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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 347

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## PERSEVERANCE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill

Dear Parents and Friends,

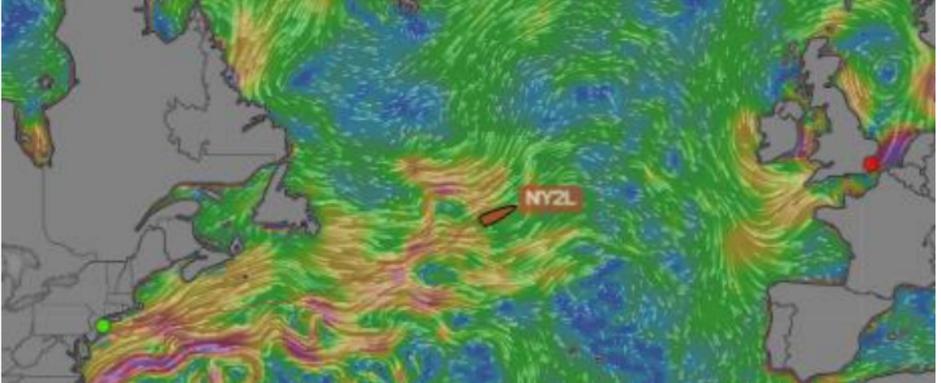


## SPORTS DAY

What a glorious afternoon we had! For a quarter of the school, it was their first Sports Day, and we were able to run, throw, jump, skip and crawl together as required by the different events. This was the first whole-school event since March 2020, and what a celebration it turned out to be. Participating in our team colours, we looked magnificent and even the downpour at the end of the day held off long enough to allow the winning team their procession of victory!

My grateful thanks to Mrs Dixon and her team who organised it all, the staff for facilitating it all, the children for their unending support for their friends and the visitors who complied with all the rules and kept us safe.

## PLASTIC OCEANS / OCEAN REVIVAL



'Uncle Matt' and the 'NY2L' (New York to London) team have now completed 65% of 'the world's most dangerous row'. Follow the team's progress 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.

**The team would LOVE to receive (copies of) pictures and other messages which we can send to them electronically, so CHILDREN why not send them your best wishes. Hand these to your teachers next week!**

## SCIENCE SHOW



On Thursday 'Doctor Johnny' brought his science show to school, courtesy of the University of Bristol. Gasses and liquids were loud, colourful and even explosive, and the children of classes 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed learning some basic (and not-so-basic) chemistry. William was the first with a written report;

### **"There was a bomb in school today!"**

Or so said Dr Johnny, after mixing methanol and air inside a container. The reaction was a huge sheet of blue flame shooting out of the lid.

On Thursday, Class 3 and 4 were lucky enough to be paid a visit by a scientist from The Chemistry Department of Bristol University, along with a series of exciting educational and explosive experiments. He told us about the different gases in the atmosphere of our planet, as well as some from different planets. He explained whether they were poisonous or not, or if they were combustible. Of course, he had to give us a live demonstration of the latter! He talked about cold things too, in particular liquid nitrogen – the technical term for this was a cryogenic hazard! A lot of amazing experiments followed; my favourite being the shrinking and growing of a balloon when the air inside was cooled by the liquid nitrogen to  $-196^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

All in all, it was a brilliant and unforgettable experience."

## **A SURVEY OF TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL**

I've been asked to share the following survey with our "students who are 10 or 11 years old" Responses are requested from young people age 10-25 before Friday 16 July:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/GlosYouthTravelSurvey/>

There are even some prizes of £50 as an incentive for students to enter the survey.

## **SCHOOL MEALS**

As we approach the end of the year, please maintain sufficient funds in your ParentPay accounts to pay for your cooked school meals. **PARENTS OF YEAR 6** are reminded to cover their costs. It will not be fair on the remaining children if we have to cover Y6 debts.

## YEAR 6 LEAVER'S SERVICE

We always 'make a fuss' of our Year 6 leavers on the last day of term. This year we have made the following arrangements:

- The Service will involve a governor, a member of FONNS, a member of the Open The Book Team and clergy from St Martin's Church.
- It will start around 1:15.
- All children from the school will attend.
- If it finishes before the end of school, those with parents on site will be able to leave early.
- It will take place in the school playground.
- Y6 Children will be asked to bring a spare white school shirt to change into for the service. Prior to that, a school shirt which can be written on / signed by staff and friends may be worn, as is traditional.
- Y6 children may also want to bring a carrier bag!
- We are aware that restrictions have been lifted, we will provide seating, in the playground, for parents and visitors to allow distancing if you wish. Certainly we recognise that for some the lifting of measures has come to soon. We fully support anyone who wishes to social distance, wear a mask or take other precautions.

## FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Hopefully the LAST of our zoom assemblies EVER!

During this assembly we will also say our 'formal' goodbyes to Mrs Shepherd. Do 'tune in' if you can. The link will appear in Class Dojo.

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FUNdraising for North Nibley CofE Primary School



## 🏍️ Oset Motor cross Day 🏍️

Another great fundraiser for FONNS kindly helped by local businesses. LDR - Lee Dunham Racing, based in Lower Wick, is inviting children to a Oset Motor cross session.

One parent wrote "Anya had a wonderful experience at her Oset day organised by the hard working FONNS team in partnership with LDR racing. We're so grateful she had the opportunity to try something so unique and exciting.

Anya was a little nervous trying it for the first time, but the team gave her lots of encouragement and were so patient with her. Before we knew it, she was off - increasing her confidence and her speed! She didn't want it to end!

We're so grateful to everyone in FONNS who give our school children so many unforgettable moments. Thank you."

