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HOPE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." From the Bible - the book of Isaiah Chapter 40.

Dear Parents and Friends,



SING FROM YOUR HEART, WITH ALL OF YOUR POWER!

It's difficult to describe the levels of excitement and joy which is Young Voices. Being part of a 5,500 strong choir is certainly something that the children will not forget. From that magical moment, as you reach the top of the steps and see the vast scale of the area open up before you, to the fading away of the last note, it is a really

special day. Before the concert began, Ellie was 'bursting with excitement'. Sophia thought the lighting was 'really cool' and Xander said "The beat-boxers blew my mind"

Special thanks are due to Mrs Pullin, who masterminded our rehearsals, and Mrs Kirby for all the administration.

I have posted some videos here –

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/young-voices-2022/>

HEALTHY EATING – OR NOT?

We have noticed, since we've been fully back at school, that the number (and frequency) of unhealthy snacks coming in to school has surged. Chocolate bars that are clearly confectionary, sweets and large crisp packets proliferate. THIS WEEK some commentators put the number of obese 11 years olds (nationally) at 1 in 4, and still rising. Clearly the patterns for healthy eating that we encourage from a young age will make a great difference to children's life chances in the future, so please review what you permit from home (and discount pupil views that 'everyone does it' – there are plenty of examples of really healthy and appetising snacks too!)

We do provide fruit at school, and there is enough for any child that wants it, but we are 'recycling' this at an unacceptible rate.

ILLUMINATING

Reception children have been exploring how the shadow of a solid (opaque) shape changes depending on the angle of light being shined on it. Careful and focussed work in pairs – one torch bearer and one with a pencil - saw a number of exciting shapes being drawn.



FOOTBALL-FREE FRIDAYS...

The school council will next week review the outcomes around 'Football-free Fridays' – an initiative born from their review of playground rules.

LOOKING GOOD / CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs Simpson has secured for the school a significant quantity of flowers from Wotton Farm Shop, to whom we are very grateful. The gardening club will put these in on Friday lunchtime.

In the mornings children and parents are invited to help themselves to a watering can and water our flower beds, using the water in the new butt. Please replace the watering cans on the 'tree' to stop them blowing away! (and try to stay dry yourselves!)

DID YOU KNOW?

Almost every Monday assembly begins with a safety message. This week I reminded children that 'going through the car park', even after school, should not be done without an adult. Children of a certain height are almost invisible to a reversing car in that tight space. Please help children remember this (and why not see if each Monday evening they can recall this week's message?)

HALL FLOOR

I am grateful to the Parish Council for their financial support - £300 - towards our project to replace the hall floor. This work will be carried out over half-term, so any visitors happy to lend a hand on Friday after the assembly, to empty the hall of chairs etc, your help will be gratefully received.

GOVERNORS

Correction - last week, Mrs Collins oversaw a Maths lesson with Year 1. Mr Hall was back again on Thursday to see how Year 6 led our pupil-led worship.

GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

We had just one request to join our Governing body as a parent governor, so we are not required to hold an election and Karl Rust is duly appointed. Separately, Russell Strothers has been appointed to the role of foundation (church) governor. We look forward to their input. We now have no vacancies! Previous governor Tom Merrifield has kindly agreed to become an Associate Member.

SPORTS DAYS & VIOLIN

We have put Wednesday June 15th in the diary for the competitive Sports Day and Wednesday 6th July for the Play Leader's event. As is traditional, you are very welcome to join us on the field and cheer on your athletes and teams. Violin lessons will instead take place on the Thursday after.

MID DAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

Please spread the word, this has now been re-advertised for 5 lunchtimes per week, but we are keen to hear from anyone wishing to work 1 session or more. Please see <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/vacancies/> (where you can also find details of the Superstars vacancy). Why not apply for both!

AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE?

We still have a small filing cabinet surplus to requirements. Please take it off our hands!

SNAKES IN A SCHOOL

A special, sinuous visitor came to Classes 1 & 2 last week. The Vincent family kindly brought Eleanor the snake (and a baby tortoise) to meet the children, as part of their lessons on living things and their habitats.



Trudy said "I thought that the snake was really scaly. I thought it would be a bit wet but it was actually dry." Hannah confirmed "It wasn't slimy." Tillie added "It was really long." Lola said "Everybody stroked the snake. She lives in a special tank."

IN THE STYLE OF...

Years 1 & 2 have been looking at the work of renowned artist Andy Goldsworthy, who uses natural resources to create patterns and pictures. These super images are the result of children working in groups, and are simply stunning!



JUBILEE

On Friday 27th May (last day of term) we are planning a celebration to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Children are asked to arrive in any combination of red, white and blue clothing. There will be no cooked lunches that day – we are hoping the weather holds to allow a grand picnic on the 'Jubilee' playing field. We are also planning a number of jubilee-related activities and potentially we could finish the day with Class 4's assembly in the open air.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

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!

DRAUGHT-PROOF YOUR HOME

One of the cheapest, most effective ways to save energy and money at home is to draught-proof windows, doors, letterbox, fireplaces and loft hatches, says Dr Sarah Price, head of building physics at Enhabit, a consultancy specialising in low-energy design. Done professionally, it costs about £200, or do it yourself with products such as Gap Seal.

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

newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

QUAD KIDS

This week Class 3 took part in the inter-school, multi-sports competition 'Quad Kids', down at KLB. Adele found the event to be 'Tiring', whilst Sophie



enjoyed the throwing and jumping best. Otis said "There were lots of running events. Riley threw the furthest in our group. I was good at the jumping – I jumped over 1m!" Cameron found it 'great fun, especially the big run at the end.'



DIARY DATES

Dates for 2022-2023 have been posted here , plus VERY DRAFT DATES for 2023 – 24, and 2024 – 25!

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

	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



NOTE THE NEW TIME! 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Free family day filled with lots of stalls with food & drink, fun games, afternoon tea served by the Church, Spring Raffle and lots more!

FONNS have a few raffle tickets left – please ask in the office if you need more.

