



NEWSLETTER 226

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On this day in 1909, British Lt. Ernest Shackleton finds the magnetic South Pole.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Girl's Football Girls from Years 5 and 6 represented our school in the Stroud Area Tournament at 'Indoor Football' in Brimscombe Port, Stroud. We played 5 matches between 12 noon and 4:15 p.m. in very cold conditions. The girls were able to run around to keep warm, but the spectators got very cold!

One player said "We played our best, winning two matches, drawing two and losing only 1." "Sadly it was not quite enough to get into the finals." Our goalkeeper stayed on for all the time and managed a super save during the match against Bussage Primary. In the five matches we only conceded one goal. Our winning goals in two matches were both scored by the same striker. I was very impressed by the levels of co-operation and teamwork in the games, and by the sportsmanship exhibited by the girls at the end. We were always the first to call 'three cheers' for our opponents.



Class 3 violin concert On Mon 19th March, at 2.30, Class 3 demonstrated their violin skills to "lots of parents". Jude continued with these thoughts. "My favourite tunes were 'Too Much Rosin' and 'Ready, Steady, Bow'." Posie said "It was fun, but a bit scary!" Ben said "It was amazing. I like playing the violin and think I am quite good at it." Jacob said that the concert was "pretty good. It was harder to learn than I expected." Well done to all of you.

Nature Quiz Our team made it safely through the first round, with a near-perfect 39 out of 40. Awesome work!



Rotary General Knowledge Quiz A second Quiz team were also in action on Tuesday. The event was held in the evening at Blue Coat Primary. One team member said "Some questions were quite easy, but some were hard. It was a fun evening." It was against 4 other schools. "We were pleased with our score, but did not score enough to win". Even so, the Rotary Club provided Easter Eggs for all the teams. "I'm saving mine for the Easter Holidays said another. Such self-control

Governors Congratulations to Mrs Romero-Brown, who is 'elected unopposed' to the Governing Body.

Staffing Congratulations to Mrs Helen Chapman who was selected at interview last Friday to work in Classroom 2 as Teaching Assistant. Mrs Chapman will be well-known to many of you. She is able to start after-Easter, working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

EDUCATION IN THE NEWS

"The proportion of English secondary schools in deficit almost trebled in the last 5 years, rising to 26%" (The Guardian, 16/03/2018). "Eight out of 10 academies in deficit, say accountants" (BBC News, 17/03/2018). The government disputes the findings of both reports.



North Nibley Governors have met to set the budget for the next year. It is clear that the year-on-year squeeze on Public Sector funding, which started in 2010 and continues to today, is beginning to present real challenges. We welcome any ideas that you might have

to help us maintain the high standards you have come to expect. For example

- Do we have parents or contacts who might be able to help us with a new photocopier contract?
- Do we have amongst our community any experts in SharePoint or Microsoft Teams?
- Do we have a qualified 'friend' who might be willing to act as a Data Protection Officer?
- We are looking for someone with good DIY skills to help make a repair or two around the school.
- Do we have in our community a qualified volunteer who could PAT test appliances around the school?
- We would be very pleased to received donations of boxes or tissues since colds seem particularly 'popular' at the moment. Thank you.

Another Unannounced Inspection! This time the school was subject to a Food Hygiene Inspection from Environmental Health, who arrived at Lunchtime in order to check that all was in order with the school meals. I am pleased to announce that Edwards and Ward retained their 5 star rating for hygiene on our school site!

The BOX-OF-SOCKS Thank you to Mrs Saunderson for the donation of socks! (See last week's newsletter!)

WOULD YOU BE SURPRISED TO LEARN... Our very own school website was subjected to over 5,000 cyber-attacks LAST MONTH! Many of these originated in China, with the USA, France and the Ukraine also trying to hack our site. The online world is changing. Children and parents need to be aware of the risks, so...

PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE join us and other parents of the Tyndale Cluster schools when we run a parent meeting on e-safety awareness. We have booked 'e-safety expert' Alan Mackenzie to lead us, here on **18th APRIL 2018**. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m. Head Teachers from 12 local schools will be meeting with Alan in the afternoon. Those of us charged with Child Protection take this very seriously, and with good reason.

Compassion is our Christian Value in Focus: ""My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humour, and some style" — Maya Angelou

ParentPay We have become a CASHLESS SCHOOL (excluding charity donations). Please support us by remembering that all payments need to go through ParentPay. Thank you. If you have any difficulties, please approach the office staff directly.



School Council News The School Council was granted a small budget by the school, to improve any aspect of the school that was a concern. They chose the far end of the playground, which manages to catch and hold a fair amount of litter, including that blown across the playing fields. Our new 'Frog' bin has arrived.

School Council Presentation to Governors One of our co-chairs made a confident presentation to the governors on Wednesday night (sadly the other was ill). This was followed by a question and answer session about the work of the Council. She was 'very impressive!'



SCHOOL DINNERS In accordance with the County Catering Contract, the price of a paid school meal will increase to £2.36 from Monday April 16th 2018. The County Council reluctantly has to increase the selling price of a school meal due to the increases in the national living wage, food, materials and transport during the last twelve months.

THERE IS A SPECIAL MENU FOR NEXT WEEK – PLEASE SEE THE FLYERS AND VIRTUAL BOOK BAG FOR DETAILS.

SUMMER TERM CLUBS Please let me know if you are planning to run a club in the summer term. The quicker we can compile the 'menu', the quicker we can start!

SMARTYOTS Parents, please collect your wonderful creations which have arrived in the office. They are fragile!

DIARY DATES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. SEE <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/school-diary/>

Tues 27 th March	County FINALS for Hockey	Quick Sticks Hockey
Weds 28 th	Special 'Easter' Menu	Rugby Coaching in School
Thursday 29 th LAST DAY OF TERM	Tag Rugby for Year 4 Cricket Coaching – Classes 1 and NO BLOGGING CLUB today Final assembly of the term, in a Friday style. Starting at 2:40 We will be saying 'Good bye' to Mrs Lewis. Don't forget to take home coats, scarves, hats, wellies, drinks bottles, sandwich boxes, violins, recorders, music books, homework and spellings and reading books.	
Mon 16 th April	FIRST DAY BACK FOR ALL PUPILS	
Tuesday 17 th	Class 4 trip to the National Space Centre	
Weds 18 th	Year 5 Tyndale Cluster event, here at school, Year 6 Tag Rugby PARENT e-safety awareness meeting – 6:30 here at school. See above for details	
SUMMER 2018 – Pupil days	AUTUMN 2018 – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING 2019 – Pupil days
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 6 04/06/2018 – 24/07/2018	Term 2 30/10/2018 – 20/12/2018	Term 4 25/02/2019 – 05/04/2019
		NEXT SUMMER 2019 – Pupil days
		Term 5 23/04/2018 – 24/05/2019
		Term 6 03/06/2018 – 19/07/2019

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The Virtual Bookbag <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/> is updated late on Friday. In it this week -

- School Milk
- Wotton Pool
- Easter Menu
- Maths Questionnaire
- Class 1, 2 and Class 4 trip letters