

CONTACT – The School Newsletter Autumn Term 2 (14) 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week with our Christmas performances. A huge well done to year 3 for their efforts this week; they sang beautifully and made us all very proud. Mrs Murphy and the team are busy preparing for the Christmas shop next week – thank you for all of your donations.



Christmas Shopping Event



A final reminder that our Christmas Shopping Event is on **Tuesday 12th December!** It is also not too late to send any donations for the children to buy, which would be greatly appreciated. Each year group will have the opportunity to visit the stalls, and purchase Christmas gifts for their family. The adults will also be providing a wrapping service!

These gifts will be made up of the donated items, eco arts and crafts made by the children, and food made by our cooking club. Each week the cooking club has been making a range of treats, to be sold at the event, but this week they topped it all, by making two fabulous gingerbread houses! Both of these will be up for grabs at the event, so don't miss out!



The Christmas Shopping Event is always lots of fun, but it also provides the children with valuable learning experiences, including the mathematical aspect of spending money and buying responsibly. Some children, supervised by adults, will also be given the opportunity to run stalls, helping them to develop useful skills in handling money and managing their own shop. Furthermore, all the money raised will go towards building a new outdoor classroom and learning environment.

Please could children bring their money in a named wallet or purse, as well as a shopping bag for their gifts. If you would like to volunteer on a stall for an hour or two, and get into the Christmas spirit with us, please let the school office know (DBS required).

The school would also like to show its appreciation to Mrs Murphy, who has spent weeks preparing and organising this wonderful occasion.

Christmas Trees and Thank you

Last week we decorated our Christmas trees, one of which was kindly donated by Mrs King. They look great and certainly make our school feel a lot more Christmassy!



Eco Committee

The Eco Committee are kindly asking for the children to **bring in any spare bamboo canes**, for our next round of tree planting. The children have been planting the trees provided by the Woodland Trust so fast, that we have now run out! Please could these be brought in anytime next week, many thanks!

Eco Committee have also been busy building more log piles, planting more trees and conducting site maintenance. Primarily this has involved clearing all the weeds around this year's and last year's planted trees, to stop them being crowded out, and enable them to grow properly in the Spring. Often trees are planted, but never reach their full potential, as they are not maintained for those crucial 2-3 years after planting. The Eco Committee are doing a brilliant job, making sure that this is not the case at North Baddesley Junior School!

Other reminders for next week

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day. Please can we remind parents that if the children have not pre-ordered a Christmas dinner then they will need to bring in sandwiches. Sandwiches will be eaten in the resources room altogether.

Thursday 14th December – Children to bring a change of party clothes for the afternoon. The children will be able to change into them after lunch (full school uniform beforehand). We will be playing party games as a year group and having nibbles too. Please could we ask that your child brings in a small amount of party food (biscuits, crisps or popcorn) that they can share. We will be providing water and squash, so no fizzy drinks please.

Friday 15th December - Carols and Candles Assembly - smart uniform please including school shoes. Individual teachers will talk to the children about what they can bring in on this day. Rock to the Beat concert is at 2:30 – please wait near the year 5/6 gate.

Well done

A huge well done to Matthew who ran the Oxfordshire Maverick Race Series 11km run on Saturday (an adult event) with an amazing time of 1hr 11 mins. This is the longest event he's done so far, and it was quite hilly.



Travel Survey - please help us by completing the survey – the date has been extended to the 15th December

During the next few months, as part of a review of safety outside our school gates, we will be reviewing our school travel plan. It is the intention to involve all of the parents of the school in contributing towards the plan, as we all travel to the site. The plan will be looking at how pupils, staff and visitors travel to and from school. We intend to work towards the following outcomes:

- Improve safety and reduce air pollution outside the school gate,
- Encourage pupils, parents, guardians and staff to walk or cycle to school where possible,
- Encourage pupils, parents, guardians and staff to use environmentally friendly ways of travelling to school,
- To involve pupils through curriculum in considering the best ways to travel safely and healthily to school,

The survey also gives you an opportunity to highlight any barriers to sustainable travel and put forward suggestions to where improvements could be made to the local infrastructure. A link to a travel survey is attached and we would encourage you as parents to complete this as a family activity.

<https://ete Hampshirecc.welcomesyourfeedback.net/NorthBaddesleyParentTravelSurvey2023>.

Walking to school

Please be mindful that there is no crossing patrol on Rownhams Road. We have spoken to the children about being safe on the roads but please ensure that children are supervised when crossing the busy roads to ensure that we keep everybody safe.

We thank you for your support in this matter and wish you a lovely weekend.

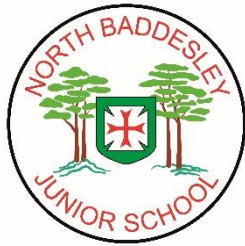
Best wishes,



Miss L. Wootten
Head Teacher

Celebration at NBJs - Well done

Well done to the children that have achieved the values award this week.



Yusuf
India
Charlie
Zayed
Katie
Dominic
Arya
Eleanor
Cooper
Caleb
William
Jaxson
Irha





North Baddesley
Junior School
Whole School
Attendance this
week 94.1%

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Junior School
Whole School
**Target is to be
above 97%**

Dates for the Diary

	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	
DECEMBER 2023					
Tuesday 12 th December	✓	✓	✓	✓	Christmas Shopping
Wednesday 13 th December	✓	✓	✓	✓	Christmas Dinner and Jumper day
Thursday 14 th December	✓	✓	✓	✓	Christmas Parties - party clothes for the afternoon.
Friday 15 th December	✓	✓	✓	✓	Carols and Candles
Friday 15 th December	✓	✓	✓	✓	Last day of term - Finish normal time 3:20
Friday 15 th December		✓	✓	✓	Rock to the Beat Concert - 2:30
Monday 18 th Monday - 1 st January	✓	✓	✓	✓	CHRISTMAS BREAK
JANUARY 2024					
Tuesday 2 nd January	✓	✓	✓	✓	Return to school
Tuesday 9 th January			✓		Year 5 planetarium experience in school
Wk. beginning 15 th January	✓	✓	✓	✓	Clubs begin
Tuesday 16 th January		✓			4H Class assembly to parents (10:20 -10:45)
Tuesday 23 rd January		✓			4C Class assembly to parents (10:20 -10:45)
Tuesday 30 th January		✓			4W Class assembly to parents (10:20 -10:45)

Spanish Club

Please find attached the link for Spanish Club next term.

<https://forms.gle/yQJxd7ZbS8M6KKAy5>

Having trouble with the link. Please contact Kidslingo who will be happy to help!

Gracias!

https://www.instagram.com/kidslingo_spanishsouthampton/

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-southampton-romsey-northbaddesley/>

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