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On this day in 1874 the game of Lawn Tennis was introduced!

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Dear Parents and Friends,



Team North Nibley put in another impressive performance in the District Athletic Meetings this week, achieving a podium place in 21 of our 22 track races, and winning an incredible 15 of them against 7 schools of similar size.

Polli:Nation

This initiative came to an end last week, with a celebration of the work of all the project schools here at North Nibley. Miss Allen led the project for the staff, but said "I couldn't have done so without the amazing support of Mrs Meyer and all her help in the lead up to the pollination party. She spent a long time doing the pots and beds and our visitors thought the school looked great! Mrs Redshaw also gave support and we are very grateful."

Music Festival Update

Thank you to the 62 (of 77) families who responded to the important Music Festival letter this week. Many took the opportunity to comment further and these comments deserve an immediate response.

- The letter did point out that this was a proposal under consideration. Your slips will help us plan what steps we take next and I will write early next week with 'the plan'.
- INSET days are planned 5 terms in advance, and are planned in response to the school's needs rather than for the convenience of others. Nevertheless it does remain an option for consideration in 2019 IF the music festival deem that earlier opening is a success. (Mid-term INSET days are not problem-free for working parents). It is still possible that earlier opening results in no congestion at all – it is still an unknown.
- Whilst the situation is not of the school's making, I am concerned that this does not create an 'us-and-them' situation with our friends on the festival committees. Where we can we work in partnership.

Music Festival Opportunity Any country dancers (from this year or years gone by) who are attending Nibley Festival 2018 and would like to do a performance on the Nibley Buskstop stage on Saturday afternoon, now is your chance! Please get in touch with school or Louise Ciotti - there will be couple of rehearsals on Weds lunchtimes.

Essential Experiences

I've been inspired by the new tag-line for the diocese – "Life in all its fullness." What does this mean for a 21st century child, and how does a school promote such an aspiration? Could we, between us, come up with a list of 100 essential experiences for Primary aged children? The deadline is 1st September, after which the submitted ideas will be considered in full. The final word, however, will be down to the School Pupil Council. I'm excited to see what they come up with! Make your entry here –

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/essential-experiences/>

Encouraging a love of reading I would be happy to receive 'selfies' (and similar) of children pictured with their bookshelves! Send photos to newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk and we'll share a few in Friday's Assembly.

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

Instrument Players

On Wednesday 27th June, from 2:15, children who have been learning instruments will be able to play to the school. Mrs Hale will attend, the Year 2 Ocarinas will play and Mrs Miller hopes to join us too, to showcase all the great learning that's been going on. You are welcome to join us. Don't forget your instruments and music!

Milk Can I remind parents of Reception children that the 'free' milk your child enjoys comes to an end on their 5th birthday. Please either choose to continue the milk by paying for it yourselves, or help us by preparing your child for disappointment!

Lunches If your child orders a lunch, it must be paid for (KS2 children). School does not have the resources to pay for any mistakes, regardless of whether you have also sent in a lunch box. Teachers will do all they can to ensure that children order accurately but please remind them if you have provided a packed lunch.

THANK YOU for returning your visitor lanyards (several were sneaked back in an anonymous manner, but that's OK!) Can we now ask you to look for Cold Packs, which have been applied to bumps and scrapes? Our first aid stocks are running low!

The following is taken from page 3 of KLB School's June 2018 Newsletter which is available on their school website: Future admissions to Katharine Lady Berkeley's School

Following the publication of an article in the Wotton Times concerning the possible effects of additional housing in Charfield, may I clarify the position with respect to admissions to this school.

At the outset, may I confirm that there are no plans to change our admissions arrangements other than a small increase in our admissions number from 248 to 250 as from September 2019.

The current and recent situation is that the school has been oversubscribed for Year 7 starting in 2016, 2017 and 2018. This year we had 328 first choice preferences against our Published Admissions Number of 248. This meant that we had to increase our admissions number to 250 just to accommodate siblings of children already on roll (123 pupils) and others living in our catchment area* (127 pupils). It is worth noting that admissions for 2018 included a particularly high number of siblings – the number is normally around 100.


If the pattern for the last three years continues and if the school age population close to the school increases due to additional housing then the distance criterion might have to be used in our catchment area. Therefore it is possible that a few pupils from the furthest reaches of our catchment area would not be admitted unless the school admission number is increased.

However, there are many uncertainties about future admissions. For example if, as this year, the only children we admit from outside our catchment area are siblings of those already at the school then, over time, the number of siblings from outside the area will reduce and this is likely to enable the school to admit more children from within the area.

If there is an increase in the housing locally, the school will have time to plan for that and any proposals to change our admissions arrangements would be the subject of full consultation with the local community. Any plans to increase the size of the school would, of course, have to be accompanied by funding to increase the school's accommodation accordingly.

Finally, it is important to appreciate that any changes will not take place suddenly and we anticipate that our admissions pattern will continue much as it has done recently over the next few years.

* In the above, I have used the term 'catchment area' to refer to those parishes listed under criterion 3 of our admissions arrangements, i.e. Wotton-under-Edge, North Nibley, Ozleworth, Kingscote, Alderley, Hillesley and Tresham, Hawkesbury, Kingswood, Wickwar, Charfield, Cromhall, Tortworth, Falfield, Stinchcombe, Alkington, Ham and Stone, Berkeley, Hinton and Hamfallow.
A Harris. KLB School

DIARY DATES			
Monday 25 th	Governor Meeting in the evening.		
Weds 27 th	Music Concert here at school, 2:15 See above for details. Governor Meeting in the evening.		
Thurs 28 th June	Year 4 Kwik Cricket – Frocester Cricket Club		
Friday 29 th June	Nibley Nibbles Café from 2:00		
Monday 2 nd July	Tyndale Cluster Forest Day – Details to follow	Sportability	KLB Induction Day
Tues 3 rd July	Nature Quiz COUNTY FINALS. Can we retain our COUNTY CHAMPIONS status?		
Friday 6 th July	Rednock Open Day	Berkeley Green Festomane – Class 4	Nibley Festival
Monday 9 th	Classes 1 & 2 to Cheddar. Governor Meeting in the evening.		
Thursday 12 th	Summer Production dress rehearsal – details to follow.		
Friday 13 th	Royal International Air Tattoo. Classes 3 & 4. Governor Meeting in the evening. Rednock Induction Day.		
Mon and Tues	Evening Performances of Class 3 & 4's Summer Production. All these children are expected. Details to follow.		
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 - * allergy letter * School photos note * Calling all Musicians * Music lesson availability * DODs * Thornbury area Music * Rednock Summer School		