



Nightingale News



Summer Term - July 2021

Dear Parents,

I think you'll all join me in welcoming the summer break and all the excitement that it brings as well as appreciating the important opportunity for everyone to switch off for some time from the pressures of the busy term.

Our team have been extraordinary in navigating their way through a challenging year that has been full of change and I thank them all for their strength and determination in ensuring that through every turn, our children have been at the heart of it all.

What a delight it was to accompany our Year 6s on their residential to the beautiful Brecon Beacons. They represented our school so well with their positive mindset and 'Can do' attitude to the challenges they faced whilst away from the comforts of their own homes. We saw boosts in confidence, improved communication skills as they encouraged their peers and navigated their way through challenges, independence, empathy and of course team work. It has left us all very excited about the forth coming trip in September for our current Year 5s.

Parent Survey



I am delighted to share the outcome of our recent Parent Survey with you. Thank you to those of you who took the time to add additional comments; we were touched by so many of them. It certainly does give us the motivation to continue to raise standards in every area, helping our children to achieve their full potential. Like you, we want the very best for our children.

Here is a summary of the results:

- 93% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy at NPS.
- 91% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child feels safe at NPS with 3% knowing who to go to if they feel unsafe.
- 81% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school promotes good behaviour and challenges poor behavioural choices with an additional 7% not knowing.
- 89% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school values of respect, courage, compassions and friendship encourage their child to make positive choices with 7% not knowing.
- 26% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school had dealt with bullying quickly and effectively. A further 50% said that their child had not been bullied and 12% said they did not know (88% in total). We did however, have 10% of parents who disagreed with this which represent 14 parents. We appreciate this feedback and will endeavour to reflect and evaluate our systems so that everyone feels supported through what is a very serious and sensitive matter.

- 84% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school makes them aware of what their child will learn during the year, with 4% not knowing. We would like to see this improve so will therefore be embedding existing practices and putting in place further systems and initiatives that will support parents in knowing what it is that their child will be learning.
- 76% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that NPS responds well to any concerns raised. We will endeavour to improve this and seek further feedback from our parent body to support us with this.
- 89% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that NPS has high expectations of their child.
- 91% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child does well at NPS
- 75% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school lets parents know how their child is doing. This will also be a focus for improvement. The world of assessment this year has been a changing landscape and we endeavour to get back to normality next year.
- 92% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that NPS offers a good range of subjects.
- 91% of parents would recommend this school to another parent.

This feedback helps with our evaluation cycle so thank you again for your input in this. Our priority is always to take the school forward recognising the current strengths as well as addressing areas where the school needs to improve. We value your input in this.

As a school, we wholeheartedly wish for everyone within our community to go into the summer break healthy and without the need to isolate.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Hannah Beckett
Headteacher



Fond Farewells

This term, we have said a fond farewell to Miss Brownlow, Miss Croune, Miss Hibbs, Miss Lever, Miss Ludlow, Mrs Martin, and Mr Thomas-Bond.

They have contributed hugely to so many children's educational success and personal development. Each in their own way, have given so much to our Nightingale community and we wish them courage, happiness and success in their new adventures and, of course, a huge thank you!



Nightingale Noticeboard

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 2 nd	INSET day
Friday 3 rd	First day back in school after holiday
Friday 3 rd	Energy Kidz resumes
Monday 6 th	Swimming to recommence (Yrs 2 - 6)
w/c Monday 13 th	All afterschool clubs resume
w/c Monday 20 th	Brecon Beacons Residential (Year 6)

OCTOBER

Autumn Half Term
Monday 25h - Friday 29th October

Please note - All dates / events are subject to change

Please visit <https://www.nightingale.hants.sch.uk/news-and-events/> for all the latest new and events

Important Dates

INSET Days

Thursday 2 September 2021
Friday 19 November 2021
Friday 4 February 2022
Monday 6 June 2022
Friday 24 June 2022

School Holiday dates

Autumn Half Term	25 - 29 October
Christmas Holidays	20 December - 3 January
Spring Half Term	21 - 25 February
Easter Holiday	11 - 22 April
Summer Half Term	30 May - 3 June
Summer Holidays	25 July - 31 August

Swimming

We are happy to announce that our fabulous swimming pool will reopen week commencing 6th September.

To ensure your child has their swimming kit in school on the correct day, please check the swimming timetable, which will be sent out at the start of the Autumn Term.

