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NEWSLETTER 338

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PERSEVERANCE IS OUR NEW CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other." - Walter Elliot

Dear Parents and Friends,

WALK LIKE AN EGYPTIAN...

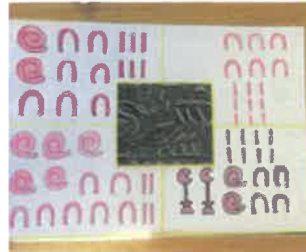
On Friday 23rd April, Class 3 were lucky to have an Egyptian Workshop ran by an Egyptologist called Ali here at school. This day was organised because Class 3's Summer Term Topic is 'What's the point in pyramids?' where they will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptians. Class 3 all cherished every part of the day but some of their favourite parts are listed below:

We came to school dressed up as Egyptians! We were wearing kilts, cobra headdresses, jewellery (including a special cartouche necklace!), makeup, robes and tunics! We learnt about the Egyptian number system and were able to read numbers up to 1 million! When we had learnt these, we played a game of Bingo but instead of Bingo we had to say, "Howl!".

We made a heart scarab beetle out of clay. The Egyptians believed that if you had been naughty in your life, the heart scarab beetle would help you pass the test to the afterlife. However, if you had done too many bad things, this wouldn't have helped you!

We learnt about Egyptian ways of writing and speaking. The Egyptians used a mixture of symbols to create words and these were called hieroglyphs. We then wrote our own names using hieroglyphs onto a paper obelisk that we can use as a bookmark. We also needed to do some hieroglyphs before and after our names to create our titles and messages. Thomas S was then crowned Pharaoh of Upper and Lower Egypt in front of the class and Anya was crowned his Queen!

Class 3 would like to say a huge thanks to FONNS for paying for this visit. They are very grateful to have had such a fun day!



FONNS Sunflower Competition Summer 2021

Non school Uniform day Friday 14th May 2021
In aid of FONNS.

Children can come into school in non-school uniform - Fun Colours (dressed sensibly & appropriately) and make a donation of £1.00 to FONNS.

In return, everyone will receive an entry pack for our FONNS Sunflower competition!

There are two prizes to be won:

- ☀ One for the tallest sunflower
- ☀ One for the largest head

To enter the competition, you will need to submit a photo - with a ruler/metre stick so we can verify the height/width to fonns@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk by **1st September 2021**.

We would love to see photos of you planting and growing your sunflowers, so please do post your photos over the coming weeks, EITHER on the FONNS Facebook page or for those who would rather not, email photos to FONNS@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

Good luck everyone! Happy Growing ☀

MORE ABOUT ATTENDANCE!

Last week I wrote about the days of 100% pupil attendance. Further analysis reveals that over the entirety of this school year 'to date', the number of children classed as 'persistently absent' (meaning attending at or below 90%) is...ZERO! What a healthy and committed bunch of pupils. This goes a long way to helping pupils make accelerated progress in school.



Superstars is up and running and places can be booked through the details on the card –

Email northnibley@super-stars.co.uk or call 07983 979877

HAVE YOU DONE THIS YET?

And if not, why? Stephen Fry, no less, gives it his backing to this strategy PROVEN to improving children's reading on a regular basis. It costs NOTHING, takes just SECONDS and could make a LIFETIME of difference to your children!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-zlSnJ-oao&t=5s>

'NIBLEY GREEN' - Towards a greener world.

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!

Ask your electricity and gas suppliers if they have a green or renewable energy plan. Make the switch to a green plan today. Bonus: Switch to an energy company that supplies 100 per cent renewables!

CLASS DOJO AND I...

Just notification that I rarely look at Class Dojo now (and we are certainly busier in the offices) so urgent messages are best communicated on the phone or via email. Thank you.

TRAFFIC

On two Wednesdays in May we anticipate a motorcycle event on the farm immediately opposite the school (the farm, that is, not necessarily the scrambling!) There might be implications for transport, so if you can avoid using a car, or parking further away, that might help ease any congestion.

SCHOOL POLICIES

A draft copy of the updated 'Freedom of Information' Policy can be found here

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/policies/> My thanks go to parent and associate member of the governing body Mrs Prosser, for her insight and expertise. The Intimate Care Policy will also be reviewed this term. Your comments are invited.

ADVANCED NOTICE – SMILE PLEASE!

11th May – Class groups and Leavers' Photos.
Hairbrushes at the ready?

ADVANCED NOTICE – CLOTHES RECYCLING

The next opportunity to recycle unwanted clothing is 24th June.

SCHOOL TEAMS & THE 'TOKYO' CHALLENGE

Don't forget – having 'reached Tokyo' once with our exercise challenge, we are attempting to repeat the challenge, but as individual school teams. You'll need to select the right team when you log on to record your exercise. Adults can 'play along' too and add their walks, swims, rides and runs to the pupil teams.



WISHLIST

You may recall that we host a wish list on the school website. I had cause to update this recently and was pleased to see the progress we had made against a good number of the ideas you have contributed.

You can still add new ideas and comment on existing ideas if you wish.

(<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/wishlist/>)

AN EASING OF RESTRICTIONS?

Looking forward (and, as ever, subject to Government restrictions) we currently are planning the lifting of our own restrictions as follows:

From:

- Friday 23th April (Today) – Open The Book can return 'live' to the hall
- Monday 7th June – Arrival times to be 're-set' (Some staff are finding the 'soft start' window beneficial and this may continue in one form or another). Watch this space.
- Monday 21st June – The end of bubbles for outside play and the end of staggered lunchtimes.
- Whole school end-of-day collection time, 3:15 p.m.
- Friday 25th June – The first 'Whole School' Assembly (since Friday 13th March 2020!) Adult visitors welcome!
- **NEW DATE** - Wednesday 30th JUNE – HAPPY 'UN-CHRISTMAS' – a rescheduled Christmas Dinner!
- Friday 2nd July – The 'new/current' Reception Welcome service. Get those pebbles ready! Visitors welcome!
- Tuesday 20th July – Leaver's Service in St Martin's Church.

TERM DATES

A reminder of the pupil days in the year ahead:

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 5	Mon 19 th April *	Fri 28 th May
Term 6	Mon 7 th June	Tues 20 th July
Term 1	Thurs 2 nd Sept	Fri 22 nd Oct
Term 2	Tues 2 nd Nov.	Fri 17 th Dec
Term 3	Weds 5 th Jan 2022	Fri 18 th Feb 2022
Term 4	Mon 28 th Feb 2022	Fri 8 th April 2022

* May 3rd = Bank Holiday