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On this day in 1933 Martin Luther King Jr Day is 1st observed in all 50 US states.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

“This is why we sing...”

You might not recognise these words. They come from one of the songs sung by our choir, and performed alongside over 6,200 other primary school children at the Genting Area (at the N.E.C.) to a sell-out crowd of 10,000 last Friday. North Nibley had performed at the “Young Voices” event before (2020) but it was my first time and I was really impressed. The children sang so well and the volume was overpowering at times. The celebrities had amazing talent, in voice, dance and enthusiasm. I look forward to going again in 2018. Special thanks must go to Mrs Shephard and Mrs Shepherd (not the different spellings!) who had prepared the children so well. Joss in Y4, during our Blogging Club, wrote: “On the Friday **the 12th of January 2018 some of North Nibley School** went to Birmingham to participate in Young Voices. We **arrived in Birmingham about 1:00 pm. Then we found our seats and started to eat lunch. After about half an hour later we started rehearsals, it took about 2 and a half hours!** Eventually the rehearsal finished and we ate our **dinner. We had to bring 2 water bottles because there was a lot of singing to do. Finally, at about 7:00 pm the concert started, it looked amazing with all our Young Voices T-shirts and Young Voices light up keyrings!** The concert **included these people: Alfie Sheard, The Magnets and Natalie Williams!** We got to sing songs with them as well, **it was an incredible experience! Hopefully we get to do this next time!**” More thoughts from the children, and additional **photos, can be found on our website.**



Music Festival – the hard work (and FUN!) starts here!

Mrs Stewart has started the ball rolling. “I have put the sign-up sheet for this year’s volunteers into the corridor, but we are also giving parents/friends the option to use the online sign-up sheet as an additional way to capture as many people as possible. The sheet is user friendly if you are of limited technical ability. Please use the sheet in the corridor, or the online version, but not both!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GK5CVLC>

Premises Update – the proposed additional teaching space.

Thank you SO MUCH to all those in our community – and those further afield (like my Mum!) who voted and raised the profile of our building project. Aviva wrote this week “We’re delighted to share with you that your project ‘Breakout space for SEN support and IT learning’ has been chosen as a winner in the Aviva Community Fund and has been awarded ...

£5,000.

You can review our project here – and help spread the word.

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-6149>



Governors are now hard at work reviewing options and existing budgets. If you have access to funds, are a fund raiser or know where extra financial help may be sought, please contact us so that we can edge closer changing this dream into a reality. I’m already stockpiling my Tesco ‘blue tokens’ in case, one day soon, our project features as a Tesco fundraiser.



A stitch in time! One of our ex-pupils and neighbour was on our site at the Christmas Fayre. She noticed that the collage in the hall, which she fondly remembered from her own time here, was looking the worse for wear. Perhaps not surprising, given it was completed in the year 2002. (Do any of our readers remember helping to make it?) Being a textile student currently studying for her A-Levels, she volunteered her skills and over the Christmas holiday she repaired, renewed and reattached the various elements of the collage, featuring the Tyndale Monument and other notable sites from our village. This information was sourced by Georgia and Amélie at our blogging club, who wanted to add "Thank you very much, you are brilliant!"

Stamps – please save your stamps for our charity box in the foyer.

Messy Church – please check out your invitation for tomorrow.



Saturday 20th January

10.30 - 12.30

At The Chapel

**Come and join in the
Messy fun!!!**

SWIMMING

Years 1 & 2 are currently enjoying their swimming lessons on a Monday. However, if they don't properly dry themselves, tights are incredibly difficult to put back on. If you can, please wear trousers on a Monday for swimming.

e-Safety We have booked 'e-safety expert' Alan Mackenzie to run a parent meeting on e-safety awareness – and in particular how this applies to children and young people. This will be a Tyndale Cluster event so parents from other local schools will be joining us here on **18th APRIL 2018**. I can confirm the start time as 6:30 p.m. **In the last North Nibley School survey parents specifically requested this, so as host school I hope for a good turnout.**

Coming home with Class 3 today "Be Smart on the internet" – little leaflets which I hope you will take time to explore with your children.

"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.
If you want to be happy, practice compassion." Dalai Lama.

Can you help? We are looking for someone with good DIY skills to help make a repair or two around the school. Please contact us using the information above. Also – Could a qualified volunteer PAT test two appliances please?

Cross-Country We are very much looking forward to our fourth and final cross country race next Saturday 27th January. We are currently in first place for the small schools shield and have several runners in the top ten for their age groups. Presentations will be held after the races. So please stay to be part of these. There will also be a parents' race while scores are being added up. I know the children would love the chance to cheer you on!

DIARY DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. SEE http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/			
Monday 22nd	Monday Lunch (Year 6 pupils serving community meals) Hi 5 Netball – 3:30 – 5:00		
Weds 24th	Visiting Author, Class 4. There will be an opportunity to buy books too. Governor meeting (Full Governing Board)		
Thursday 25th	FONNS meeting here at school, 7:30. All are welcome.		
Saturday 27th	Cross-country – Race 4 – KLB, 9:30 for a 10:00 start		
SPRING 2018 – Pupil days		SUMMER 2018 – Pupil days	
Term 3 04/01/2018 – 9/02/2018	Term 5 16/04/2018 – 25/05/2018	Term 1 04/09/2018 – 19/10/2018	Term 3 07/01/2019 – 15/02/2019
Term 4 19/02/2018 – 29/03/2018	Term 6 04/06/2018 – 24/07/2018	Term 2 30/10/2018 – 20/12/2018	Term 4 25/02/2019 – 05/04/2019
	The Virtual Bookbag http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/ is updated late on Friday. In it this week -		
	• Extra club opportunity for Years 1 & 2 • Messy Church and Prema Arts flyers		