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PERSEVERANCE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"By perseverance the snail reached the ark."

Charles Spurgeon

Dear Parents and Friends,



CRICKET TOURNAMENT

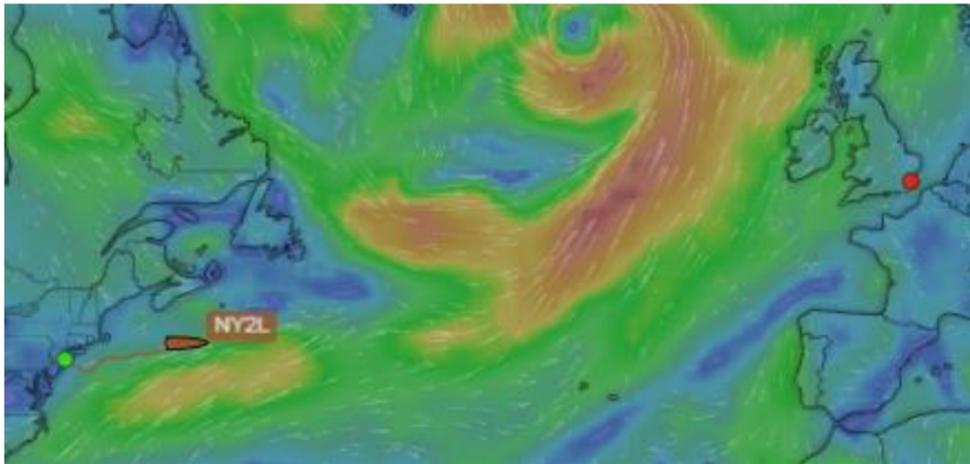
"On Wednesday 26th May our Class 4 teams (Air, Earth, Fire and Water) competed against one another in a Cricket Tournament. Mrs Bates from KLB was visiting, along with Chris and Liz, who supervised the games which built up our skills. In one game we had 4 stumps and 8 balls, and we had to bowl accurately and count the number of hits. In another game we had to use the bat to hit the ball through different targets. There were 8 games altogether. We enjoyed the afternoon because it helped to improve our skills a lot. The guidance from the visiting coaches also helped us. The games were scored and we played in our school teams. Air came third, Earth came second but the eventual winners were Water. We all got medals."

Report by George, Elliot, Grace, Cara and Olivia.

BOOKS TO AFRICA - UPDATE

How exciting! Mrs Shepherd received notification that the surplus school books she sent off under this charity - <https://books2africa.org/> - have been received by Health Tutors College Mulago, in Kampala, Uganda. <https://htcmulago.ac.ug/> In due course we hope to get photos of the books in use!

PLASTIC OCEANS



'Uncle Matt' , the team and the 'NY2L' (New York to London) boat has left the shores of America and you can follow 'the world's most dangerous row' on the Ocean Revival website -

<https://oceanrevivaladventures.com/>

Whilst there, watch the 'Plastic Ocean' video and find out why we must ALL play a part in saving the world.

'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

Our regular series on the actions we can take to ensure that our children - and their children - enjoy a better world. Here are some practical tips and ideas you may want to think about at home.

Discuss these with your children too!

Our 'Crisp packet' count now totals 39,216. Mrs Kirby has calculated that, laid end to end, the packets would stretch from here all the way to Slimbridge Primary.

I carried a very heavy box of 339 toothpaste tubes and old brushes to the collection point this week. Thank you for all you are doing to recycle plastic.

BOOK REVIEWS

Did you know... The more books a year group reviews, the larger their Year Group 'number' appears on the site? Year 5 are certainly keen readers. I'd love to have

recommendations of picture books and factual books too. <https://northnibleyschool.edublogs.org/>

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RUNNERS

Attached with the email version of this newsletter should be publicity about a weekly Park Run. Details also here - <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/wottoncommunityparc-juniors/>

CAN YOU HELP?

- The summer production needs a length of old hose pipe. It does not have to be water tight!
- Have you a tip/recycling centre visit booked? Might you have space for some items from school please?

ADVANCED NOTICE – CLOTHES RECYCLING

The next opportunity to recycle unwanted clothing is 24th June.

