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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

NEWSLETTER 350

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FRIENDSHIP IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Encourage one another and build each other up"

The Bible, 1 Thessalonians 5 v11

Dear Parents and Friends,

SOUTH CERNEY

It was lovely to re-start an activity that's been a staple of the Tyndale Cluster since well before I joined (in 2000). This year we were able to take over 70 Year 6 pupils from our six schools and mix them up in order to practise social skills, team working and hopefully build friendships, ahead of next year's start to secondary education. Although it rained at the start, the children engaged in two of 5 activities: sailing, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding and raft building. The pupils said:

Lilly - One of my favourite things I did at South Cerney was canoeing with Tina, the instructor. I really liked my group. They were all really nice, funny and kind, and we had so much fun!

Elodie - I really enjoyed paddle boarding and doing all of the challenges, such as 'How much can you wobble the board?'

Elijah - I really enjoyed paddle boarding, and falling in!

Zac - We went kayaking and saw a Landrover at the bottom of the 18m deep lake.

Maya - At South Cerney I had fun doing canoeing, because I liked the games that we played on the canoes.

Sophia - I really enjoyed the raft making and I learnt a new knot.

Harriet - I really enjoyed making and racing the raft, even though we didn't win.

Sasha - Rafting was my favourite activity, especially when we sat on our raft and paddled around the island on it.

Haiden - I liked paddle boarding the best.

Catriona - We wore either wetsuits or these big blue suits that were full of water when we stopped swimming!

Ellie - At South Cerney I went paddle boarding for the first time. It was so fun.

Max - I loved everything but my favourite part was the kayak slide.

Bea - South Cerney was both fun and exciting. We swam across the lake in the baggy blue suits. By the end I was carrying a gallon of water with me!

Mr B - What made the event extra special was seeing some children grow in confidence and self-belief, attempting and finding success with new and exciting experiences.

Some of the staff attending also had a 'Head Teacher' meeting, laying plans for the future of the Cluster, and catching up with the latest Government requirements. This was the first time we've been together for 18 months.



MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

Thank you to the many who found time to join the us. We all agree that these are helpful, but second best to being physically together. Let's hope next year will be better. You can download the Powerpoints used from <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/special-presentations/>

MUSIC LESSONS

We have some availability for violin lessons starting now. These are taken during school time and are in blocks of 10 weeks. Instruments can be purchased, or hired from Gloucester Music. If your child would like to learn the violin please let us know in the office by Monday 20th September. We are pausing woodwind lessons for a term, due to low uptake. Junior children only.

I am making enquires about how parents might access a bursary to support with music lessons. At first glance it looks like a child would qualify if the household income is £27,000 or below. More details to follow.

FREE MUSIC LESSONS? FREE SWIMMING?

Some of your children receive a special grant in school which is based on household incomes (The Pupil Premium). This is just a quick reminder that if you request it, we can use some of this money to pay for swimming lessons or lessons with musical instruments. Currently we offer violin. Please have a conversation in confidence with myself about the Premium, or Mrs Kirby about the lessons.

School Values

As is usual when we focus on a new school value, we begin with an acrostic poem.

The children considered the following, and were asked to choose a favourite phrase.

Finding things to do together

Relying on each other

Impossible on your own

Enjoying being together

Never selfish

Depending on someone else

Sharing hopes and dreams

Happiness and laughter

Including others

Precious

ASK ME

← New feature – prompts to ask your child! Which definition in the list above did your child choose, and why?

'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!

PARKING

At the Parish Council meeting last week concern was raised about parent cars parked up but with the engines left running. Given our environmentally friendly status, I couldn't help but agree. Please think of the fumes, the health of pedestrians, the impact on nature and the expense!

WORLD CAR FREE DAY - 22 SEPTEMBER 2021

World 'Car Free' Day is a day when, all around the world, towns and cities allow people to experience streets free of motor traffic. It's a great chance to re-imagine our streets around people. Can you walk/cycle/scoot to work or school?

PLANTERS UPDATE

Mrs Simpson and Mrs Miller wish to thank all the following for their help with the new planters -



Simon Jones, Dave and Laura Horner, Tom De Pass, Wayne Miller, Bryan Simpson, Anna and John Hall.

Plants came from Waterside (Nailsworth) and Wotton Farm Shop (please support these local businesses) and Heartbreak Quarry. Children helping included Joseph, George, Edward, Harriet, Isabelle, Miriam, Lydia, Bertie and Edith. You can still donate towards the costs here - https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/north-nibley-planters?utm_term=AzbXQwmey

COVID-Related update

School has produced an 'Outbreak Management Plan' currently being reviewed by Governors. When adopted, you will be able to find this under the 'news' menu.

TERM DATES

A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead:

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 1	Monday 6 th Sept	Fri 22 nd Oct
Term 2	Monday 1 st 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
Term 6	Mon 6 th June 2022	Tues 19 th July 2022

*May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday



SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Well done to all those who entered. Those pictured below are the prize winners for the tallest sunflower and the largest sunflower head.