Please note, in the Autumn term, only children in Year 2 - 6 will be swimming. The children in Year 1 (currently in EYFS) will not commence their swimming lessons until the Summer term.

Thank you Mr Burton for all your hard work in keeping the pool open and always keeping us safe in the water.



Welcome to Nightingale!

As we say a sad goodbye to several loved members of our community we welcome lots of new faces...



Mrs Saunders
SENDCO



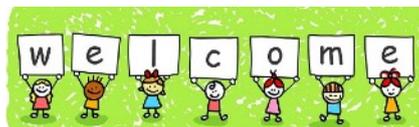
Mr Thomas
Buzzard Class



Mr Hooton
Lapwing Class



Miss Barnes
Owl Class



Twisted Toys

Imagine if all the harmful features of the digital world were in traditional toys. Welcome to the World of Twisted toys, a wonderland of excitement, experiences and exploitation. Twisted Toys pride themselves in making toys that are addictive, risky and put you completely under their control.



This is the opening screen from a brand new service from the **5 Rights Foundation** which is an amazing organisation who work with and on behalf of children to make systemic changes to the digital world ensuring it caters for children and young people.

Twisted Toys is an awareness-raising campaign and it is as quirky as it is brilliant. You really need to watch the short videos to understand what it's all about. There's [Share Bear](#), [Stalkie Talkie](#), [My First Terms and Conditions](#), [Wakey Wakey](#), Pocket Troll, Pay as you YoYo and more. For example "Stalkie Talkie - is the hand held, hi-tech toy that uses

algorithms which match children with adult strangers. Press the button then just sit back and wait for billions of unknown people to find you. How do you tell if they're a friend or a predator? We don't know either!"

Click [here](#) to visit their website.



Thank you Ledger Accounting Services!

The children who have benefitted from taking part in Sensory Circuits this year would like to send their best wishes and say thank you to [Ledger Accounting Services Ltd](#) for funding their favourite part of the circuit - "The Mangle".

This provides the deep pressure and sensory feedback needed for the children to return to class feeling calm and ready to learn.

Without this generous donation we would not have had this much-loved piece of equipment. Thank you!



Attendance Corner

I have thought long and hard around what to include in this newsletter about attendance.

With the effects of Covid19, the resulting lockdown, school closure and subsequent closure of bubbles (thankfully not too many!) it has certainly been a strange year to be accountable for reporting on school attendance.

However, despite all of the complexities of this year, I am delighted to report that as a whole school, we are still in the Green Band for our overall attendance. As I write this (17.7.2021) our whole school attendance is 964%

In addition to this, we have 326 pupils who are in the Green Band overall for the year, with their attendance being 96% or above.

A massive 91 of those (I have double checked, it really is 91) have achieved a perfect attendance of 100% by attending school every day that we have been open.

Certificates will be awarded on the last day of term, I am hoping we have enough card!

As we look towards September and the new academic year, I wanted to remind everyone of the importance of regular attendance and how quickly those odd days of absence can add up.



If your child misses...	That equates to...	Which is...	and over 7 years at primary school that is....
1 day per fortnight or 90% attendance	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	28 weeks - more than 2 whole school terms!
1 day per week or 80% attendance	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	56 weeks – more than 1 whole school year!
2 days per week or 60% attendance	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	112 weeks – nearly 3 whole school years!

Please remember that every day counts. If you have any difficulties getting your child to school, please do reach out. We want to help.

I hope you and your families have a safe and happy summer break and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Thank you
Hayley Sharp
Welfare Leader



Summer 2 in EYFS

This half term has certainly been a busy one for the children in EYFS. We started the half term with Anti-bullying Week, with all the children displaying excellent understanding of how to be a good friend.

We have also enjoyed learning about minibeasts, looking particularly at the life cycle of butterflies and bees. The children were excited to receive caterpillars and watch them grow into beautiful butterflies. It was a wonderful moment watching the butterflies being released.



Summer Watch Day was such a success; the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the signs of summer in the environment around them, as well as thinking about summer safety such as wearing sun lotion and hats, playing in the shade, and drinking lots of water.

The children also experienced their very first Sports Day at Nightingale which was a real hit with all the children. They took part in races and sporting activities, such as egg and spoon races, javelin throwing, long jumps, hurdles, etc. All the children took part and were excellent team players cheering on their house mates.

