

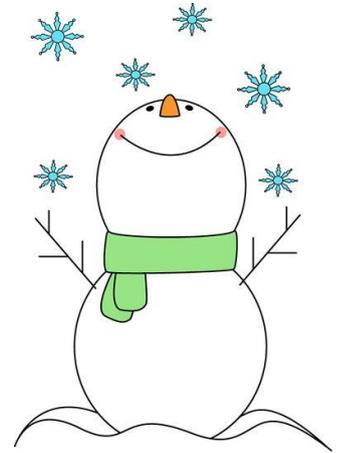
Notton House School

Term 2 Newsletter

November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is very easy in a school like ours to hear, or talk about, poor behaviour and negative attitudes (by the boys of course!). But actually there have been many good and positive behaviours and achievements since September that would make you smile and be proud. All the boys who have moved departments or started new this year have made successful transitions and settled well into their classes. Some who have found new activities and courses away from school, such as Outdoor Education or Vocational Courses in Bristol have, with support, started to really give it a go and found they are good at it!



Boys are accessing more lessons than they were doing in the past and I am pleased to say on Wednesday afternoons at my 'Head Teacher Afternoon Tea Party' I have seen some lovely work by the boys and enjoyed the company of Jamie, Logan, Sam R, Jason, Patrick, Jay W, Lee G and Haruun. I hope to see more in the coming weeks for their 'WOW' work!



It has been my privilege over the past two years to lead Notton House School, but it is time for me, as Executive Head Teacher, to step back from the day-to-day running of the actual school. I am delighted to inform you that after Christmas, the new Head Teacher of Notton House School, Lindsey Hull will be here, and keen and eager to lead the school onwards. I am sure you will all give her your full support in her new role and welcome the 'first' female Head Teacher of Notton House School.

My best wishes for the future,

Peter Evans

Executive Head Teacher

Christmas at Notton

All parents, grandparents, siblings, and carers are invited on Wednesday 30th November 4.30pm -6pm for an evening of decorating their son's area Christmas tree whilst enjoying a small Christmas themed buffet, after which families are very welcome to take their son out to tea.

Suzie and Jamie will be calling you shortly to confirm numbers. We will also be providing pickups from Chippenham train station if needed.

Tea with the Head Teacher

Boys who have worked exceptionally well all week, or have achieved some personal goal, are invited to have afternoon tea with Mr. Evans in his office. This new initiative gives the boys a calm atmosphere for positive reinforcement of exceptional behaviour.

Why not ask the boys about it?



Middle School Newsletter Contributions



Middle school have formed a positive link with Larkrise Community Farm. Larkrise Community Farm is a local charity based in Trowbridge, the county town of Wiltshire. The working farm was originally established in 1987. The Farm's animal population includes cattle, horses and ponies, sheep and goats, pigs, a

variety of types of fowl, and a number of smaller domestic species such as rabbits and guinea-pigs. Notton House students are taught how to respect and care for the various species of animals on the farm. This involves all aspects of handling and moving the animals, feeding, grooming where appropriate, and generally taking responsibility for the welfare of the creatures.



Middle school class 2 students have been making great progress in PE. Various boys have been rewarded with afternoon tea with Mr Evans to recognise and celebrate their impressive work on the trampoline.

Middle school class 3 have been learning about adaptation and habitats in Science. They have explored the voyage of The Beagle to the Galapagos Islands in 1831 and investigating the work of Charles Darwin. His observations on this voyage allowed Darwin to develop his theories of evolution through common descent and natural selection.



Middle School Class 1 have been completing project work on The Ancient Egyptians

The Ancient Egyptians



This term we are learning about the ancient Egyptians. We have learnt about how the River Nile was so important for the Egyptian people. Did you know when it flooded it made all the ground on each side of the river into land where they were able to plant crops? They also used it to transport good by ships to other villages where it was sold for lots of money.

“I want my **mummy!**”

Pharaohs were the Kings of Egypt. When they die they were made into “**mummies**”. This meant they were treated to stop they bodies from rotting! (nice!!?)

The Egyptians were ordered by how important they were, with the Pharaoh at the top.

Which order do you think these people should be placed? (Answers underneath)



A

The farmers



B

The slaves



C

The priests



D

The soldiers



E

The scribes



F

The market sellers



G

The Pharaoh

Answers
1st-G
2nd-C
3rd-E
4th-D
5th-F
6th-A
7th-B

We also looked at ancient Egyptian artefacts. (Old objects)

You have a go and see if you can work out which are which !! (We did 16 of them!)



