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NEWSLETTER 328 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC – JAN & FEB 2021

For the Archives: Day 26 to Day 32

Dear Parents and Friends,
DAILY UPDATE – DAY 26 – SATURDAY (94 views)

LET'S GET PHYSICAL

Attached is the promised letter from Mrs Dixon, which shows how, if we all work together (parents, staff and children) we can cover the distance to Tokyo in time for the next Olympic and Paralympic Games. As a school team we are already at Paris and on our way to Athens. Please join in and encourage your household to take part. Physical activity is proven to be of help both mentally and physically, and this is something to get us all working together. Go Team Nibley!

FRIDAY ON MY MIND

From a technical point of view, Friday's Assembly was the best yet. 21 families joined us. 12 children had their work featured, 5 children had birthdays, 1 Y6 welcomed us and 1 musician played. It's great to see how everyone is. If you didn't join us, please do so next week (when I hope to remember the Snowmen pictures!)

THE WINGS OF A DOVE

Just one day left to take part in the Big Garden Bird Watch. Miss Allen posted more about this event below (dated Jan 26th).

THAT'LL BE THE DAY

Bookings for week beginning 8th Feb are now open.
www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/covid-19

Take care, Mr B.



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 27 – SUNDAY (97 views_

SUNDAY THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Do your children know that YOU value reading for yourself? Do they see you reading for pleasure? Do you talk about your favourite books? I'm trying to read a novel a month throughout the year, a habit I've let slip in recent years but I'm back on track in 2021! I'm starting book 2 tomorrow!

SONG

Here's one we sang back when the Diocesan 'sheep' visited the school – Psalm 23 to a modern tune (with the words on the screen!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-qLa_2GPcM

(Please supervise the use of YouTube).

REMINDERS

Count the birds, log the exercise (See yesterday!)

Take care, Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 28 – MONDAY (91 views)

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Since this is Mental Health Week, I've attached a poster entitled 'Coping Skills' – I hope you find something useful within it.

SONG

To compliment Mental Health week, keep up physical side too. 'Start The Day with Exercise' is today's song (words on screen to help you sing along!)

Can your family sing the three different parts at the same time?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=IXGFtDftYRw&feature=emb_logo

(Please supervise the use of YouTube).

CHANGES TO BOOKINGS

The booking form will now collect your email address. This will ensure that you have a 'receipt', in the form of a returned email, detailing your requests. More information is on the form itself.

MID DAY SUPERVISION

When school resumes (!) we will be in need of a new mid-day supervisor to support the children two lunchtimes per week. I aim to provide full details on the school website here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies/> - on Wednesday.

MISSING ASSEMBLIES?

Children, Michael Rosen has created this brilliant performance poem. Watch-along and see how many moments from his Primary School Assembly poem you recognise from our own gatherings.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCwn-dBmFmk>

(Remember to supervise the use of YouTube).

GOVERNORS

Minutes of the Term 2 Full Governors Meeting are now available online here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/governor-minutes/>

OVER THE WEEKEND

What did you miss? Do go back and see if there were any useful messages on Saturday or Sunday!

Take care, Mr B



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 29 – TUESDAY (79 views)

WOW! ATHENS ALREADY!

Thanks to your Joe Wicks workouts, your walks and cycle rides, PE challenges and other permitted exercise, we are really adding on the km / miles! Staff, parents and children alike. So now Athens is behind us and Tokyo (by the deadline) looks a real possibility. If you want to get involved, look back to Saturday's post! Every step counts!

ASSEMBLY

Once again we are partnering with iSingPop for an assembly. Episode 3 on the theme of 'Love' can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/487175458/fb36b412d8> As before, the password is spring .

POLICY UPDATES

A minor edit to our Admissions Policy (2022) has been made, removing mention of a Special Needs Statement, in favour of the more up to date wording, using an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP). Why do I tell you this? Because a recent audit made it clear we should tell you when things change! The website has been updated to include this alteration.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAY

A Birthday Blogs has been opened on Purple Mash to enable you to celebrate a Class 1 pupil birthdays. If you wish to make a comment, do so by Thursday tea time to allow me to capture them for the Friday assembly. The

blogs for birthdays already celebrated are still open, should you wish to pass on your good wishes.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

After the success of Friday's assembly, I'm going to try allowing video feed 'on' towards the end this week. That way we'll find out if the school network can cope. This will be after we've finished all the regular assembly business. Please join 'muted' and with cameras off to start with, and we'll see how we go.

That's it. Take care, Mr B.



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 30 – WEDNESDAY (85 views)

SONG

Healthy Eating is an important part of staying both mentally and physically healthy. This song is an hilarious concoction of healthy fruit and veg, mixed with not-so-healthy food. It's quite a tongue-twister! It's a challenge to sing, but guaranteed to be a lot of fun!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcXi7FI2T_o&feature=emb_logo

(Please supervise the use of YouTube).