The children have absolutely loved our Eco Green Heroes topic; learning about how to save our planet. They made posters about what we could do to keep our planet green, such as recycling, turning lights off and walking to school.

The children have been visiting their new teachers this half term and getting ready to move into Year 1. The Year R team are excited for the children as they move onto their next chapter at Nightingale. We wish them all the luck in the world.





Year 1 Summer Fun!

The Year 1 children have had a busy last term in Year 1 and have continued to explore our school grounds and local area, shown great determination and enthusiasm during our first sports day and continued to very artistic and creative with some wonderful creations!

Giant Minibeasts

As part of our learning about minibeasts we had great fun designing and making some large models using junk. We worked in small groups to design our minibeasts, thinking carefully about the features we had learned about in our science lessons and incorporating them into our models. Everyone was really impressed with the quality of models the children produced and some have been selected and are proudly on display in our main reception area for everyone to see!



Our Local Area

This half term we have been learning about our school grounds and our local area in our Geography lessons. We have enjoyed exploring using Google earth to zoom in from space and find our school and other local places we know about.



We have also learned about the importance of knowing our address and where we live. The children then wrote letters home and we enjoyed a walk out to the post box just outside our school gate to actually post them home!



In addition, we have been learning about human and physical features. We have started to identify these features around our school grounds. This was further enhanced with our walk along Nightingale Avenue, where we were able to walk and talk about what we could see. It was really exciting to spot things we ordinarily just walk straight past and don't normally notice!!

THANK YOU

Despite this year being another unusual and unprecedented year, it has also been a wonderful, joyful and special year! Whilst we didn't get to have a whole year together in our classrooms the time, effort and dedication shown during our lockdown learning and live lessons really impressed us and has most definitely supported the children in returning to school and continuing their learning journey in such a positive way.

You should all be incredibly proud of your children. Throughout the year they have upheld and demonstrated our school values of **Respect**, **Courage**, **Compassion** and **Friendship** and we are looking forward to watching them continue to grow and flourish as they move into Year 2 in September.

Thank you for all of your support this year. We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful summer and wish you all the very best as you continue your journey through the school next year!

The Year 1 Team

Year Two



What a wonderful last term we have had in Year 2! We had our Summer Watch Day and our super exciting Sports day too. Children loved both of these events and made their teachers very proud.

We were especially proud of the amazing sportsmanship the children showed cheering on their classmates during our Sports day and celebrating their successes as well as their own. Every student worked really hard and had a lot of fun completing all the events.

We have been learning all about animals this half term and the children have loved researching and then creating their own animals. We also enjoyed exploring the signs of summer on our Summer Watch day.

Year 2 students have also been working hard in their swimming lessons. They have come so far and their confidence in the water has really grown!

Well done Year 2. Have a fantastic time over the summer holidays!



Year 3 Newsletter



Our final newsletter!

Summer Watch

Yet again the weather struck year 3 down, but that didn't stop us! We did some beautiful sketches, made fairy gates and even went out to jump in the puddles. When the weather was better we tried making rivers and went on a summery scavenger hunt.



Antibullying Week

Across the school, we have been celebrating anti-bullying week. In year 3 our focus was to celebrate difference and kindness as a way to show we are 'UNITED AGAINST BULLYING!' We learnt that bullying often occurs against people that are different so we embarked on some activities to celebrate those who have disabilities in art. We used our noses, mouths, feet and even tried blind painting. We learnt that we are all different but that doesn't mean we cannot share the same experiences. We also looked up synonyms of kindness and words of hurt for our Nightingale hand display.



Sports Day

After a year without, it was wonderful to take part in sports day again! The children were super supportive of each other and enjoyed an active morning. In the end it was Beech House at the top of leader board! Well done everyone.



Football Fun

We had lots of fun celebrating England getting into the final of the Euros. We tried to learn 'It's coming home!' and the National Anthem.



Design and Technology

Our D.T topic this half term is 'Healthy Picnic'. Here are some pictures of the children tasting different sandwich ingredients. You'd think we skipped lunch that day!



Listen 2 Me Concert

We showed our musical talent in our concert last week, to parents. The children showed their rhythmic skills, playing together using the Samba instruments. Check out Dojo for videos of our performance!



Year 4

Summer term in Year 4 has been packed full of learning and discovering!

We started the term off by going to Minstead and the children enjoyed every minute! They loved exploring in the river and dipping for water creatures. They enjoyed learning about the New Forest and meeting the animals! We know it was a trip to remember.



