

Netley Abbey Junior School

Newsletter 27th November 2020



Thank you to all the children who supported our Anti-Bullying week, learning about the issues surrounding difference, equality and bullying as well as how to deal with them in their own lives. Last week was also Road Safety Week which raised awareness of the importance of keeping safe on the road. You can read more about both events in the Pupil Voice section below.

As we move nearer to the festive season, our Christmas Events will be different this year due to the current restrictions. Despite this, we are planning lots of festive activities that our pupils and staff can enjoy which you can read about in more detail below.

Next week, look out for a letter that we will be sending to all parents regarding a 'Parent Wellbeing Questionnaire' which we hope you are able to complete.

Please keep our children safe!

There has been an increase in the number of parents stopping or momentarily waiting on the 'yellow zig zag lines' outside the school at drop off and pick up times. This puts children (as well as adults) at risk outside the school gates, where there are lots of children trying to cross the road.

Please keep our children safe by keeping this area outside the school clear at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Courteous Parking in the Neighbourhood

Please could all parents remain courteous when parking for drop-off/pick-up, being especially mindful of not blocking residents' driveways. This has resulted in residents having to stop in the road, blocking other traffic, in order to get to their legal parking space.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas at Netley Abbey Junior School

Whilst Christmas will not be celebrated in the same way at school this year, we would like our pupils to have as many experiences as possible. We have therefore arranged lots of exciting events for the children to enjoy and take part in.

We will be creating year group Christmas performances which will be posted on Seesaw in the final week of term. Instead of the usual trip to the theatre, our pupils will be watching a virtual pantomime in school on Wednesday 16th December called 'Rapunzel the Lockdown'.

Every classroom will have a Christmas tree this year and we would like to thank the FONAJS for funding this. Whilst the children will be creating their own decorations in school, we would welcome any Christmas decoration donations to add some extra 'sparkle' to our classes.

Festive Friday is Friday 11th December where children are invited to wear something festive, enjoy a Christmas lunch and take part in a Santa Dash in their class bubble. Father Christmas is also busy planning how he will visit our school in a safe way this year!

Finally, due to the current restrictions we can only give out Christmas cards for children in your **child's class** so any cards for children in other bubbles will be sent back home.

Further details of all these events will be sent out to parents nearer the date.



Special Mentions

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a Special Mention for using the Netley Learning Model in class.

Oliver (Priory)	Imogen L-B (Priory)
Connie (Seaview)	Louie (Seaview)
Indira (Westwood)	Ruby C (Westwood)
Zack (Denzil)	Elizabeth (Denzil)
Caitlyn (Castle)	Oliver (Castle)
Holly (Grange)	Lottie (Grange)
Keira (Moore)	Ruby (Moore)
Ashleigh (Sellwood)	Emily S (Sellwood)
Alfie (Crescent)	Bella (Crescent)
Joseph (Beach)	Isaac M (Beach)
Kara (Heath)	Rayan (Heath)
Anna-Rose (Wykeham)	Esmay (Wykeham)



Pupil Voice

This section is written by groups of children within our school and the following article is about Road Safety and Anti-Bullying Week.

Road Safety Week

Last week was Road Safety Week and all years had the opportunity to take part in wearing a bright piece of clothing or accessory. Us, the JRSOs, did an assembly at the start of the week and told all students about how important it is to be bright on and around roads. Each time someone wore a bright piece of clothing their house got awarded 10 house points. On Monday, all classes got shown an assembly of the total points of each house. The results were:

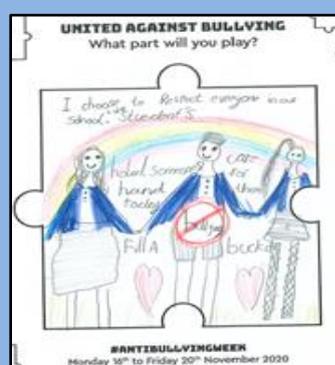
- 1st place was stars with 1585 points
- 2nd place was asteroids with 1475 points
- 3rd place was moons with 1386 points
- Last place was comets with 1215 points

