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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 284

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

On this day in 1945 George Nissen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, receives a patent for the first modern trampoline.

Dear Parents and Friends,

## FANTASTIC!

Fantastic Foxes, Wonderful Wallys, Audacious Action Men and Pampurred Pets – we had a bit of everything on Thursday as we celebrated World Book Day. The children looked great and the staff all joined in the fun too. I saw a number of good quality activities too, so use those bookmarks and keep making reading recommendations.



## CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!

The following report was compiled from the pupils' own comments.

"Four North Nibley runners had qualified for the County Finals which took place last Saturday. They made the grade by being in the top 10 runners for their age group in the Dursley and Wotton district. On Saturday they competed against runners from 8 districts, including Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tetbury. This time the County Finals were held at KLB. It was really muddy and dirty – not ideal running conditions, and there were about 290 runners there. It was enjoyable, competing against the best. One of our runners "was just ahead of me, but I couldn't catch him." Two of the four were fast enough to be in the top 12, meaning they qualified for the National Finals which will be held in Leicestershire on 28<sup>th</sup> March." This is an amazing achievement for all four individuals, and we especially wish the two finalists much success.



## BULLSEYE!



Our Archery team were also in action this week. In their own words...

"We came fifth against 6 other schools. I did better than last time so I am really pleased with my results. We had to shoot 3 arrows per station and there were several rounds. We shot with two different types of bow. Some arrows had points on them, others had suckers. One of ours scored three bullseyes and came joint first as an individual competitor, making it into the finals. The organiser praised North Nibley children for "Excellent listening, great manners, and always learning something." Well done, Team Nibley – we are proud of you.

## SPORT'S RELIEF

The school council have met and made plans. We are asking for a £2.00 donation to the charity and every child is going to sign up for a 2K or 5K run on the Friday afternoon from 1:15 pm. Adults who are willing to run are welcome to join us (for another £2:00!) (Sorry, no spectators this time. Come and run!) We plan to celebrate our running with cake and a drink at the end (and ask if you would kindly donate cakes!), all finished in time for the normal Friday worship.

**ALL CHILDREN NEED TO WEAR SPORTS KIT ON THE DAY.**  
**The more colours the better.**

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February winners of the FONNS Lottery are  
Anna Hall £15

Lauren Hendy £10

If you wish to find out more about the lottery, please speak to a member of the committee.

BINGO – Please note the confirmed START TIME of 2:00 om Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

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## CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING POLICY SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS POLICY

These policies are reviewed on an annual basis. Any parent wanting to comment can read the documents here:

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

And use this form to submit comments:

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/contact-us/>

## LAST CHANCE...

Two surveys close on Friday night at 10:00 - Parent Survey and 'New Joiners'. Find them here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/parent-surveys/>

## MUSIC CONSULTATION

Your views on music education are sought, to inform the Department for Education's proposals for the refresh of the National Plan for Music Education.

Visit <https://consult.education.gov.uk/curriculum-implementation-unit/music-education-call-for-evidence/>

## HYGIENE

On Monday we held a 'Washing Hands' assembly. Ask your child what they can remember about what to do – when, why, how (and how long for), and the important role of disposable paper towels.

We are monitoring hand washing carefully, and encouraging children to support their friends with "I think you missed a bit!". I receive daily updates from the DfE and we are following the latest advice.



On Tuesday we were 'inspected' for our Food Hygiene Rating – and scored a '5' – Well done Mid-Day Team!

## DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION (DFE) CORONAVIRUS ADVICE

Current advice remains in place: No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

## FURTHER SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOL

Dr Wilson, Eliana's mum, has offered to co-ordinate a group which supports the school in prayer. If this appeals to you, or you are just curious, she would love to hear from you. She has agreed that her contact details can be passed through the school office, so please get in contact.

### JUSTICE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern."

The Bible, The Book of Proverbs Chapter 29 verse 7.

## STAFF TRAINING NEWS

Some of you might be aware of the first ever 'National Teacher Training Day', which is scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. (It was for this reason that in Autumn 2018 we 'booked' this year's July INSET day and not, as some have supposed, for the Music Festival). You can find out more here –

<https://nationalteachercpd.wordpress.com/>

Sadly, local providers of training have not united to provide the rich menu of professional development for which we were hoping. We are therefore planning to do our own 'thing' on site this year. Governors and I will re-think the wisdom of going ahead with 2<sup>nd</sup> July

2021 which is already in the diary. We will, of course, update you when decisions are made.

### **CAN WE HELP?**

The universal provision of Free School Meals for infants has confused issues somewhat with the previous 'entitlement' to free school meals, which acted as a trigger for additional help at school. The Premium Grant is paid to the school to support those who qualify. Each individual child who qualifies gets direct help with the costs for school trips, uniform, swimming lessons etc. This could be worth up to £1345. With this money we are also able to support learning through the purchase of extra resources, extra teaching-assistant time and enrichment opportunities, including residential trips.

**For further details, see**

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Or speak to Mr Batchelor in confidence.

**Class Dojo** is a fantastic app which connects you with what's happening in class. If you've not signed up yet, please ask your teacher how to join.

PARENTS CONNECTED:

**CLASS 1 – Last week 22%, this week 61%!**

CLASS 2 – 92%    CLASS 3 – 100%    CLASS 4 – 79%

### **'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!

From a parent: "Tell your neighbours which items the school recycles and take their crisp packets/ pet food packets/ pens/ toothbrushes too!"

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

### **DIARY DATES**

Weds 11th	Quick-Sticks Hockey
Thurs 12th	SCIENCE DAY – Watch this space
Friday 13th	Sports Relief, details to follow inc. 5K run! Clothes Collection
SAT 14th	<b>FONNS FAMILY BINGO – LOOK!</b> <b>2:00 to 4:00</b> <b>PLEASE NOTE CONFIRMED START TIME</b>
Weds 18th	Reception – Height, Weight & Sight check Year 6 – Height & Weight checks Tag Rugby, Full Governor's Meeting
Friday 20th	Rotary Children's Concert – decision pending
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Village Clean-Up day.

For the latest Term Dates 'Poster' - visit

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

<b>SPRING 2020 – Pupil days</b>	
Term 3	06/01/2020 – 14/02/2020
Term 4	24/02/2020 – 03/04/2020
<b>SUMMER 2020 – Pupil days</b>	
Term 5	20/04/2020 – 22/05/2020 ( <b>May Day 8<sup>th</sup></b> )
Term 6	01/06/2020 - 17/07/2020 ( <b>INSET 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> )