The children have thoroughly enjoyed Summer Watch Day and they got the opportunity to paint rocks, build bug hotels, create their own garlands and had some hand painting of mini beasts on their hands!



In maths, we have been continuing to build confidence with number through division, fractions and geometry. The children are being super confident in recognising different angles in shapes. Through our 'Times Table Ladder' challenge, we are so proud of the children who are taking the time to practise and gain confidence! Many children have moved up 3 steps on the ladder— keep it up!!

We have been so pleased to continue swimming this half-term.

I loved Minstead, I found out new things and explored the environment. Jennifer

I really enjoy swimming because Coach Sam gets in the pool with us and helps us learn to swim. Elizabeth

We have really enjoyed being in year 4 and can't wait to meet our new teachers in Year 5.

Sports day was a super success and the children really enjoyed taking part.

We would like to wish the whole of year 4 a very big good luck in Year 5

You are all brilliant! Miss Craune and Mrs. Pink



Year 4 Minstead

The whole of Year 4 had a wonderful time on their 2 day trip to Minstead this year in the New Forest. This was a great start to our Summer topic "Through the Forest".

Stream Dipping

The children had the opportunity to explore the stream despite the weather! They were brave enough to get in to the stream and find river creatures. Some children found shrimp, tadpoles, frogs and minnows. They then had the opportunity to use the microscopes to examine the invertebrates.



8km Hike

On the second day for the trip the children took part in a 8km hike across the New Forest and lunch with a view! They were absolutely fantastic and carried on even if it started to get tough. It gave them the opportunity to build up their resilience, perseverance and communication skills. They even got to meet the donkeys!



Met the animals and Woodland games

At Minstead they have an area where the animals graze and live. The children loved feeding the sheep. They also explored the areas in Minstead and learned a range of facts about The New Forest. This built up the children's awareness and knowledge to help them with their summer topic. A fantastic trip was had by all!



Year 5

Another lovely half term with the year 5's learning all about the Ancient Greeks. We are certainly ready for a summer holiday, but the children have worked so hard (especially those Starlings who have had to spend another week online while isolating at home)! It has been a busy half term with sports day, summer watch and the football!



In art, the children have studied, designed and made their own Greek pot, thinking carefully about its design and colour scheme to make it look authentic. They have really enjoyed looking at how much the Ancient Greeks have influenced our lives today, even re-creating the first ever democracy. In English they have created some very spooky Greek Myths and planned and written a letter to introduce themselves to their new Year R buddy which they are very excited about!



Year 6

We cannot believe that we are at the end of the year with this wonderful cohort of Year 6 children. They have been simply brilliant during the most turbulent of years. We want to extend our thanks to all the children and their families for being so adaptable and hard working. We have been blown away by all the effort that has been shown and commitment to learning. Love, Miss Hibbs and Mrs Sutcliffe.

Summer Watch

During this term we took part in our fantastic Summer Watch, where the children took part in making ice lollies from fresh fruit, creating art inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy and used wooden mallets to create pressed flowers. The children also used their knowledge of co-ordinates to produce a 4-quadrant grid and translated shapes using sticks found in the woodland walk.



Macbeth

Macbeth has been studied this term throughout our English lessons and the children have really enjoyed delving into the themes and conventions that the tale contains. The children have used role play and freeze frames to understand the various characters. Ask your child about the various predictions that were made by the three witches.



Sports Day 2021

Our sports day was really exciting this year, it ended with a spectacular water fight and the children said that it was the 'best sports day ever'. It was really special as it ended a fantastic morning of sports. Every child joined in and activities ranged from running, javelin, basketball and the winning team were gracious winners.



Sponsorship

To raise money for their leavers' hoods, the children took part in various sponsored events, such as swimming, running, skipping, silences and basketball to list a few. A staggering £1236.45 was raised and the children will collectively decide on a legacy present for the school. In previous years the extra money has bought play equipment or books for the library.



The Goose Fair

Throughout our Art topic this term, the children have been studying Arthur Spooner's 'The Goose Fair' which depicts the famous fair in Nottingham. The children have taken a section of this fantastic painting and recreating it using a variety of mediums.



Brecon Beacons Residential

The children from Year 6 and the adults who supported them had a fantastic time on their residential to the Brecon Beacons – from Monday 5th July to Friday 9th July. We were lucky enough to have relatively good weather and a fantastic time was had by all.