MEANWHILE...

Other work within school goes on. We've had repairs and improvements to our electrics, and one classroom is getting a makeover... The photo shows a 'sneak peek' at the colour scheme! Mrs Harvey has been busy!

PARDON?

Is your home learner having trouble hearing the videos on the laptops (perhaps because of background noise)? Hopefully we'll have some headsets (headphones and microphones) available for loan shortly. If you wish to express an interest in advance, please contact me via Class Dojo.

CAT FOOD POUCHES

Sadly, the scheme has run its course and our recyclers are now unable to take these from us. If you hear of alternative venues, we'll be happy to promote that through these pages.

BOOKINGS

Don't forget the deadline of 6:00 tomorrow evening, and please don't book the same children twice!

VACANCY

The details for the Mid Day Supervisor vacancy can be found here -

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies/> (See Monday's update). Please help to spread the word if you know someone who might be interested.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Musicians of any age, I have no new Happy Birthday tunes for assembly and I have no new videos from Year 6 to welcome us. Year 6, your 'script' was posted to your parents on the 15th January via Class Dojo. Can you help?

Stay safe and well, Mr B.



DAILY UPDATE – DAY 31 – THURSDAY (87 views)

LAST WEEK

Class Dojo registered the activity you see in the graphic above, for the week ending 31st Jan. It's great to see that children are maintaining their momentum in learning.

SONG

"I'm OK". Promoting self-worth, self-respect and a healthy sense of personal value, this happy-go-lucky song makes no apology for being ourselves.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=jnw5A8cw-Tk&feature=emb_logo

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RECYCLING

Yesterday I wrote about the end of our pet food pouch recycling. Crisp packets, pens, tooth paste tubes, etc are going strong. Clothes recycling has been pushed back until June and will only go ahead if we can do this safely.

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BOOKINGS

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Stay safe and well, Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 32 – FRIDAY (96 views) FRIDAY WORSHIP BINGO!

<p>We won't be able to hear Mr B.</p> 	<p>Mr B will lose time trying to find the right button!</p> 	<p>There will be a 'Last North Nibley' Birthday</p> 
<p>Odd noises will be heard because the 'mute' button can't be found.</p> 	<p>We will think about our values.</p> 	<p>We will wave at each other at the end.</p> 
<p>We won't be able to see Mr B (when we need to!)</p> 	<p>A video will jump!</p> 	<p>We will hear ALL the song, 1st time!</p> 

SOME GREAT NEWS FROM THE GOVERNORS

Behind the scenes, governors continue to 'support and challenge', even during lockdown, to improve outcomes for your children. I am pleased to announce that they have won a significant amount of additional funding to replace our tired boilers and heaters around the school. The grant is in excess of £100,000 and particular credit

must go to Fiona Yarrow who has masterminded the bid process and co-ordinated our efforts to achieve such a positive outcome. We will let you know when we have a timescale for the project.

ASSEMBLY LINK -

Topic: Friday Assembly 05/02/2021

Time: Feb 5, 2021 01:30 PM London

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3905430376?pwd=ZW1HNnNvRHJHZnAzZkpZbW1nU09qZz09>

Meeting ID: 390 543 0376

Passcode: ATHENS

SAFEGUARDING NOTE: please don't share this assembly link outside our school community.

This week Mrs Shepherd shares the 'Open The Book' story - Big Bags of Money!

We'll sing a song, celebrate great work and catch up on our sporting challenge! Tune in from 1:30.

Please join with microphones on 'mute' and cameras off. At the end we'll see how many cameras we can turn on before the network crashes! However, why not play 'Assembly bingo' as we go? Choose a row or a column (or a diagonal!) and make sure it's different set of three from others in your family. If those three features occur, you win!

QUIZ

The player known as 'P' has this week's highest score of 9. The correct answers were – 6, Raymond Briggs, Snowy, 1930s, Abominable snowman, Australia, 35 miles per hour, Kate Bush, Nivea and The Himalayas! Can anyone beat him/her?

This week's quiz – Acronyms! What do these letters stand for? For example, MOTD stands for Match Of The Day. It's just for fun, and hopefully a little more child-friendly this week. <https://forms.gle/UnGy8MihEAiwsKZu8>

WELCOME, COOKIE!

I have met (virtually) the new Priest, Pastor Rachel Cook – or 'Cookie' as she would like to be known - and as a school we can look forward to her support with various initiatives within our community.

HALF-TERM

Just a reminder that school will close as normal for the half-term break, for ALL pupils.

BOOKINGS AFTER HALF-TERM

Bookings for the week beginning 22nd Feb are now being taken. You can already request a place here – www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/covid-19

Take care,
Mr B.