Artefact _____



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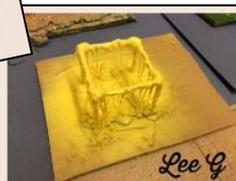
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Art

TERM 1 ART

THIS TERM WE STARTED IN OUR NEW CHOICE BASED ART CLASSROOM.

WE CHOOSE WHAT WE WANT TO MAKE AND HOW WE MAKE IT.



STRUCTURES



Upper School



Well done to all students this term who have made excellent progress. Sam, Jay C, Aaron, Ben, Alfie, Sam, Jason, Shaun Paul, Lee G and Lewis have been making 3D models and are continuing to make artwork that is very interesting. Ryan H, Nathan, Jack, Haruun and Kieron have completed large paintings, extending their brush and colour mixing skills. Jamie, Logan and Levi are working on a GCSE Graffiti and Street Art Project, which includes painting, drawing, sculpture and

stencil cutting. We are hoping to use their new skills to decorate more areas of the school very soon.

Alongside their personal projects, students and staff are currently working hard in the Art Department to create ceramic decorations for the Lacock Christmas Tree competition. Our theme is 'Twelve Days of Christmas'. On Monday 28th November a group of us will go to Lacock Abbey in the evening to decorate a tree. Last year we came third so we are hoping for first this year! Jamie is our Art Representative and he will be helping to organise this event.

The Upper School have settled well into Term 2 and are looking forward to putting their ideas forward at the school council meeting on Thursday 24th November 2016. Our School Council Representatives are; Logan, Brandon and Max. They have been given their Reps badges and they look great!

Max had the amazing opportunity to go horse riding as a reward at the end of last term. This was a very enjoyable trip and he represented Notton House very well. Well done Max.



STRUCTURES

PSHE @ Notton House School

All pupils are allocated 1 hour of PSHE teaching a week. The lessons take place with their class tutor and Learning Facilitator in their own tutor base. PSHE

education helps pupils to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to manage many of the critical opportunities, challenges and responsibilities they will face as they grow up and in adulthood.

By teaching pupils to stay safe and healthy, and by building self-esteem, resilience and empathy, an effective PSHE programme can tackle barriers to learning, raise aspirations, and improve the life chances of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils.



There is evidence to show that PSHE education can address issues such as substance misuse, unhealthy eating, lack of physical activity, and emotional health. The skills and attributes developed through PSHE education are also shown to increase academic attainment and attendance rates; as well as improve employability and boost social mobility

To support this lesson we also have external visitors such as representatives from the police and other agencies. At present we have PCSO Chris Pugh from the Wiltshire police working with middle school pupils. He is looking specifically at 'Sexting', which is part of our work on ESafety. I hope that you agree that this is very relevant to pupils growing up in the modern world of mobile phones, iPads etc.

Many thanks,

Jon Gibson

Deputy Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary:-

**21st Nov: - Inset Day – School Closed
(pupils will be collected as usual on Tuesday 22nd
November.)**

30th Nov: - Christmas Coffee Morning

16th Dec:- End of Term 2



Should you wish to purchase any new uniform, please contact the school office. The details are as follows:-

School Uniform - Price List 2016/17					
Item	Size	Total Cost	Trousers	31	£16.00
Polo Shirt	XS	£5.50	Trousers	32	£16.00
Polo Shirt	S	£5.50	Trousers	34	£16.00
Polo Shirt	M	£7.50	Trousers	36	£16.00
Polo Shirt	L	£7.50	Trousers	38	£16.00
Polo Shirt	XL	£7.50	Trousers		
Sweat Shirt	XS	£7.00	PE Kit		
Sweat Shirt	S	£7.00	Polo Shirt	XS	£5.50
Sweat Shirt	M	£10.50	Polo Shirt	S	£5.50
Sweat Shirt	L	£10.50	Polo Shirt	M	£7.00
Sweat Shirt	XL	£10.50	Polo Shirt	L	£7.00
			Polo Shirt	XL	£7.00
Trousers	24	£13.50			
Trousers	25	£13.50	Green Shorts	XS	£5.00
Trousers	26	£13.50	Green Shorts	S	£5.00
Trousers	27	£13.50	Green Shorts	M	£5.00
Trousers	28	£13.50	Green Shorts	L	£5.00
Trousers	29	£16.00	Green Shorts	XL	£5.00
Trousers	30	£16.00			

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