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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

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FORGIVENESS IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"For by the death of Christ we are set free, our sins are forgiven."
The Bible - Ephesians 1:7

Dear Parents and Friends,

LONDON 2022

We had an awesome time away, managing everything on our packed itinerary and we even squeezed in a few extras, such as the changing of the guard and a visit to Parliament Square! Each child attending 'grew' in stature as the days away progressed. Even sudden blizzards couldn't dampen our enthusiasm or stop the singing on the coach! Well done all. Special thanks must go to Mrs Kirby who did all the organising but didn't get to join in the fun! Well done to all the staff managing in our absence. 270+ photos are on our website now - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/london-2022/>



SCHOOL TEAMS



This week we have allocated our 'new' Reception to the 4 school teams. Look for the letter! Each team each consist of children from Reception to Year 6 and we always try to keep siblings together. Predominantly you'll see these in use on Sports Day, when we compete in team colours (supplied by the school). They are also used to support all manner of different purposes. Getting the numbers right is a difficult balancing exercise!

THE LATEST PLAYGROUND CRAZE

– balancing on two axels / four wheels. These sets of wheels (from old prams, go-karts or similar) have lived, unloved, in the shed for years. Now everyone wants a turn! Great for balance and core-strength, the children roll the length of the playground on our gentle slope. The funniest sight is to see 5 'riders' on 6 sets of wheels, forming a human chain. Not everyone manages to stay on!



THE LATEST ONLINE CRAZE

Some parents have reported that poppy-playtime / huggy wuggy videos are scaring the children. The videos, as I understand it, are uploaded to youtube (and I ALWAYS say YouTube should be supervised) having been recorded from the game Poppy Playtime. Immediately I turned to my favourite source of advice concerning online safety – Common Sense Media. Their review makes some sober reading. Parents rating the game give it a 12+ rating, whilst children themselves score it at 9+. Please take time to find out what your children are watching. The full link is here -

<https://www.common sense media.org/game-reviews/poppy-playtime>

CYBER SPRINTERS

Cyber Sprinters is a set of activities and puzzles from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) for primary aged (KS2) children. They are aimed at parents to use with their children at home. There are lots of really useful activities such as learning about passwords, keeping personal information safe, suspicious messages and much more. See

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/cybersprinters/home-activities>

CHILDREN, CAN YOU HELP?

The School Council have been working on a 'definitive' set of playtime and lunchtime rules. There is space on the pages for illustrations and they are inviting children to submit drawings of children playing positively, by Tuesday 3rd May. Children may complete these on paper in any media. The winners will have their pictures added to the booklet, which will support children and staff alike. School Council Meeting minutes are now online too!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET...

Via Class Dojo and pupil post, we sent home a questionnaire about science in your work place / career, with a view to compiling a list of parents who might be able to offer insights into science when this is taught at school. Please complete what you can and return by the end of term.

**SCHOOL
COUNCIL
CORNER**

COMPASSION – AND CAKE!

Last weekend one of the Year 6 girls organised a cake sale at Tumpy Green, to raise money for the people of Ukraine. She had some help from close friends. All the parents are 'super-proud' of the girls and their efforts. They managed to raise an incredible £320!



SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

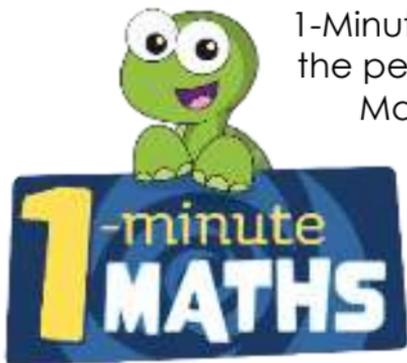
Earlier this spring Governors asked for your views on uniform, posing the question "**In September 2022, I would like North Nibley School's school uniform to ...**"

- 1 – only allow bottle green polo shirts – 3 votes (blue)
- 2 – only allow white polo shirts – 10 votes (yellow)
- 3 – allow green and white polo shirts as a phasing in period, but only green polo shirts will be allowed from September 2023 – 7 votes (green)
- 4 – allow both green and white polo shirts for the foreseeable future – 35 votes (red)



Having now considered this at a Governors' meeting we have agreed to adopt BOTTLE GREEN tops, as an option alongside the white, from September 2022. However, we do want to retain some 'uniformity' to the BOTTLE GREEN tops, which should be a close match to the existing jumper colour. We will provide a 'model' colour in the school lobby to guide your shopping.

IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT IT ALREADY, WE HIGHLY RATE THIS APP!



1-Minute maths is brought to you by the people behind the school's Maths Scheme, White Rose.

Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-Minute Maths!

1. Excellent practice – and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. It's FREE!

PREMISES UPDATE

If you make a booking at the recycling centre, and have space, please ask if we have anything to dispose of! (You can help yourself to anything by the 'bins' at the front of the school). Our list of jobs can be found here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/can-you-help/>

NIBLEY 'GREEN'

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!

MAKE THE SWITCH

Did you know you can buy HOME COMPOSTABLE catering film, made from a Biopolymer? Fully certified for



composting and perfect for organic waste composting, this cling film is eco-friendly food packaging – 100% food safe. As well as home use, could you recommend it if you have any input with restaurants, caterers, food takeaway services or hotels?

If any parents want to send me tips and recommendations for sustaining our 'Nibley Green' credentials, just email

newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT....

One girl, pictured, said – On Wednesday this week the Year 5s took part in an inter-school indoor rowing competition, at Kings' Stanley School.

William – It was hard going against teams that rowed really fast.

Harvey – The lead teacher was Mr Pritchard who had worked with the six schools who were there.

Finn – We had a Girls' Team and a Boys' Team. In the Relay event both our teams came second.

Thomas – They put us against really strong people.

(Pictured) – It was really enjoyable, now my back hurts!

(Also pictured) – After the rowing I felt dizzy.

(Also pictured) – There was lots of screaming and shouting as we cheered our teams on.





On 30th March 20 Class 4 students went on a 'once in a lifetime' trip to London, discovering the hidden mysteries behind the historic city, such as the Science Museum, the Natural History Museum, the Rainforest Café, the Tower of London, a cruise on the River Thames, the London Eye (and a very nice playground), a 2 hour walk, Pizza Hut, the Globe Theatre and the Tate Modern. All of these were interesting but a few stood out to me.

My favourite event was the West End musical, Matilda, due to the loud noises and vibrant colours. The Rainforest Café will always hold a special place in my heart because two of my friends and I saw (and almost spoke to) one of my idols. Mrs Pullin rushed up to us saying she had just seen the captain of the England Rugby Team walk past us. Then we saw a tall figure in a green jumper and his name was Owen Farrell!

By Harvey

From Wednesday 30th March to Friday 1st April we went to London for a residential trip. There were 20 children, 10 boys and 10 girls, and three adults – Mr Batchelor, Ms Pullin and Ms Surridge, on the trip.

On Wednesday we set off from school at 7:00 a.m. and arrived at the Science Museum at 10. We spent time in a display room about Space and astronauts. After spending 2 hours here we moved on. We walked to the Natural History Museum and had lunch to the right of the main building. Once we had finished this we moved inside and learnt about dinosaurs and earthquakes. We even met a t-rex (robotic).

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We then drove to the Youth Hostel, where we had time to drop off our bags and then we went to the Rainforest Café, where I had chicken goujons and fries. After we had stuffed ourselves we travelled back to the YHA for bed, ready to take on the next day of adventures.

By Anya

On Friday we went to the Globe Theatre for a backstage tour. We talked to our guide, Chris, and then he led us into the actual theatre. Carved into the floor were the names of people who had donated money to Sam Wanamaker to build the Globe. After that we went over to the actor's rehearsal studios where we did some warm-up activities and some acting. We re-enacted parts from *A Mid-Summer Night's Dream*.

