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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

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On this day in 1974 the final episode of Monty Python's Flying Circus airs on BBC TV.

Dear Parents and Friends,

OPEN FOR BUSINESS!



The school took a significant step forward last weekend, with the opening on 'The Lodge' (more formally, The Purnell and Jortin Rooms – named after key figures in the school's founding and early history). TV personality and all-round buildings expert George Clarke cut the ribbon, after a short session in the hall where speeches were heard and cake was eaten! A full report will be sent home in the next Governors Newsletter, but there will also be coverage in the local papers. I want to record my thanks to all the governors, their families and the staff who attended and set up the hall, premises and grounds so beautifully. We looked fantastic!

GAMING AND LOOT BOXES

Alan Mackenzie, online safety advisor and occasional visitor to the school, writes...

"It's an area that seems to be getting bigger, yet there are still a lot of people (particularly parents) who don't know what loot boxes are. Here's a link to a great article from the UK Safer Internet Centre that explains loot boxes in an easy to understand way."

<https://www.betterinternetforkids.eu/web/portal/practice/awareness/detail?articleId=5158001>

TESCO TOKENS

Do keep collecting the supermarket tokens – my understanding is that we could be 'up' before Easter!

IN THE SWIM



A member of the team writes "On Tuesday the Year 3 & 4 swimming team went to Dursley Swimming Pool to compete in a swimming gala. The races were medleys, freestyle, breaststroke, front crawl and back stroke. At the end the British School and we had to have a 'race-off' because we both had 20 points. We won the race-off and therefore we were overall winners!" Excellent work, team!

GOING FOR GOLD



The Sports Teacher from KLB, Sharron Bates, attended the assembly on Friday to present the School Games 'GOLD' award. This is an award North Nibley has held several times in the past, and recognises the quantity of PE and Games provided by our school, and the extent to which the school encourages participation from all our different groups. Special mention was made of our resident expert and enthusiast, Mrs Dixon, whose passion for sport is approaching 'legendary' status. Mrs Dixon also received a certificate from the School Council, who praised her for always believing in them!

TOP TIP!

'Who wants to be a reading millionaire?' - research tells us that if young children are to flourish in school, there is no better platform than sustained daily reading with their parents.

SMILE – AND RAISE MONEY FOR FONNS!

Here's an idea which could raise a lot of money for the school, especially in the build up to CHRISTMAS – Amazon Smile.

You can find all the information about using this FREE service on our website page 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 net purchase price!



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

St. Nikolaus

“St Nikolaus, the Bishop of Myra, is remembered among other things for helping three poor girls under the cover of night by throwing purses filled with gold coins through their open window to provide them with dowries. It's said one of the purses fell into a stocking left up to dry. Sounds familiar? When this tradition reached America with Dutch settlers, St Nikolaus eventually became Santa Claus.

Nibley's St Nikolaus event will be launched at 4.00 pm on Friday 6th December when St Nikolaus and his white horse arrive in the churchyard to distribute "gold" coins to children. At the church a display of Christmas Nativity cribs "by candlelight" is being held. There will be traditional Glühwein, Stollen and Lebkuchen etc to enjoy. Then at 5pm St Nikolaus becomes Santa Claus again and will be at the School for the rest of the evening carrying out his regular duties listening to children's Christmas present requests at FONNS Christmas Fayre.

The Nativity Cribs Display "by candlelight" continues in St Martin's Church on Saturday 7th (10am-5pm) and on Sunday 8th (11.30am-4pm) with a special informal service at 9.30am led by the Archdeacon Of Gloucester, Hilary Dawson."

SCHOOL POLICIES

A slight edit to the website URL means that you can now find the policies we are required by law to publish here – <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies/>

This page includes consultation on a policy on Whistle Blowing.

ROTARY SHOEBOX APPEAL

We have partnered with the Rotary Club for their shoebox appeal. Please help yourself to the boxes next to the lost property 'wicker basket' in the lobby.

TAKEOVER DAY

The staff and School Council looked over the ideas for the day (thank you if you contributed) and agreed on a number of changes for Friday.

Children answered the phone, took the registers, organised warm ups in PE and ran the Friday assembly, amongst other tasks around the school.

'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

Practical ideas in our regular series on the actions we can take to ensure that our children - and their children - enjoy a better world. Here are some tips and ideas you may want to think about at home. Discuss these with your children too!



21 BOXES READY TO GO

In the picture, 21 boxes of compressed crisp packets, labelled and ready to go, together with Jude who has been one of the project's keenest supporters. We would like to thank all those who are contributing, and remind you that we can't take everything you want. We have to say;

“No” to Cheesy biscuits wrappers

“No” to Popcorn packets

“No” to Chocolate wrappers

Although (quite possibly) packets are made of the same material, the recycling scheme is sponsored by a well-known crisp packet firm – hence the restrictions. Failure to comply could result in the loss of our licence, so please help Jude and Mrs Kirby by pre-sorting your recycling.

If you have a suggestion for inclusion in this part of the newsletter, we'd love to hear from you!

RESPECT IS THIS TERM'S CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

“It's not only what you say but also how you say it.”

DIARY DATES	
Fri 29 th	FROM TODAY, NO MORE CLUBS.
Fri 6 th	Infant Nativity DRESS REHEARSAL FONNS Christmas Fayre
Sat 7 th	Cross Country Race number 3, KLB 9:30
Mon 9 th	Deadline for Shoe Box gifts for the Rotary Club Infant Nativity AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE
Tues 10 th	Infant Nativity EVENING PERFORMANCE
Weds 18 th	Christmas Dinner in school, CAROL SERVICE, 6:30 at St. Martin's Church
Thurs 19 th	Christmas Party afternoon (details soon)
Fri 20 th	Last day of term.