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NEWSLETTER 327 – THE LOCKDOWN LETTERS

FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - JANUARY 2021

For the Archives: Day 19 to Day 25

Dear Parents and Friends,

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 19 – SATURDAY (97 views)

Well you definitely get entertained on the assemblies, even if it's just watching me struggle with the technology! Yesterday, the hall lights kept tripping out and despite a 'dry run' with the sound beforehand, the sound settings revert to 'useless' all by themselves between screen-shares. Oh well! Better than last week. Improvement by small increments.

PLACES AT SCHOOL

Booking is now open for the week beginning MONDAY 1st February. CRITICAL WORKERS PLUS must book their places before 6 o'clock THURSDAY 28th January. The THURSDAY deadline is the 'new normal' for those wanting a place the following week. This applies to ALL, including those who have booked places in the past. The booking form can be found here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/covid-19> alongside all sorts of useful information.

BIRTHDAYS

5 Birthdays to celebrate in the week coming – Thomas S, Zak L ("Last North Nibley Birthday") Poppy C, Eliana W & Isabella M. You can do this online, and by Thursday evening is helpful, because that's when the preparation for the Friday assembly is done. Ask your teachers for your Purple Mash log-ins.

FAMILY QUIZ

Next week's quiz can be found here –

<https://forms.gle/jgT6kasrRSLgHJKZA>

Look at the pictures – can you name the musical instruments? Just for fun. Answers next Friday.

BOOK REVIEWS

Five more book reviews to inspire your young readers, including factual books, an autobiography and lashings of adventure!

SONG

Sing along to "Join The Sing"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=muQjUJse>

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Please supervise the use of YouTube.

PINBOARDS

You may recall ordering a free pin board or two. They have arrived but are quite 'substantial'. Please collect them when you have a chance!

NATIVITY DVDs

We still have a number of DVDs ready for collection. Please ask at the office.

Stay home if you can, stay safe, Mr B

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 20 – SUNDAY (100 views)

SNOW!

Send photos of your snow men, snow ladies and snow animals to the activity page I am setting up on your portfolios! (Staff can join in too!)

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2FI_ZRY7Y0

Remember to supervise the use of YouTube.

CHECK OUT...

Yesterday's post if you haven't already!

Stay well, Mr B.

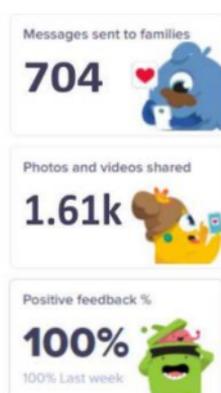
DAILY UPDATE - DAY 21 –
MONDAY (86 views)

ASSEMBLY

Once again we are partnering with iSingPop for an assembly. Episode 2 on the theme of 'Love' can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/487171013/2b85542e6d> As before, the password is spring .

Week

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SONG - Light Up The Fire

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fo-3lf08y-Y&list=RDFo-3lf08y-Y&start_radio=1&safe=true

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HATS, COATS AND GLOVES

The bubbles in school like to take advantage of the good weather, even if it is cold. Please send your children in with suitable clothing and winter essentials!

WEBSITE WORK

The work on the website promised over Christmas is nearing completion and it's about now you should start to see the changes. Please let me know if you find a 'broken' feature.

FONNS AGM

Fabulous FONNS are holding their AGM via Zoom on Wednesday 27th Jan, from 7:30 PM

Why not treat yourself to a social night in! The invitation link is...

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3905430376?pwd=dGw0dk1tYzdyRjY3Q2I1QXQ0VC9uZz09>

Meeting ID: 390 543 0376

Passcode: AGM

SNOW PEOPLE

As I requested yesterday, lots of your 'snow' pictures are starting to arrive. We've really enjoyed seeing them. I'm planning to put them together in a montage for this Friday's assembly, so please continue to submit your photos, via Class Dojo please.

DON'T FORGET

It's always worth checking a few posts back, to see if you missed anything.

Stay safe and well (and warm!) Mr B

DAILY UPDATE - DAY 22 – TUESDAY (92 views)

Why is reading important during school closures?

Reading is great for pupils' mental health and educational outcomes. Reading is better at reducing stress than listening to music or playing video games.

READ Gloucestershire have some FREE activities coming up that are strongly recommended:

ON FRIDAY 29 JANUARY 2021

From 10-11am on Friday

The hilarious Sam Copeland's new book Uma and the Answer to Absolutely Everything is perfect for 7-11 year olds.

TEACHERS/ PARENTS/ CARERS REGISTER here

<https://tinyurl.com/y9efoqv>

Registration is aimed at schools but suitable for families and home learners, just fill in your school as the organisation and 'Parent' or 'Student' as Job Title.

From 10am on Friday

Watch Julia Donaldson read Hospital Dog and draw along with Hospital Dog's Illustrator Sara Ogilvie!

Suitable for all pupils.

WATCH here <https://readforgood.org/read-glos-events/>

When you take part in READ Gloucestershire! Read for Good will donate books to children at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital.

From 2pm on Friday - or whenever you can!

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ! Or listen to a story!

