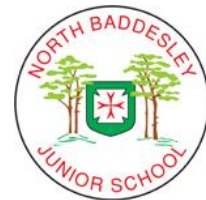


NORTH BADDESLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



CONTACT – The School Newsletter Spring Term (7) 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

We hope that you all had a lovely half term break. We have had a great start to the new term. Our cross-country runners showed great determination this week showing up to run on the INSET day. They have represented the school amazingly over the last few weeks and worked well as a team. Bella and Aniya have been selected to represent Test Valley at the Hampshire Cross Country event in Basingstoke - well done! We will find out where the overall teams placed very soon.

Attendance update

The Head Teachers within the cluster have been working together on improving school attendance. On Monday, we parent mailed the updated cluster attendance letter. If you missed it, please [click here](#).

Parents Evening

We look forward to seeing everybody next week for parents meetings. 5B's parents evening is at the later date of the 12th and 14th March. Please enter and exit the school via the main reception door. Governors and staff will be there to greet you if you need any help.

YEAR 3 GO SPY TRAINING!

The weather was certainly not going to spoil our Year 3 visit to Beaulieu! Our lovely coach drivers did a fantastic job of transporting us to our destination – Beaulieu! As soon as we arrived, we were raring to go. A lovely member of the Beaulieu team met each group and we were whisked off quickly to avoid the rain and begin our first activity. Our day included: finding out about the spies who trained at Beaulieu, learning some spy tips and tricks and spotting vehicles from the 1940s. A big highlight for all of us was a ride in the American WW2 army jeep. You might talk to your child about the objects a WW2 spy in the SOE may have used during their secret operations...



Goodbyes



Today we say Goodbye to Mr Murphy who is about to start his career in the environmental sector. We appreciate all that he has given to NBJs including the ECO initiatives that he has been a part of and we will miss him greatly. He has reassured us that he will continue to come and help us to look after the 5,000 trees that we have planted.



"Can I borrow your costume for World Book DAY?"

A message from Mr Murphy

Sadly, this is also the final eco newsletter I will write. After spending some wonderful years here, both as a student many years ago, and in my current role on the teaching staff for the past 4 years, I have accepted a position at a sustainability consultancy, having recently completed my masters degree.

Leaving North Baddesley Junior School for the second time, this time as a staff member, is bittersweet, as the memories of my time here, both as a child and an educator, hold a special place in my heart. The journey from being a student at this remarkable school, to returning as part of the teaching staff has been truly rewarding, and I have learnt plenty of skills that I will take forward in my career. Fortunately, I will be working locally and I intend to come back when I can, to assist with extra-curricular activities. You may even see me return to help maintain the 5000 trees we have planted, or during REF week with my bees again this year!

Thankfully, Gardening Club and Eco Committee will stay in very good hands, as Mrs Murphy will continue to lead them, and I look forward to hearing all about their work for the rest of this year, through her! It really has been a privilege to work with such enthusiastic and talented children, within the nurturing environment of our school; I am sure they will go far in whatever they choose to do!

Celebrations



A huge well done to Kai and Jake for their music certificates this week and to Grace for her dance distinctions that she achieved in modern theatre and tap. Eden and Olivia represented North Baddesley Juniors at the Southampton schools trampoline competition at the weekend. Eden came 2nd out of 30 girls in the under 11 category and Olivia placed 11th in the Under 9's category. Amazing girls - we are proud of you.



Chess Club

Chess club would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Owens (Darcy's Grandad) who has bought the school five new chess sets. Our chess club is oversubscribed and these new sets mean that more children can access the club and play the game. Thank you so much - we really appreciate your generous gift to the school and club.



Eco Committee

With World Frog Day coming up next month, Year 4 found out lots of interesting froggy facts, and made their frogs for our big frog display.

Did you know that toads are actually a type of frog? Also, frogs are found on every continent of the world except Antarctica! The UK has two native species of frog – Common and Pool frogs.

It is also not too late to send in your frog creations and pictures, as Mrs Murphy is planning a display of these interesting creatures, to highlight the need for their conservation.

At home you can help frogs and other amphibians, by creating a wildlife pond and/or bog garden. This will provide them with suitable breeding spots, which is key to help increase populations. You should also avoid using pesticides, as these can poison the insects and slugs that frogs like to eat.



Gardening Club

Due to the awful weather, the gardeners enjoyed a little paddle in the puddles, after they had finished preparing our raised beds. The staff room teabags and fruit snack leftovers, which have been building up in our compost bins last year, made wonderful mulch and natural fertiliser, which was added into the soil to provide plenty of nutrients for our crops. We also planted some garlic in pots, which will be planted out in the raised beds, once it starts to shoot and the frosts have finished.

The growing season is well underway, so if anyone has any vegetables or fruits they would like us to grow, please let Mrs Murphy know.

Best wishes,



Miss L. Wootten,
Head Teacher



Upcoming dates and events

FEBRUARY 2024					
Monday 26th 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 March			✓		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 22nd March		✓			Year 4 Carnival Experience Day (Dress up)
Friday 22nd 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

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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World Book Week 2024

Monday 4th March - Friday 8th March

North Baddesley Junior School are looking forward to celebrating World Book Week next half term, which takes place from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March. During this week, your children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting and creative activities.



This year, each year group will be using the following text to explore different environments:

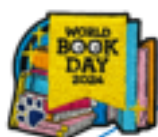
Year 3: Under the Sea

Year 4: The Amazon Rainforest

Year 5: Outer Space

Year 6: Race to the Poles

This is different to the theme that classes have been given for dressing up!



World Book Day Dress Up!

On the official World Book Day (**Thursday 7th March**), Children are invited to dress up. Classes have decided on a theme, if your child wishes to dress up in line with the class theme they are more than welcome. Please do not feel that you need to buy a costume for this.

Class	Theme
3B	Space
3G	History
3W	Robots
4H	Explorers / animals in the rainforest
4C	Magic
4W	Animals
5B	Disney
5T	Hobbies and Movies
5W	George's Secret Key to the Universe (Space)
6C	Myths and legends
6G	Travel adventures.
6R	Water

Here are the chosen class themes.

Book Fayre

We will be welcoming the travelling book fair from **Tuesday 5th – Monday 11th March**, where children will be able to use their £1 book voucher. In school time, children will have the opportunity to take a look at the book selection on offer. The fair will then be open in the Year 3 shared area after school from 3.20- 4pm.

Look out for competitions to win a range of prizes!







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2nd to 12th April

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SHERBORNE HOUSE

Chandlers Ford

Week 1- Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th April
£28 per day/ £105 for all 4 days

Week 2- Monday 8th to Friday 12th April
£28 per day/ £125 for all 5 days

CYCLING DAYS

Thur 4th April @ Bartley

Fri 5th April @ Sherborne

Bring your own bikes
& helmets and join
in the FUN! Full info
online



BARTLEY SCHOOL

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Check out our
May Half Term &
Summer Dates
Online!!

Week 1- Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th April
£28 per day/ £78 for all 3 days

Week 2- Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th April
£28 per day/ £78 for all 3 days

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