



Friday 14th June 2019

On this day in 2016, the first mammal made extinct by human-induced climate change announced - the Bramble Cay melomys from Torres Strait.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

What a difference a day makes!

On Saturday 23rd parents arrived at school to support a grand clear-up and general maintenance 'day'. Areas were tidied, painted, plumbed, cut back, cleaned and made safe. There were also around 10 children who mucked in. We progressed quickly and were able to tackle many additional jobs not on the list (I had anticipated 7 in total, so the soup didn't go quite as far as intended!). Wotton Farm Shop and Kitt's Green nursery also supported with the donation of plants to help us look fresh. The school looks superb, and I am very grateful. Money that would have been spent getting contractors to complete these tasks can now be spent on the education of your children, so please express your thanks when you can. There is the possibility of making this an annual event, so if you were unavailable this time, it would be great to see you next time around. I've attached more photos, courtesy of Mrs Simpson, on this web page <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/works-requiring-attention/> - where you will also find an updated list of tasks, just in case you are ever at a loose end! (One family, for example, suggested painting the Class 1 Wendy House over the summer holiday!)



Cathedral Leavers Service

Erin, Ellie and Alex write "As we approached the magnificent structure of Gloucester Cathedral, we were amazed: it was time for the Year 6 Leaver's Service. Around 12 - 15 different C of E Primary Schools had come together to give thanks for our primaries and to pray for new beginnings as we move on to secondary schools. Erin had to read a prayer in front of everyone. Sophie and Leon were banner bearers and Ava carried the symbolic candle which you can now see in our school hall. Our gift from the church was a unique cross made from olive wood from Bethlehem - how special! We met the lady from iSingPop and sung some of her songs. Bob Hartman told the story of the lost sheep using fun actions. We were reminded that each one of us is special.

QUAD-KIDS - Y4

"It was great fun. A team got to the County Finals on Thursday and I was awarded "Boy of the Tournament!" Ollie.
"My favourite part was the jumping event because I could see how far I could jump." Grace
"I liked the 70 m run because I won it!" George.
"It was eventful because we had to work really hard as a team!" Amelie.
"It was held at KLB School." Cara.
"It was enjoyable doing the games and races. I'm really glad we won because we put all our effort in." Olivia.
"One of our teams got a gold medal which means they advance to the County Quad Kids Final on Thursday 13th June." Sam.

Matt Mason and the 'Plastic Oceans' Boat

On Wednesday 5th June Matt Mason came into our school. He delivered a presentation detailing the problems of plastic waste in our seas and in our food chain. He also described the steps he and others are taking to improve the world.

Year 3 children said:

"Matt Mason was from Marines and he brought a boat in which he was going to row across the North Atlantic Ocean, from New York to London." Zac R.

"It is one of the roughest oceans in the world." Max.

"We got to go on the boat he brought in." Sophia.

"It was interesting to hear what he was going to do." Daisy.

"Now I know how to stop people throwing plastic into the oceans to save the fish." Oliver P.

Year 5 children Ella, Abby and Joe added this report.

"On Wednesday afternoon Ella and Oli's uncle, Matt Mason, a Royal Marine Commando, came to talk to us about his amazing upcoming challenge: to row across the Atlantic Ocean. This will take a team of four 60-100 days and this route has never been done before. He spoke about the charity 'Plastic Oceans UK, which educates people about the environmental damage plastic can cause. He also inspired many of us to think about the army as well. You'd have to be really tough to endure two months in that boat - cold weather, uncomfortable sleeping compartments, 'disgusting' packaged food and a unique toilet arrangement. Ask Joe for details!"



SIAMS - the Church School Inspection

We have heard we will be inspected on Thursday 20th June (that's next week) and the inspector has asked to meet a group of parents. I'm hoping that 2:45 p.m. is convenient for a number of you, to be finished at pupil collection time (3:15 p.m.). Please pass your name to the school office if you feel you can make a comment on the school's ethos, values, charity and community work or times of collective worship, and the impact of these on the pupils and indeed yourselves!

Nature Quiz

At a thrilling county semi-final the Nature Quiz team proved unstoppable once again and have made it through to the County Finals for the 5th year in a row. Please congratulate the team and the trainers. We'll cover the final quiz in greater detail as it happens - 8th July at Birdlip Village Hall, 7:00 p.m.