Go to www.readforgood.org/readgloucestershire

Tell us you've read using the link above,

ReadGloucestershire will donate a new book or comic to a child in need for every pupil that's participated.

FOOTWARE

If we can, we get out on the field. A change of shoes, wellies or similar would be really helpful if you are coming

in.

TUESDAY ASSEMBLY - Fischy Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joSeWNnL3CI&safe=true>

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FONNS AGM

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DAILY UPDATE - DAY 23 – WEDNESDAY (96 views)

FONNS AGM

Fabulous FONNS are holding their AGM via Zoom TODAY, 27th Jan, from 7:30 PM

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BAFFLERS

No one has full marks on this one yet! You have until Thursday evening...

<https://forms.gle/jgT6kasrRSLgHJKZA>

Look at the pictures – can you name the musical instruments? Just for fun. Answers next Friday.

HALF-TERM

The DfE have confirmed that schools will not be required to offer 'Key Worker Plus' places over the half term. Parents should therefore make alternative arrangements.

STAFF NEWS

Staff have now begun their twice-weekly Covid-19 testing programme. You've be pleased to hear we are all healthy at the moment!

STUDENTS

Joining Mr MacDuff as student teachers will be Ms Jones (Class 3) and Ms De Meester (Class 4) (honorifics to be confirmed). In due course children can expect their Class Dojo work to be set, and marked, by these additional members of staff, under the supervision of their Class Teachers.

SONG –

Get your toes tapping to this one!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=11&v=JBKxfad2G-s&feature=emb_logo

(Please supervise the use of YouTube).

See you tonight at the AGM!

Take care, Mr B.

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 24 – THURSDAY (99 views)

CHECK BACK TO MY UPDATE FOR DAY 22 FOR INFORMATION ABOUT FOR TOMORROW'S FREE READING EVENTS!

PLACES IN SCHOOL

Bookings for the week beginning 1st Feb close tonight at 6:00, and you can already request a place for the week beginning 8th February. Both links can be found here –

www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/covid-19

TODAY'S SONG

One of my favourite from the Out Of The Ark range. Just sing!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=ut5_ZaEAS3s&feature=emb_logo

(Please supervise the use of YouTube).

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Have you remembered to pass on your birthday wishes? Access the shared blogs on Purple Mash to support your friends.

This week Rev. Peter Marsh presents the Open The Book story and there is a song, great work to celebrate and special news relating to Sport! Tune in from 1:30.

SAFEGUARDING NOTE: please don't share this link outside our school community.

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(and in case I have to reset, keep an eye on Class Dojo for an alternative link if I get lost in the ether!) Please can you join with microphones AND video cameras off? I believe this will make a big difference to our ability to broadcast.

COMPUTING LESSONS

Since I would have been teaching Computing this term in Classes 3 and 4, I have provided teaching videos for your

children. Although in one instance a teaching video of mine has been viewed 35 times, some parents are being asked for a password (which doesn't exist!). I have investigated 2 alternative hosting services and I will update Classes 3 & 4 directly on their Class Stories.

Take care, Mr B.

FRIDAY WORSHIP BINGO!

<p>We won't be able to hear Mr B.</p> 	<p>Rev. Peter Marsh asks us to make a noise like..</p> 	<p>A video will jump!</p> 
<p>We will hear ALL the song, 1st time!</p> 	<p>We will think about our values.</p> 	<p>Mr B will spend time remembering where the button is!</p> 
<p>We won't be able to see Mr B.</p> 	<p>There will be a 'Last North Nibley' Happy Birthday</p> 	<p>We will wave at each other at the end.</p> 

DAILY UPDATE – DAY 25 – FRIDAY (92 views)

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY (The 'Goes Wrong' Show?)

The links to the assembly were published yesterday. The lights are fixed and the prep is (mostly) done.

However, why not play 'Assembly bingo' as we go?

Choose a row or a column (or a diagonal!) and make sure it's different set of three from others in your family. If those three features occur, you win!

WELCOME to Miss Jones (Class 3) and Miss De Meester (Class 4) who are joining us from Monday. (Honorifics confirmed!) In due course we will confirm their timetables.

QUIZ ANSWERS

Only the enigmatic 'P' scored 10/10. Well done 'P' (and it wasn't me!) Answers were:

Clarinet, Violin, Marimba, Trombone, TRUE, Oboe, Double Bass, Timpani, French horn, TRUE.

I have set a new family quiz – this one is based on SNOW!

Find it here - <https://forms.gle/rScLHovXhsbyHCBJ6>

BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH

The Big Garden Bird Watch begins today! Miss Allen posted more about this event below (dated Jan 26th).

SCHOOL DEVICES FOR USE AT HOME

Earlier this year we asked families to tell us of their difficulties accessing online teaching from home, during lockdown #1. We have now converted a number of school laptops for home use, and those who answered the survey

have been served first. If you have THREE OF MORE children of ANY school age, having to share 1 device, we have a small number of laptops left. Please get in touch.

HATS, COATS AND GLOVES (OR MITTENS!)

The bubbles in school like to take advantage of the good weather, even if it is cold. Please send your children in with suitable clothing and winter essentials! Watch out for news about class walks. Wellies might also be required.

See you later,
Stay well, Mr B.