



Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!



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On this day in 1471, the Battle of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, the final battle between the Houses of Lancaster and York:

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Go Team Nibley! By the racers themselves, Lucy, Amelie, Charlotte, Alfie, Olivier, Emily, Catherine, Sophie G, Alice, Erin, Harvey, Ava, Georgia, Fred, Sylvie, Arthur and Ella. On Saturday 28th April, we braved the icy, windy car park, at Renishaw, New Mills to race our rocket 'Galactic Nibley' against ten other cars.

Formula Goblin club met twice a week. In the first sessions we had to nominate thoughts for naming the go-kart. Everyone wrote down ideas and by a democratic vote we came up with the name, Galactic Nibley, which reflected the topic we were studying: SPACE. In addition to deciding names and designs, the Goblin crew conquered the difficult course on the playground, dodging cones, swerving around chairs and avoiding (and sometimes targeting) the pit-crew.

Special mention must be made of the pit-crew, who ensured the drivers were secure in their straps and the helmet couldn't touch the steering handles, safety-switch on at the back; safety-switch on at the front, the car was ready to go! One giant push, and away the rocket blasted.



Our design used flag fabric with shiny foil planets, stars and rockets to make the body. Bright orange ribbons streamed from the back like shooting stars streaking through the atmosphere. This, combined with the light-weight drivers, helped us win every drag race and we were eventual crowned 'Champion Speedsters'.

The other race on Saturday was the dreaded slalom. Drivers had to accurately plan out their route through the tortuous cones and into the tight-fitting, claustrophobic parking space. Touch a cone and lose precious seconds. Most of our drivers succeeded in navigating their way through the treacherous obstacles but we were not as quick as some other teams.

After lunch, we raced in the Head-to-Head. The cars had to compete around the tight corners to gain the chequered flag first. Unfortunately, despite being the tightest race, Galactic Nibley came second to Freshford. Perhaps we'll win more races next year and our perseverance will pay off and we'll race to victory.

**“Galactic Nibley Go
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Hey Ho the CAR-I-O
Galactic Nibley Go!”**

Nibley cheerleaders, as usual, were hugely supportive of each competitor, especially when our own rocket was roaring down the track. Not surprisingly, we won the “GreenPower Team Spirit Award” for the 2nd year running. Thank you to the staff for their time and effort behind these successes, and for all our supporters on the Saturday.

Choir and Musicians 'Wow' the audience at the Wotton-Under-Edge Arts Festival Schools Evening.



On Thursday night St Mary's Church was packed with parents and friends who had gathered to hear the combined choirs and orchestras of 4 local schools perform a selection of pieces from around the British Isles. Traditional songs included 'Danny Boy', the 'Skye Boat Song' and 'Scarborough Fair', whilst the audience played 'Land Of Hope And Glory' and the theme from 'Eastenders', amongst others. A quartet of recorder players from North Nibley entertained us with 'An English Country Garden' in multiple parts, their harmonies ringing around the church. I was impressed with the talent and commitment shown by all our children, and they clearly enjoyed themselves too. Well done everyone, and well done to the adults who had trained and supported them. Every bit of practising at home really paid off!

PERSEVERANCE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” The Bible, Galatians 6:9

Staffing – Update Mrs Green, recently appointed as Teaching Assistant to Class 1, has informed us that she has been successful in gaining employment elsewhere, with a greater number of hours on offer. Governors are considering the opportunities brought by two resignations, and hope to have news for you in due course.