MUSIC

We have some spaces for children wanting to take up instruments after the summer holidays. Please keep your eyes open for a yellow music note which explains more.

Scarlet Fever

We have a few cases of this at the moment. Please be alert. Initial symptoms usually include a sore throat, headache and a high temperature (38.3C/101F or above), flushed cheeks and a swollen tongue. A day or two later the characteristic pinkish rash appears. It usually occurs on the chest and stomach before spreading to other areas of the body, such as the ears and neck.

STAFF NEWS – UPDATE

A Teaching Assistant has been appointed to work in Classroom 3 from Sept 2019.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Exciting news from the Governors this week. Please make sure you read their newsletter which you can also find online here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/governor-newsletters/>

RAGS TO RICHES

£280 (and 10p!) was raised through this recycling initiative. Many thanks for your support, and to Mrs Kirby for managing the project.

Robin Hood!

Prepare to 'make merry' now that the name of the Summer Production has been revealed. We are after some help with props and materials. Please could anyone supply white or green curtains, curtain linings, duvet covers or old sheets, which we can convert for our stage backdrop?

HOPE IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"There is hope, even when your brain tells you there isn't." - John Green

"Only in the darkness can you see the stars." – Martin Luther King Jr.

IMPROVING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

I have had positive feedback from parents regarding the display of team points in Friday's assembly. The 'Grand totals' achieved by each school team (Air, Earth, Fire and Water) are now online and these can be followed here – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/team-points/>
You will also find details of what the points are given for on the same page.

The classes can boast the following proportions of parents ready to receive photos of their children at work, as well as the latest team point information!

Class 1 - 80%

Class 2 - 97%

Class 3 - 100%

Class 4 - 54%



DIARY DATES

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Mon 17th	District Sports - Field events here, 4:00 - 5:00
Tues 18th	Class 3 Egyptian Workshop
Weds 19th	School Sports Day (1) This is the 'Traditional' variant. We hope to see many of you there, cheering on your team.
Weds 19th	NO SPORTS CLUB
Weds 19th	District Sports - Track events at KLB 6:30 - 8:00
Thurs 20th	SIAMS INSPECTION
Thurs 20th	Welcome meeting for parents of the New Reception. Please spread the word.
Fri 21st	1:00 - 2:30 - Open Afternoon for EXISTING and NEW parents, Nibley Nibbles cafe and Open Worship.
Sun 23rd	Berkeley Show - please support FONNS at this event.
Mon 24th	Y3 & Y4 Cricket at Frocester
Tues 25th	Induction session for NEW RECEPTION
Weds 26th	Classes 1 & 2 to Weston-Super-Mare

Weds 26th	NO SPORTS CLUB
Weds 26th	Meeting for parents of CURRENT Reception. 6:30.
Thurs 27th	Y6 KLB Induction Y5 to meet Pre-school 'buddies'
Fri 28th	Y5 to meet Nibley House Nursery 'buddies'
Mon 1st	An afternoon of Music. Come and hear our instrument players and celebrate their progress.
Tues 2nd	Class 4 to the Titanic Museum.
Weds 3rd	Mini-Tennis Sports Club is ON
Thurs 4th	Miss Allen meeting parents of current Reception children.
Fri 5th	Sportability Festival SHS Induction Day (Y6) Rednock Open Morning (Y5) Head Teacher 'drop-in' from 1:30

EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY, 2020 HAS BEEN MOVED BACK TO FRIDAY 8th MAY, TO COINCIDE WITH 75th ANNIVERSARY OF V.E. DAY (VICTORY IN EUROPE).

For the latest Term Dates 'Poster' - visit
<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

SUMMER 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT AUTUMN 2019 – Pupil days	NEXT SPRING 2020 – Pupil days	NEXT SUMMER 2020 – Pupil days
Term 5 23/04/2019 – 24/05/2019	Term 1 04/09/2019 – 25/10/2019	Term 3 06/01/2020 – 14/02/2020	Term 5 20/04/2020 – 22/05/2020
Term 6 03/06/2019 – 19/07/2019	Term 2 04/10/2019 – 20/12/2019	Term 4 24/02/2020 – 03/04/2020	Term 6 01/06/2020 - 17/07/2020



The Virtual Bookbag <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/virtual-bookbag/> is updated late on Friday.
 In it this week - • Governor Newsletter

Supporting the school:

Here's an idea which could raise a lot of money for the school - AmazonSmile.
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