Written by Delilah (Crescent) and Honor (Heath)

Anti-Bullying Week - United Against Bullying

Last week, our school took part in Anti-Bullying Week. Once we had listened to an assembly which taught us how to prevent bullying, we created jigsaw pieces to show what we could do to help. In Wykeham class (year 6) we were given a secret name. Our challenge was to say nice things about them and help the person out. Some of our ideas to prevent bullying were: to be kind to everyone in our class, to help others and to respect our peer's thoughts and ideas. We choose to not bully others because we all try to be the best that we can be. Our school wants to put banish bullying because we want to set an example to other schools; to show that our school's students are kind and respectful. All the classes have risen spectacularly to the challenge of standing up to bullies and if we all work together we can be 'United Against Bullying'.

Written by Lana and Evie (Wykeham)



Sports News

Mile Challenge Results

This half term, we began our Daily Mile inter-class competition. Each class has 10 minutes to complete as many laps of the field. They work as a team, collating their results which they display on the sports board. Along with the class total, there will also be two recognitions; Star Runner (someone that did the most laps and showed brilliant pace) and Great Effort (someone who improves their technique, effort or number of laps).

The results from the first week are as follows:

- 1st - Castle 320 Laps: Star Runner goes to Bailey and Great Effort goes to Freddie
- 2nd - Grange 274 Laps: Star Runner goes to Harry and Great Effort goes to Caitlyn
- 3rd - Beach 180 Laps: Star Runner goes to Amelia and Great Effort goes to Leo

Well done to all our amazing children for taking part each week!

Mr M Cull
PE & Sports Coach



Parents of Year 2 children who would like to join Netley Abbey Junior School in September 2021

We are looking forward to beginning our transition arrangements for those pupils who would like to join Netley Abbey Junior School in September 2021. This will look very different this year and we are busy liaising with our feeder schools to ensure that we continue to offer a very successful start to year 3.

At this time, the Government have advised that school tours for parents are not recommended. This is usually the best time for parents to visit our classrooms and extensive grounds to find out more about us. This year, we would like to invite you to a virtual meeting where you will have the opportunity to meet some key members of staff, find out about our school ethos and ask further questions about the provision we offer. This will take place on Tuesday 1st December at 6pm via Googlemeet.

If you would like to join our meeting, please click on the link below to register your interest:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=XJcEe-8fEk2Q4FE5yURZ5xe0VcbI989Em0dJVSAfhDVUN0JETkdVMTU5QUIVWkJRuzkRUM1R1IKSC4u>

If you have any queries specific to your child's needs or education, please contact the school office to make a telephone appointment, this way we will be able to direct you to the most appropriate member of staff.

Please be aware that the deadline to apply is 15th January 2021. If you need any support completing an application, please contact NAJS school office on 02380 453731.

School Website

Please visit our school website for lots of useful information including school letters, newsletters, school meals, term dates, calendar, Covid-19 Guidance, remote learning and curriculum information.

www.netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 1 st December 2020	- Virtual Meeting for Parents of Year 2 Children
Friday 11 th December 2020	- Festive Friday (including Christmas Lunch)
Wednesday 16 th December 2020	- Virtual Pantomime 'Rapunzel the Lockdown'
Friday 18 th December 2020	- Early Finish at 1.15pm
Monday 4 th January 2021	- Back to School

Advance Inset Days and Early Closures 2020/2021

Friday 18 th December 2020	- Early Finish at 1.15pm
Monday 25 th January 2021	- Inset Day
Friday 25 th June 2021	- Inset Day
Monday 28 th June 2021	- Inset Day
Friday 23 rd July 2021	- Early Finish at 1.15pm

Mrs Shirley Nicholas-Bond
Headteacher