:45** at Stone-with-Woodford Primary.
- 3) Year 5 & 6 Rugby tournament – now confirmed at Stinchcombe, **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
- 4) The pupil work was not by "Fed" at all, but "Fred"!

**Our Best wishes go to Miss Honeyborne** who has made a lasting impression in Class 3. Thank you for your support during this final practise before qualification as a teacher. Keep in touch!

**Lunch Times** The point has been raised that it would be extremely helpful to have an extra Mid-Day Supervisor 'in reserve', who we might be able to call on when illness or absence results in us being short-handed. Please enquire at the office if you feel that you may, on the odd occasion, be willing and available.

**Are You Disqualified?** It's that time of year again, our annual request for information that we are required to hold for safeguarding purposes. Please make every effort to return these. For any volunteers who joined since last February, yes, please do complete a second form. Our records are reset every February.

#### Instrument Tuition

We anticipate a timeslot becoming available for woodwind lessons (recorders, flute, saxophone or clarinet) after Easter. Might you want to start a woodwind instrument (clarinet, recorder, saxophone or flute)? Why not join with a friend or two and share the cost?

**Diary Dates** Our online diary can be found at [http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page\\_id=267](http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/?page_id=267)

Sat 11th	X-Country County Final – We have 1 entrant! Well done Mark.		
Monday 13th	Year 4 – 'In The Net' Internet Safety Play		
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	NO SPORTS CLUB Gloucestershire Wildlife Nature Quiz, 3:45 at Stone-with-Woodford. Supporters welcome. 7:00 Governors Strategy Meeting, 7:30 FONNS, staffroom		
Thursday 16th	RUNNING CLUB IS ON Year 5 & 6 Rugby tournament at Stinchcombe, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.		
Tuesday 21st	Girls Football Tournament, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Rotary Club General Knowledge Quiz – team yet to be confirmed. 6:00 at Cam Hopton Primary.		
Weds 22nd	Dance Festival – details to follow.		
Monday 27th	Monday Lunch (Year 6) Teaching and Learning Committee (Governors) 6:30 p.m.		
Thursday 30th	1:00 - 3:30 Year 3 & 4 Rugby		
Friday 31st	Final Friday for 'outside school' certificates etc.		
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last Swim for Years 1 & 2. Finance & Premises Committee (Governors) 7:30 (t.b.c.)		
Tuesday 4th	Country Dance Festival, Stroud – details to follow.		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Hockey - County Finals 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.		
Thursday 6th	Archery, 3:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.		
Friday 7th	A REALLY SPECIAL trip out for Class 4 – watch this space! Last Day Of Term.		
<b>THIS SPRING – Pupil days</b>	<b>NEXT SUMMER – Pupil days</b>	<b>AUTUMN 2017 – Pupil days</b>	<b>SPRING 2018 – Pupil days</b>
Term 3 03/01/2017 – 10/02/2017	Term 5 24/04/17 - 26/05/17	Term 1 05/09/2017 – 20/10/2017	Term 3 04/01/2018 – 9/02/2018
Term 4 20/02/2017 – 07/04/2017	Term 6 05/06/17 - 19/07/17	Term 2 31/10/2017 – 15/12/2017	Term 4 19/02/2018 – 29/03/2018