



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week, I can't believe how quickly this half term has gone.

NBJS Football Champions

This year two football teams were entered into the Mountbatten feeder primary schools league. We can proudly announce that the two Year 5/ Year 6 football teams finished 1st and 2nd, successfully retaining last year's title!



It was good to see so many different players on the scoresheet, with both teams passing the ball around beautifully, whilst utilising different tactics and play styles. Not only were their performances excellent, but they also won awards for honesty and determination, having demonstrated an exemplary level of sportsmanship throughout the competition. All the hard work put in during after school training sessions, with Mr Webbe and Mr Murphy for the past two years, has definitely paid off! We are all very proud of you.



'Royal' Mail

Scarlett received a letter from the King thanking her for writing to him as part of her English work this year. The class enjoyed her opening it – a lovely keepsake for Scarlett.



Music across School

Each year group has been busy in their music lessons this half term, with a focus on composing their own music.

Year 3 – Our topic this half term has been Chinese Lanterns and involved us learning a song to help us explore pentatonic scales, which have then inspired us to combine these notes to create our short compositions. Each class is also currently enjoying a taster session of choral singing from Mr Seymour from Romsey Abbey which is helping us explore all the skills of becoming a good singer – thank you to Mr Seymour for giving your time to do this.

Year 4 – We continue to learn the new skill of playing the PTrumpet or PBone led by Mrs Armstrong from The Mountbatten School. Mastering the particular techniques for these instruments can prove tricky at times, but we are looking ahead to our performance in the Summer term and excited to keep learning new songs.

Year 5 – We have been working with Mrs Daas on our Frozen Lands topic where we have been working in pairs to compose our own melodies using formal musical notation and the notes of the D natural minor scale. Next week, we will be combining our melodies to work in groups to complete our Frozen Lands compositions.

Year 6 – We have spent this half term with Mrs Daas designing our own 'Amazing Machines' and thinking about how music can be layered for effect. We watched the animated music video 'Pipe Dream' to inspire our own compositions. This week we started putting together our own

compositions using melodies we had created and selecting which instruments would best represent the sound of our machine working!

Singing at the Abbey

Finn in Year 6 is celebrating the completion of learning his next stage of choral music and continues to progress with his training at Romsey Abbey. We would love more children from the school to be getting involved with singing at the Abbey – please see the two flyers at the end of this Contact which explain how your child might get involved.



Chess Club

Chess club has gone from strength to strength this year. What started as a small lunchtime club with only a few key members is now a thriving club which 28 children attended this week. It is fantastic to see the children's skills and confidence grow. Mr Jones is very proud of the commitment and enthusiasm that you all show. One of the highlights is challenging Mr Jones or Mr Chessum to a game. If anybody has any unwanted chess sets at home we would love to have them – they would be well used!



Gardening Club

Gardening Club have been busy preparing the veggie beds, ready for the growing season ahead. This included planting onions and constructing a bean frame from bamboo canes, which were kindly donated to the school on our Community Day. Gardening Club have also continued to plant the last few trees that were leftover from Community Day. It won't be long until they start budding and form a beautiful flowering hedgerow, and the blackthorn has already started to flower. The bulbs planted last autumn are also beginning to bloom, meaning spring is almost upon us!

We are looking forward to what will soon be a very busy growing season!



RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

North Baddeley Junior School successfully completed their ornithological survey, for the RSPB's conservation programme, and were awarded a certificate!

Now is a great time to get bird boxes put up, so birds can use them during the breeding season, which starts in March. This year it could start even earlier in late February, due to the warm weather. Eco Committee encourage you to do this in your garden, you can get several types of bird boxes:

- Bird boxes with a 25 mm hole- blue tits and coal tits
- Bird boxes with a 32 mm hole- blue tits, great tits, coal tits, marsh tits, nuthatches, tree sparrows and pied flycatchers
- Bird boxes with a 45mm hole- starlings and great spotted woodpeckers
- Sparrow terrace boxes- house sparrows
- Standard open fronted nest box- robins and wrens
- Large open fronted nest box- song thrushes, mistle thrushes and blackbirds
- Extra-large open fronted nest box- jackdaws and stock doves
- Swift boxes
- Swallow and house martin cups
- Barn owl boxes
- Tawny owl boxes
- Kestrel boxes

Please avoid trimming hedges and trees during the breeding season, to avoid disturbing nesting birds.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet day. To support this, there a series of webinars explaining Cyber Choices and the risks to young people of committing computer misuse offences. The invitation details are shown below.

When: Feb 6, 2024 13:00 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

Register in advance for this webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w4CZPn-5Sb6PmX5scPuFkA

When: Feb 8, 2024 09:30 London

Topic: Cyber Choices for Parents & Carers

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webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tpd56MjvSs25i_nz5W8Vlq

When: Feb 8, 2024 20:00 London

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webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_guDQFW6TRBiOJWEga_g6qw

After registering, a confirmation email containing further information about joining the webinar will be automatically sent out.



A well done to our values children this week

Values 2/2/24

*Ewan
Digby
Elliot
Sophia
Harry
Chloe
Freddie
Henry
Lilyanna
Zaroon
Jessica
Lily
Elle*

School Disco

A gentle reminder to remember to sign up for the school disco which is taking place on Thursday 8th February. The disco is always a lovely way to finish off a busy term. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss L. Wootten

Head Teacher

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Hampshire County Youth Orchestra OPEN DAY



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Saturday 23 March 2024, 10.15am - 2.30pm
Thornden Hall – Chandler's Ford

- Thinking of joining the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra?
- Come along to join in and see what it's all about!
- Play alongside current members, meet other players, and take part in a short, informal performance for parents at 2.00pm.
- Orchestral musicians welcome- including harps and percussion.
- If you are unable to come along, but would like to audition later this term, do get in touch
- The day is aimed at String players grades 4 + and Brass/Wind/Percussion/Harp players grades 6 +

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Upcoming dates and events

FEBRUARY 2024					
Tuesday 6th February			✓		Year 5 Hampshire Fire and Rescue visit in school
Thursday 8 th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	FONBJS School Disco (Yr.3 & 4: 4.30 -5.45) (yr. 5 & 6: 6:00 – 7.15)
Friday 9th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	Last Day of Term
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	HALF TERM
Monday 19th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	INSET DAY
Tuesday 20th February	✓	✓	✓	✓	Return to school
Wednesday 21st February	✓				Year 3 Beaulieu Trip
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			✓		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 13th 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)
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