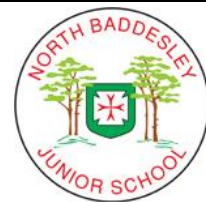


NORTH BADDESLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



CONTACT – The School Newsletter Spring Term (6) 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

This has been another busy half term and we are ready for a break. We all enjoyed the disco last night. Thank you to all the staff and helpers that gave up their time to support running this event.

Parent Consultations

A reminder that the sign up for parent consultations went out this week. It is important to have contact with your child's teacher to keep up to date and informed about their progress – please remember to sign up and we look forward to seeing you.

Staffing

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Fisher who has been working with 5B - we appreciate all of her hard work this half term. We will miss you. We welcome Mr Balcombe back to school on Monday 19th February.

SAFER Internet Week

Mr Webbe led our safer internet week assembly on Tuesday. We talk about online safety all the time, but this was an extra opportunity (on top of our curriculum teaching) to remind the children how to be safe online. I hope many of our parents took the opportunity to attend the online workshops that were sent out last week; regularly attending updated training helps us all to play our part in keeping the children at our school safe online. Skills that they learn now will help them to navigate the online world for years to come.

Allergies

On Monday, an assembly was held that focused on allergies and health conditions. We discussed the importance of not sharing food, and asking for help if we were ever unsure about what to eat. The importance of this was highlighted and we would appreciate your support in reiterating this message and how it is a rule that helps to keep everybody safe and well in school.

Travel and parking

I was disappointed to hear about the irresponsible parking last night making it difficult for pedestrians to safely walk past the school and the surrounding roads. Please can we stress how important it is to keep the pathways clear so that those walking can safely do so. We really do need the support of our whole community to ensure that our roads and pavements are safe. This has been referred to our local PCSO. If you wish to send any of your evidence of irresponsible and illegal parking, please do so to the Hampshire police.

Messages

Please can we remind parents that all absences must be reported to via parent mail or our telephone line. Please can all other messages be only sent to school.office@northbaddesley-jun.hants.sch.uk

New dates for the diary. Planned INSET days for Academic Year 2024/2025, please note these are in line with the Infant school.

Monday 2nd September 2024	Friday 29th November 2024	Monday 2nd December 2024	Friday 20th June 2025	Monday 23rd June 2025
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Eco Committee

At this month's meeting, the class eco reps got very creative, by designing and making potato hotels for this season's potatoes. This season's earlies are a variety called Casablanca, which will make perfect mash, chips or new potatoes. Before planting out, the potato tubers will sit in their potato hotels and start to grow shoots - this is called chitting. We will plant them out, after the last frosts, in compost from our school compost bins. These will hopefully be harvested between June and July, so our Eco Committee will have plenty of potatoes to take home!



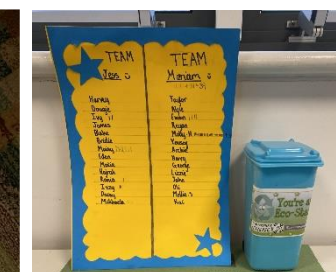
The Eco Committee also handed all their class's collected pens and batteries, to Mrs Murphy. These will be sent away to be recycled, stopping them from being landfilled. This is especially important for the batteries, as they can leach toxic chemicals into the environment and our water supply, when put in normal household waste bins and sent to landfill. Currently, 20,000 tonnes of batteries are incorrectly disposed of this way, so please keep sending them in!

This half term's green league champions are 5W and 6C, congratulations! 6C were given the award for creating an amazing recycling point, whilst also helping lower school recycle more. 5W also demonstrated their environmental credentials, by collecting the most batteries (210), whilst also independently producing some amazing recycling posters, which have now been put up in all classrooms.



Gardening Club

Funds raised from the Christmas Shopping Event, have been used to purchase a new item for the veggie patch: a flat packed storage chest. This was put together by our top Y6 gardener



Josh Thomas, and will be used to store our welly boots and other gardening equipment.

After half term, the growing season will really begin, and we will be sowing broad beans, peas, sweet peas, sunflowers and carrots. But, we want to know what else you would like to see grown at school. Please send your ideas to Mr or Mrs Murphy!

World Frog Day

Want to get creative over half term? Eco committee are putting together a display to celebrate World Frog Day (Wednesday 20th March). Can you paint, draw or make a frog or informative frog poster for our froggie display?

Frogs, being versatile amphibians, inhabit both land and water, playing a crucial role as predators, in maintaining ecological balances. Unfortunately, frogs face several threats, such as habitat loss and fragmentation, as water sources are drained, alongside pollution and predation from invasive non-native species. World Frog Day serves as an awareness day, dedicated to preserving these vital creatures, promoting the creation of a safer environment to ensure their survival. The best things you can do at home for frogs, is to create a wildlife pond and/ or bog garden, whilst also leaving patches of long grass and log piles for them to seek refuge in. Also, make sure you don't use any insecticides, which could poison insects, such as the slugs that some species feed on.

Please send your creations into Mrs Murphy by **28th February**.