Reading Over the last few weeks in Open Worship (Fridays) I have been stressing the importance of reading – and reading daily. I was seriously concerned to discover that some children in Class 1 had not recorded a single incident of reading at home in the last term. I cannot stress enough the importance of this activity, even with the 10 and 11 year olds! Working in partnership with home (see our vision) should mean that we are striving for the same ends and reading together is a fundamental part of the key role that home plays in giving our learners a great start to their education. Quite rightly school is held to account for what it does. In a true partnership this should work both ways. You can find out more about our expectations by re-reading our Home-School agreements and the quick guide to homework located on this page – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/our-classes-and-topic-plans-2017-18/>

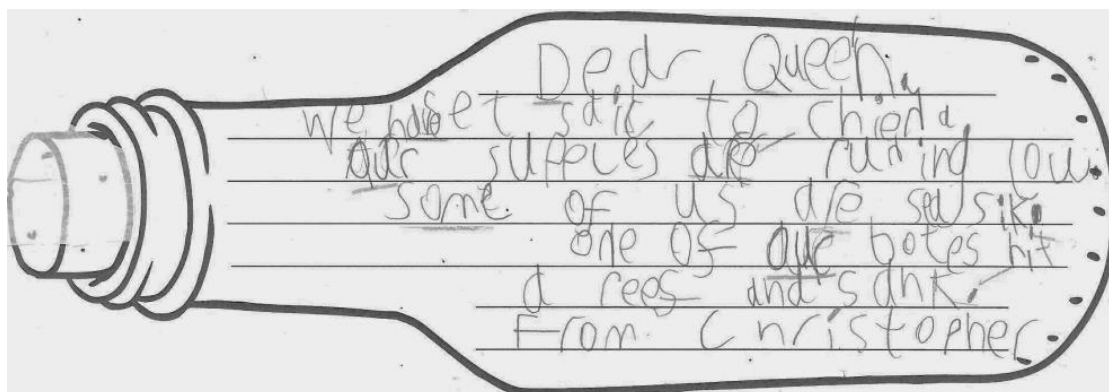
Why not take up our reading challenge or create a book review <http://northnibley.weebly.com/book-reviews>

Save the date! The Spring Fayre is on Saturday 19th May, from 2pm and organised by FONNS and St Martin's. The advertising banners are now up at the Village Hall and on the main road and preparations are well in hand!

Appeals We have posted on our website that those wishing to appeal to our Governors for a place in Reception (2018-19) should wait for the outcome of the Local Authority reconsideration/waiting list process. Governors will meet on the 5th June to consider appeals.

SATS It really helps children to know that their parents are informed and supportive. If you missed last week's SATS meetings for parents & carers of Year 2 and Year 6 pupils, you can download our information booklets here – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/supporting-learning-publications/> Look for 'Parent Guide to SATS.'

Message In A Bottle Rufus in Class 1 imagined Christopher Columbus sending the following message to the Queen.



Dear Queen,
We have sailed to China.
Our supplies are running out.
Some of us are seasick.
One of our boats hit a reef and sank.
From Christopher.

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

Monday 7 th MAY	BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL!
Thursday 10 th	Class 3 to the Black Country Living Museum
Friday 11 th	Year 4 'In The Net' Internet Safety presentation (morning – other schools on our site too) Tag Rugby - Class 3 at The British School (afternoon)
Monday 12 th	Key Stage Two (Year 6) SATS tests begin today. CLUBS AS USUAL!
Thursday 17 th	Full Governor's Board meeting
Friday 18 th	Class 4 post-SATS picnic. Details to follow.
Saturday 19 th	Spring Fayre – see above
Monday 21 st May	Monday Lunch – a Year 6 group at the Village Hall. Packed lunch needed.
Weds 23 rd	Class 4 – First Aid Training Quad-Kids Y3&4 @ KLB NO SPORTS CLUB TODAY
Thursday 24 th	Nature Quiz Area Finals, here at 3:30, against Stone-with-Woodford Last day for Mrs Dommett
Friday 25 th	Last day for Mrs Green

SUMMER 2018 – Pupil days	AUTUMN 2018 – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER 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 5 23/04/2019 – 24/05/2019
Term 6 04/06/2018 – 24/07/2018	Term 2 30/10/2018 – 20/12/2018	Term 4 25/02/2019 – 05/04/2019	Term 6 03/06/2019 – 19/07/2019



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

- Nothing!