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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

# NEWSLETTER 392

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**RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.**

"Respect is a two-way street, if you want to get it,  
you've got to give it." R.G. Risch

Dear Parents and Friends,

The government continues to release data about the school's academic achievements in the summer of 2022. As hoped, our Y6 leavers – currently Year 7 – did indeed make progress SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE national scores –

## **“Mathematics**

### Progress at key stage 2 - 2022

Key stage 2 progress in mathematics (3.5) was significantly above national and in the highest 20% in 2022.”

Well done to them! Also published was the following official analysis of attendance in 2021 –

## **“Absence**

### Summer 2021 and autumn 2020 absence

Overall absence in summer 2021 (2.1%) was in the lowest 20% of all schools. Overall absence in autumn 2020 (1.4%) was in the lowest 20% of all schools.

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Persistent absence in summer 2021 (3.2%) was in the lowest 20% of all schools. Persistent absence in autumn 2020 (0.0%) was in the lowest 20% of all schools.

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Just to clarify – LOW absence is GOOD news, giving those who are punctual and attend well the best chance of better progress.

## **ANYONE FOR TENNIS?**

The [Cam & Dursley Tennis Club](#) have sent a request to put their [October Half Term Holiday Junior Tennis Camps](#) in this newsletter.

Non-members are welcome to sign up and rackets are provided if needed. The coaching programme at [Cam & Dursley Tennis Club](#) is run by [WH Tennis](#).

## **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!

## **HELP WILDLIFE**



Stinging nettles are great wildlife attractors: caterpillars of the small tortoiseshell and peacock butterflies use them as foodplants; ladybirds feast on the aphids that shelter among them; and seed-eating birds enjoy their autumn spoils. When we cut nettles down, we harm the survival chances of the creatures who need them and reduce the number of pollinators – on whom WE depend – to provide crops for the future.

Send me your tips for this regular item - [newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk)

## **DIARY DATES - OCTOBER**

MONDAY 31st – Staff-Only (INSET) day at school. Enjoy your extended half-term!

## **SPORTS REPORT. TWO TEAMS, TWO REPORTS!**



On Wednesday 19th October the year 5 and 6 girls of North Nibley primary went out to KLB school to take part in a football tournament. We had two teams, each a mix of year 5 and 6. There was an A team and a B team and we both played really well. The scores were really good - A team won 4 and tied 1 so they did really well. B team won 3, lost 1 and tied 1. We were really proud of ourselves. There were a lot of games, we think around 5 or 6. The other school teams that were taking part in the tournament were: Charfield, Hillesley, British and Bluecoat.

Our positions on the field really worked well. Even though we went against a lot of rough teams, we still did really well in 2nd place and congratulated the other team on first place. We really enjoyed it.

By Anya and Daisy.

On Wednesday, the girls of Class 4 went to the girls football tournament. We brought two teams because there were two competitions, a qualifying one and a friendly game. We won all our games except one that we drew. There were only 3 teams (including us) in the qualifying league so we had a practise game and a real game. Our first game was against British school and we won that. Our second game was against Charfield and we won again. Our third match was against Hillesley and we drew that one but it meant we won our group and we go through to the County Finals in December. We all played well and we think it was easier for us this year compared to last year! By Indie and Phoebe.

### **THANK YOU,**

Due to the Bikeability scheme which was running concurrently, we were able to use both Year 5 AND Year 6 as guides on this week's open day. It was lovely to hear our visitors praise the pupils for their friendliness and knowledge as they travelled around the school.

### **SMILE – AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL!**

Buy through Amazon Smile! The same company, the same choice, the same prices, the same service, plus free money for school! **This raised around £160 last year!** In the build up to CHRISTMAS you could easily raise funds through Amazon Smile. You can find all the information about this FREE service on our webpage here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/pta-fonns/> Basically, if you nominate North Nibley School PTFA as your chosen charity, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to FONNS! You can now access Amazon Smile through apps on iPhone and Android phones.



<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

### **NOVEMBER**

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> – Woodwind lessons. TLCC Governors meeting.

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – Bonfire Lunch!

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – FONNS FIREWORKS – Ohhhhh

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Flu jabs. We are still chasing few replies...

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Swimming for Class 3 continues

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> – Pupil photos (Individuals and siblings)

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> – 11 o'clock – The armistice 'silence'

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country race at KLB. 9:00 start!

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> – Full Governing Body meeting

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> – Non-School Uniform for FONNS (Donation to hampers please. Details to follow.)

Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> – Class 3 Walk Like An ...

### **DECEMBER**

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> – Girls County Football Finals

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> – PANTO! (Thank you FONNS!) **(New date)**

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> - FONNS Christmas Fayre

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> - Cross Country

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 7 'FEEDBACK' (Mince pies and catchup) after school.

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Class 1 & 2 NATIVITY! 1:30 and 6 p.m.

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> – Experience Christmas – with St Martin's Church

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> – LAST Running Club

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Carols in the Church. 6:15 start.

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> - LAST DAY OF TERM

You can find DRAFT DATES for 2023 – 24, and 2024 – 25 here <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 1	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct
Term 2	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Term 3	Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023
Term 4	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Term 5	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Term 6	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

## Come and say 'Goodbye!'

If you were taught by Mr B before you left North Nibley C of E Primary School, a parent of the same, an ex-governor or ex-member of staff, you are invited 'Back to school' to say 'Goodbye'.

Weds 7<sup>th</sup>  
December,  
from 6:30.



Numbers in advance please - 01453 542600

Or join us for Carols, 6:15 December 12<sup>th</sup> in St. Martin's.

## Christmas Carol Service

You are warmly invited to help us celebrate a 'full' Christmas Carol Service - the first since 2019! No association with school needed - just a willingness to sing and celebrate!



Mon 12<sup>th</sup>  
December  
from 6:15.

Or see you for my 'Goodbye' event, 6 :30, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, in school.

## FONNS

FUNdraising for North Nibley C of E Primary School

**FONNS FIREWORKS NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

GATES OPEN AT 5PM

FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT 6.30PM

HELD AT NORTH NIBLEY SCHOOL

FAMILY OF 4 £15.00

OR £5.00 PER PERSON ENTRY

CHILDREN UNDER 4 - FREE

FOOD & DRINK

\* CAN BE  
PURCHASED  
FROM 5PM