By Finn

In London we visited 15 places. We went there for three whole days and there were 20 of us – 10 boys and 10 girls - plus three adults, Ms Surridge, Mrs Pullin and Mr Batchelor.

One of my best things was the river cruise because three of us had our lunch on the cruise downstairs (where I was really warm!) whilst the others were on the top. I had an egg mayo sandwich which was really fantastic. The London Eye was one of the best things I have experienced in my life so far. I could see the Wembley Arch, St. Thomas' Hospital, the Shard and the Tower of London. It took us half an hour to go around once.

By Fergus

My favourite part was *Matilda*. It was amazing when the actors swung out over the audience whilst still singing. I also loved it when people were placing coloured cubes (around the stage) just in time for the other actors to step on them.

The other 'best bit' for me was the Tower of London, where we looked at the crown jewels and the armour of princes, kings and queens. The history was amazing and it was incredible to see real soldiers with real guns. We also saw where Anne Boleyn, the mother of Queen Elizabeth 1st, was beheaded.

The London trip was so much fun. Thank you so much, Ms Surridge, Mrs Pullin and Mr Batchelor for taking us.

By Lucy

CHANGES TO TERM 5 CORNOVIRUS CONTROLS

Schools are now expected to follow the Government's guidance entitled "Living with COVID." Although we have faced a number of logistical challenges this term, with pupils and staff ill, we end with attendance levels high and a staff able to work their contracted hours. Looking ahead to Term 5, and in the context of the withdrawal of free LFT or PCR tests, we are asking for your support to manage illnesses as follows:

- children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and are well enough to attend
- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days. This is the period during which they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under with a positive COVID-19 test result, the advice is to stay at home for 3 days.

UPDATED NHS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS LISTS

The NHS COVID-19 symptoms in adults and symptoms in children have been updated.

CHILDREN

Children and young people aged 18 and under can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but it's usually a mild illness and most get better in a few days. Symptoms of COVID-19 in children can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

ADULTS

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) in adults can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

SMILE PLEASE

The sildeshow of school photos, visiible from the front of the school, has been update. All the 960 photos are from events and lessons held this school year. Looking back, it's amazing how busy we've been, and how much learning, achievement and fun has been had. Do take a moment to have a look.

CLASS 2 HAVE BEEN LEARNING...

that not everything you read online is true. Have a look at the 'untruths' they made up here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/untrue/>

ALLOCATION DAY

This year Allocation Day, the Local Authority 'offer' for places in Reception, Sept 2022, falls in the Easter break. I will be checking emails every day, so please email me if you have any concerns regarding allocation.

VOLUNTEERS

If you were a previously a 'reader' we would love to have you back. However, changes to safeguarding mean you and I (Mr B) have to have a chat before had, and there is some paperwork which we will help you complete. You may choose to wear a mask, if wanted, and suitable for the activty you support.

GOVERNOR VACANCY We have had some interest in our Governor vacancy and would be please to hear from anyone else in our community who may be interested. Please spread the word widely. Do have a look at the document "Thinking about becoming a Governor?" which can be found here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/governor-succession/>

STAFF VACANCY Please find attached a 'flyer' with information about a mid-day role. Please share widely.

TERM DATES A reminder of the **pupil days** in the year ahead: Dates for 2022-2023 have been posted here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>
Plus **VERY DRAFT DATES** for 2023 – 24, and 2024 – 25!

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 5*	Mon 25 th April	Fri 27 th May
Term 6	Mon 6 th June	Tues 19 th July
Term 1	Tues 6 th Sept	Fri 21 st Oct
Term 2	Tues 1 st Nov	Friday 16 th Dec
Term 3	Weds 4 th Jan	Friday 17 th Feb
Term 4	Mon 27 th Feb	Fri 31 st March

*May 2nd 2022 = Bank Holiday.