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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 273

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

On this day 1616 Dutch East India Company ship "The Eendracht"  
discovers Dirk-Hartog Island, Australia.

Dear Parents and Friends,



## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Thank you for once again modelling the spirit of generosity. All the gifts were gratefully received. I will write with totals etc when I receive them.

## SMILES AND MILES



On Friday last week the whole school (including a good number of staff) braved the drizzle and completed a mile as part of Gloucestershire Daily Mile's BIG DAY challenge. Approximately 24,000 children took part! Actually, the weather was fairly good since we managed to catch a gap just after lunch. The children were very pleased with themselves!

## **LONDON CALLING (PART 2)**

We pick up the story from the beginning of Day 3:  
Jacob: I really liked the hotel as it was a good place to relax.

Elliot: I liked the hotel because the breakfasts were really good.

AT THE GLOBE:

William: I enjoyed watching the rehearsal (for Henry V) because it seemed realistic and very dramatic.

Jude: In the Globe Theatre we played some fun acting games with Tom who worked there.

Oliver: We acted parts from A Mid-Summer Night's Dream.

AT THE TATE MODERN

Zac L: I enjoyed looking around the Tate Modern, where we saw pictures of monsters.

George L: I liked looking at all the different pictures and seeing who they were by.

You can now see a selection of photographs online:

Day 1

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/london-residential-october-2019-1/>

Day 2

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/london-residential-october-2019-2/>

Day 3

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/london-residential-october-2019-3/>

## **MEANWHILE AND LONG AGO...**



Claudi: Building Stonehenge was interesting because we had to research how it was originally built.

Ben: Making Stonehenge was fun. It was also hard because mine kept on falling over.

Ella: We had to do some research. I made mine from items used for junk modelling, and some biscuits (the ones we didn't eat!)

## **TAKEOVER DAY**

Children, I am planning to run another 'Takeover Day' on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Tell me how you'd like to be in control on that day! (We last did this in 2011!)

## **CAN YOU HELP?**

We have a number of odd jobs around the school. Might you be able to help? We are seeking...

Someone with carpentry skills to drill a hole through a 5 bar gate, and fit a plinth to a step.

Someone with 'pest control' skills – wasp and fly nests!

I am planning another premises party for the Spring Term and I have posted a growing list of jobs online here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/works-requiring-attention/>

Several classes are requesting the kind donation of tissues as we enter the season of coughs and sneezes.

**NEW DATE!**

Starting school in



From first days, through special days, via days they'll never forget!

**Please spread the word. We'd love to meet and greet a good number of interested families on TUESDAY MORNING, 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019.**

### **ROTARY SHOEBOX APPEAL**

We have partnered with the Rotary Club for their shoebox appeal. Please help yourself to the boxes next to the lost property 'wicker basket' in the lobby.

### **FAB FOOTBALL**



Congratulations to all our footballers on a great performance last week.

### **SCHOOL POLICIES**

A slight edit to the website URL means that you can now find the policies we are required by law to publish at this new website address -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies/>

This includes the newly revised Complaints Policy.

### **FONNS FIREWORKS**

Gates open at 5:30 pm, with the display at 6:30 pm. Tickets are £10 per family (Max 5 people per family ticket). These can be purchased on the gate. Hot dogs and refreshments on offer. Please invite friends!

#### **RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.**

"Respect is a two-way street, if you want to get it, you've got to give it."

R.G. Risch

### **ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL OR CLUBS**

Absences from school or non-attendance at a club must be notified to the school office by a Parent. We cannot accept this from a child, even a sibling, or the child themselves for safeguarding reasons.

### **BLOGGING CLUB**

A number of small articles are available here -

<https://wordpress.com/view/northnibleschool.wordpress.com>

## 'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

Practical ideas in our regular series on the actions we can take to ensure that our children - and their children - enjoy a better world. Here are some tips and ideas you may want to think about at home. Discuss these with your children too!

- Close the curtains to keep the heat in.  
Bonus: Line your curtains to reduce heat being lost.

If you have a suggestion for inclusion in this part of the newsletter, we'd love to hear from you!

## BONFIRE MENU

There is a special menu for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire Burgers or Catherine wheels (cheese & tomato pinwheels). Order on the morning itself, as usual.

## REMEMBER, REMEMBER

We have been on full stretch this week due to multiple illnesses across the staff and other issues. We are all ready to drop! Please make sure you and your children take a break this coming week and we'll see you back on TUESDAY THE 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER (Monday is an INSET day). Stay safe over the firework season.

| DIARY DATES                 |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| NOV 4 <sup>th</sup>         | MONDAY – INSET DAY – NO PUPILS!   |
| Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>        | Book Fair arrives – for 1 week.   |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>         | FONNS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT  |
| Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cross Country Race – 9:30 for 10 at KLB                   |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>        | WHOLE STAFF Child Protection training                                     |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>       | OPEN DAY – for those looking to join in September 2020, earlier or later! |
| DEC<br>Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> | YEAR 7 Mince Pie Feedback. Watch out for the annual questionnaire.        |
| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>         | FONNS Christmas Fayre<br>Infant Nativity DRESS REHEARSAL                  |
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>         | Cross Country Race number 3, KLB 9:30                                     |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>         | Infant Nativity AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE                                     |
| Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>       | Infant Nativity EVENING PERFORMANCE                                       |
| Weds 18 <sup>th</sup>       | Christmas Dinner in school, CAROL SERVICE, 6:30 at St. Martin's Church    |
| Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>      | Christmas Party afternoon (details soon)                                  |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>        | Last day of term.   |

For the latest Term Dates 'Poster' - visit

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

| AUTUMN 2019 – Pupil days                         |                         |
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| Term 2   | 05/11/2019 – 20/12/2019 |
| SPRING 2020 – Pupil days                         |                         |
| Term 3   | 06/01/2020 – 14/02/2020 |
| Term 4   | 24/02/2020 – 03/04/2020 |
| SUMMER 2020 – Pupil days                         |                         |
| Term 5   | 20/04/2020 – 22/05/2020 |
| Term 6   | 01/06/2020 - 17/07/2020 |
| NEXT AUTUMN 2020 – Pupil days                    |                         |
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