

Northmead News



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Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year to you all! I hope you were able to enjoy some time with friends and family over Christmas and your plans were not too disrupted by covid isolation. It has been good to welcome everyone back to what feels like a more settled and normal start to the term. We have been able to return to lower and upper school assemblies as well as children eating together in the dining hall and year groups being able to play together at break and lunch times. Day visits for year groups have been planned to enhance learning in History and Geography. Year 3 are going to RHS Wisley on Thursday where they will study the tropical climate zone and plants growth.

We had two very busy INSET days at the beginning of January, the focus for these was safeguarding, particularly peer on peer abuse, Writing, and computing. Time was also planned for year group staff discussions with Senior Leaders on pupil progress. The entire second day was devoted to training all staff on Little Wandle the systematic phonics scheme we will be using.

I hope you enjoy the new look newsletter we are trialing.

Best Wishes,
Debbie Brown



Safeguarding

Each month we will be drawing staff and parent's attention to a particular focus on safeguarding. This month we have been discussing the Netflix programme **squid games**. Surrey Safeguarding team have sent through a link regarding Squid games and we thought it would be wise to share some key information with you on the attached sheet with this newsletter. Squid Games is a series on Netflix which is rated as 15+ as the visual content includes high levels of gore, death, violence and physical assault. Children are likely to have heard about the show via word of mouth and because it is popular on social media. Please take some time to read the attached information.

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Can you '**Do One Thing**' do help protect the wildlife?



SMALL ACTIONS
BIG IMPACT

On Tuesday 11th Douglas from The Wildlife Aid Foundation visited to inspire the whole school to 'Do One Thing' under the initiative of 'iDot'. This teaches us that we all can do one small thing and have a big impact. For example you should crush your tin cans before recycling so that animals do not get trapped inside. The children were so inspired, they started picking up litter during break! For more information and to log your own iDots visit: <https://idot-waf.org.uk/>



Our theme this half term is **Unity**.
Talk to your children about the following questions. In assemblies and classes, we discuss one a week.

What is unity?

What does unity look like?

Who shows unity?

Have you seen any unity shown in school?

Why is it important to show unity?

What would happen if there was no unity in the world?



Animal News

Boppy is the proud mum of some 7 week old babies. If you are interested in taking some home, please contact 3R@northmead.surrey.sch.uk to discuss. Animal club starts this week with children from the previous waiting list. These families will be contacted. We will open up to the next set of keen children in the summer term, please keep an eye on Parentmail forms.

All aboard The Hogwarts Express

Last week, as part of our new writing unit on characters ,

Year 5 came to school dressed as characters from Harry Potter which helped them immerse themselves into the Hogwarts world created by J.K. Rowling. They boarded the Hogwarts Express, along with their pet owls, rats , frogs and a snake! They learnt about how different students and teachers are portrayed in the first book through their appearance , actions and spoken words. Later, they used bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to make their own fizzing concoctions!



In DT, the **Year 3** children have been designing, making and evaluating moving creatures. Take a look at what wonderful creations they have made!



Despite the cold weather, **Year 6** Morning Milers have been running whilst the sun rises over our playground this week. Well done Year 6!

Early Risers Club **S4K**

Sport4Kids are delighted to confirm that the S4K Early Risers Club will be returning to Stoughton Infant School from Thursday 6th January 2022 ! Parents/Guardians will be able to let S4K coaches know each day whether they would like their son/daughter to receive a healthy and nutritious breakfast served by the S4K team. Each morning, cereal (non-sugary) and toast with spread (jam or marmite) will be available as part of the S4K Early Risers Club. There is no additional cost for this extra service. The club runs between 7:50am and 8.50 am, aimed at children from all year groups. We cover a variety of sports, including Football, Tennis, Cricket, Rugby, Basketball and even Futsal (Brazilian football), as well as energetic active games!



Update

From **Monday 17th January**, people who are self-isolating with COVID 19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period **after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6** and they do not have a temperature.

For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

The day of the positive test is day 0 and the first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period and the second must be taken the following day, 24 hours afterwards. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace. This includes the initial positive result which resulted in the isolation.

https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result?utm_source=14%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

DIARY DATES - check out what is happening and how you can be involved!

Please be aware that these events are planned a term in advance and sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, some dates have to be changed. If there are any changes, or additional dates we will endeavour to inform you at the earliest opportunity (usually text message, school newsletter or school website)

Thursday 20th January		Yr 3 Trip to Wisley
Thursday 10th February		NST Comedy Night
Friday 11th February	3.15 pm	Break up for half term
Monday 14th - Friday 18th February	HALF TERM	
Monday 21st February	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 22nd February	8.30 am	School re-opens after half term
Thursday 24th February		Yr 3 - Maya Day
Friday 4th March		NST Supported Science Workshops - Whole School
Wednesday 9th March & Thursday 10th March		Parents Consultation Evenings
Friday 1st April	3.15 pm	Break up for Easter Holidays

Community News



On 22nd February, all Girlguiding and Scouting members may wear their uniforms to school to celebrate World Thinking Day.



New players welcome

Worplesdon Memorial Ground,
Worplesdon Road, Guildford, GU3 3RF

info@wbcc.org.uk | **07597 979454**

www.wbcc.play-cricket.com | **Pavilion for hire**

2 Saturday teams; 1 Sunday team; T20 Cricket; Junior Cricket; All Stars Cricket