Recommended by...

Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3
Year 4 Year 5 Year
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SCHOOL MEALS

Can I remind a small number of parents that you do not have 'sufficient funds' in your ParentPay accounts to continue with cooked school meals. Please can you increase the balance as soon as possible.

TERM 6 CHANGES?

The latest message from the Local Authority (L.A.) can be summarised as follows: "Our key message is to continue with ALL systems of control until the end of the academic year. The rules for schools have not changed, despite any relaxing of rules outside of the school environment. Please be consistent with the message."

We will be looking again at our planned 'road map' and, as ever, proceed with cautious optimism. However, some of our plans may again be put on hold. Watch this space. Thank you for your understanding and continued compliance.

P.E.

Because of the coronavirus, the P.E. Association and the Local Authority assert that children ought not to change for P.E. but arrive in school dressed for their P.E. lessons.

One consequence of being in tight shorts, now that class 4 children are older and bigger, now that the weather is hotter, now that P.E. can take up to half a day, is that children are perspiring more, and this can make them uncomfortable. Our preference and advice is for shorts that allow air to circulate.

We have no expectation that parents have to go shopping for new, though some may and if some have access to an alternative at home, this too would be better. Our policy has not changed. We always try to alert you to changes early (for example, see Newsletter 332), especially when there are cost implications.

The Covid restriction remains in place. Children should not be changing for P.E. There will be no change in arrangements for P.E. this term but we do urge you to consider our advice, which we believe to be reasonable and healthy, and motivated only by a concern for the health and comfort of the children.

CARTWHEELS AND HANDSTANDS

Regrettably we need to put an end to cartwheels and handstands. During play times children are not supervised by a P.E. specialist and they copy one-another's dangerous practises. We have previously had experience of a broken wrist here at North Nibley, and since then we have had a 'No cartwheel' approach.

HEATING UPDATE

Further details are expected next week, but in the meantime school would be grateful for anything that can function as a dust sheet over the summer break, when we replace our ancient heating system.

INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

We are connected! However, a series of annoying 'quirks', probably specific to the needs of a school, have yet to be ironed out.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Long standing concerns about the traffic passing the school has prompted the school governors to ask the Parish Council for their support in a bid to get the speed limit reduced to 20 m.p.h. Thank you for considerate driving and parking.

TESCOS TOKEN

Tesco's are once again issuing 'blue tokens' for a community vote, to support fundraising. FONNS were 'in the pipeline' pre-Covid. Please continue to stock pile your blue Tesco tokens at home for use when we come to the top of the list!



REMINDER: We need to be a NUT FREE SCHOOL. This includes all snacks, packed lunches and cooked lunches too. This is a health and safety requirement of the HIGHEST PRIORITY for 2 children.

PLEASE RETURN...

If you happen to have any of the Maths Passport Parent Guides at home that you longer need to support your child, please send them back! Thank you.

TERM DATES

A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead:

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 6	Mon 7 th June	Tues 20 th July
Term 1	Thurs 2 nd Sept	Fri 22 nd Oct
Term 2	Tues 2 nd Nov.	Fri 17 th Dec
Term 3	Weds 5 th Jan 2022	Fri 18 th Feb 2022
Term 4	Mon 28 th Feb 2022	Fri 8 th April 2022
Term 5*	Mon 25 th April 2022	Fri 27 th May 2022

*May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday



THANK YOU! The FONNS ice cream sale raised over £55 profit which will support the school in the near future.

Your next opportunity to support the school financially is...

🍷 Wood Fired Pizzas 🍷

SATURDAY 12th JUNE. Slots between 4pm - 8pm

- ★ The Priory, in Tetbury are coming to North Nibley
- ★ Place your order on their website ~ link below
- ★ Book a time slot to collect from North Nibley School
- ★ Profits made to the Priory ~ 10% donation is made to FONNS charity.

<https://priorypizza.touchtakeaway.net/menu>

Anyone can order from this - so the more pizzas ordered the more money raised for FONNS. Please spread the word! Many thanks for continuing to support FONNS.