Have a lovely half term.
Best wishes,

Miss L. Wootten,
Head Teacher

Upcoming dates and events

FEBRUARY 2024					
Friday 9th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	Last Day of Term
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	HALF TERM
Monday 19 th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	INSET DAY
Tuesday 20 th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	Return to school
Wednesday 21 st February	✓				Year 3 Beaulieu Trip
Thursday 22 nd February				✓	Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop (5-6) Adults only.
Monday 26 th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	Parent communication: spring attainment and progress reports sent home. (Except 5B)
Wednesday 28 th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	Parent communication: Parent Evening Consultations 3:30 -7:00 (Except 5B)
Thursday 29 th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	Parent communication: Parent Evening Consultations (3:30 - 6:00) (Except 5B)
MARCH 2024					
Monday 4 th			✓		5B only- Parent communication: spring attainment and progress reports sent home.
Monday 4 th - Friday 8 th March	✓	✓	✓	✓	World Book Week
Tuesday 5 th March	✓				3W Class assembly to parents (10:20 - 10:45)
Thursday 7 th March	✓	✓	✓	✓	World Book Day (Dress up day.)
Thursday 7 th - Thursday 14 th March	✓	✓	✓	✓	Visiting Book Fair
Week beginning 11 th March	✓	✓	✓	✓	Last week for school led clubs
Tuesday 12 th March	✓				Year 3B Class assembly to parents (10:20 - 10:45)
Tuesday 12 th March			✓		Parent communication: Parent Evening Consultations 3:30 -6:00 (5B only)
Wednesday 13 th March	✓				Year 3 Evacuee Day (dress up)
Thursday 14 th March		✓			Yr. 4 Residential Meeting - Kit list and final arrangements. 5.30-6:30 pm
Thursday 14 th March			✓		Parent communication: Parent Evening Consultations (3:30 - 7:00) (5B only)
Tuesday 19 th March	✓				Year 3G Class assembly to parents (10:20 -10:45)
Friday 22 nd March		✓			Year 4 Carnival Experience Day (Dress up)
Friday 22 nd March	✓	✓	✓	✓	Rock to the Beat Concert for parents (2:30)
Monday 25 th March	✓	✓	✓	✓	Open Afternoon: Whole school curriculum showcase (2.30-3.10pm)
Thursday 28 th March	✓	✓	✓	✓	END OF TERM - normal finishing time.
Friday 29 th March- Friday 12 th April	✓	✓	✓	✓	EASTER HOLIDAYS

***House Points
Well done Embleywood***

2070

2176



1456

2505

Thank you.

Gill Street, our road crossing patrol officer, would like to thank our community for the best wishes and cards that were sent. She is on the mend and is looking forward to seeing everyone in the future.

Attendance Awards

Our aim is for every child to have an attendance of 95% or more.

Year Group Attendance Statistics:

Year 4 - 96.54% Year 3 - 94.93% Year 6 - 94.86% Year 5 - 90.63%

Attendance Award

Presented to: 4W Class

For managing to achieve 97.21% attendance
In Spring Term 1 2024.

*A really great achievement which will contribute
to your learning./*



Attendance Award

Presented to: Year 4

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9 February 2024

INSET Days 2024/2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

North Baddesley Infant School and North Baddesley Junior School have collaborated to ensure that INSET days across both schools are identical for the academic year 2024-2025.

The INSET Days will be:

Monday 2nd September 2024	Friday 29th November 2024	Monday 2nd December 2024	Friday 20th June 2025	Monday 23rd June 2025
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You will note that four of the days, (November/December 2024 and June 2025) enable families to take a long weekend outside of peak holiday times. The September day should allow greater flexibility for returning home from travelling at the end of the summer holiday.

In recent years, we recognise that a greater proportion of families are looking for more cost-effective family time. This has impacted on pupil attendance and access to education. We hope that by sharing this information early supports the attendance of every child for the academic year 2024-2025.

We have to balance INSET days with professional development requirements for the teams at both NBIS and NBJs across the year. Nevertheless, having all children in school for the maximum time remains our priority.

If this is a successful approach and we see improvements in attendance at both schools, across the year, then we can look to providing something similar again in the future. Thank you for working with us.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Lashmar
Headteacher NBIS & Nursery

Miss L Wootten
Headteacher NBJs

NBJS online advice



Screen time

Top tip: set up screen time settings on devices to send a reminder of your screen usage. Monitor this through app settings. Remove devices from your child before bed time.

It is recommended that junior school aged children have a maximum of 2 hours a day using screens- this includes home learning, device use and TV watching.

Top tip: create an open communication culture, where two way discussion is promoted.

Talk to your children about what games they are playing and how they are communicating online. Promote a positive view of discussion about online usage, encouraging them to share their concerns or worries.

Communication

Settings and privacy

It is important to check settings within each app: **private vs public**. This includes profile pictures, content shared and the ability to comment.

Top tip: make sure all content is private and restrict commenting by others on posts and direct messaging.



Check your child's devices daily. Review the messages they have received and sent, the content they may have downloaded or had shared with them, their internet history and videos watched.

Top tip: Explain to your child the reason for checking their device: to keep them safe and to support them in challenging situations.

Monitoring



Look out for signs indicating an impact of social media or device use on your child's well-being. *What are they being exposed to? Edited images, explicit content, unkind behaviours.*

Top tip: look out for tiredness, secretive and withdrawn behaviours, obsession with their device.



Well being

Encourage children to share with you any content that they feel is inappropriate e.g. messages, content. Review the importance of blocking and reporting concerns.

Top tip: before you allow your child to sign up for an app, review the features that will keep them safe.

Blocking and reporting