Mountain Walking

Despite the occasional shower, the mountain walk was (as always) an incredibly impressive activity – getting to the summit of a mountain, the views over the valleys and the wildlife encountered along the way. All of the children climbed to the top of Fan Frynych (which is a whopping 629m tall). It took determination, resilience and some pretty sturdy walking shoes, but it was a fantastic experience.



Waterfall Walking

After finding our way to the river from our mini-buses, the children walked in and along the River Usk to a beautiful waterfall. The children had to work in teams to navigate the water in order to get to the waterfall, where they were able to slide down and swim in the pool at the bottom.

Caving

This was the activity that children were most apprehensive about but most certainly the one that gave the children the biggest sense of achievement at the end. In the caves, the children were able to explore and manoeuvre their way through spaces such as the Letterbox and the Polo.



Canoeing

One of our activities was canoeing along the Brecon Canal. We learned how to put the canoes into the water ourselves, how to board the boats and how to paddle and steer. It was a huge challenge, both physically and mentally as the children had to show a huge amount of perseverance and resilience in order to succeed. As well as learning all of the technical aspects of canoeing, the children also played some fantastic games on the water... resulting in the occasional splash into the water!



Listen 2 Me - Year 3

Year 3 children performed to parents for the first time this year. We had an outdoor concert, socially distanced outside our wonderful school. The children played a range of Samba instruments to the parents and were very good at keeping in time.



Mr Riddy, our music teacher, conducted the concert and even had the parents clapping and dancing along too! Unfortunately, Mr Riddy is leaving this part of Hampshire and is getting married so we wish him all the best for the future. He said both classes were some of the best that he has taught over the years as they were very good at listening and keeping in time with each other. Well done, Year 3!



Skoolkit [Skoolkit](#) are offering free delivery on all online orders placed between Saturday 31st July – Saturday 7th August. To take advantage of this offer use the code **SUMMER2021** at the checkout. Please note, for delivery before the start of the new school year online orders need to be placed by Saturday 14th August.

To remind yourself of our school uniform requirements, please visit our [website](#).



Thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Lysis Technologies who have been providing school with hand sanitiser throughout the pandemic.



Lysis Technologies is a dynamic, fresh company based in the New Forest who design and manufacture innovative and technologically advanced chemical formulations, screen and pad printing inks and coatings, customised products and solutions. They are proud that for the last 18 months they have been able to assist their local community with PPE products such as hand sanitisers.



NPS Summer Watch Week!

In Year 2, children enjoyed exploring the different wildlife spotted in our school grounds before recreating their own in the classroom. They explored the artist, Andy Goldsworthy, and made a nature installation using a range of foraged resources including leaves, flowers & twigs.



In Year 6, children explored the technique of leaf bashing to create nature prints on paper. Pupils used coordinates to identify the location of natural objects, as well as creating their own bird nests. They also used summer fruits to make tasty ice-lollies!

Year 5 pupils did a comparison of insects found in different habitats as well as creating super speedy slushies using science to make ice colder than 0 degrees! They looked at ways to clean water with a focus on countries that don't have access to clean water, and created mini trails using natural elements and mini figures. Such fun!



Pupils in Year 3 spent time building rivers using a range of resources before making their own vessels out of leaves and sticks that they used to float down the river. Part of their day was also spent doing observational drawings of summertime flowers – some of which were found within our school grounds!



Year 4 spent time making bug hotels, and created their own scented perfumes using the natural ingredients found in the woodland. They also enjoyed making their own nature head garlands to wear.



Year 1 enjoyed making nature art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy using natural resources that they had foraged. They also spent time toasting marshmallows over tin fires, and exploring the woodland walk, looking out for any wildlife.

EYFS pupils spent time exploring the signs of summer, going on a nature hunt, collecting wild flowers and drawing them. They also enjoyed planting seeds and harvesting strawberries from our school's polytunnel as well!





Library Link



Book Worm Award

Huge congratulations to Wren Class for winning the KS2 Bookworm Award more times than any other class. They had their first win early in the year and quickly set themselves a whole class challenge to change all of their library books, every week. They worked together, inspired each other and quickly became the class to beat. However, this wouldn't have been possible without the constant inspiration and organisation of Mrs Denman, who reminded, cajoled, coaxed and charmed the children until her competitive spirit rubbed off on every one of them. This is such an achievement that we couldn't end the year without showing off their WOW wall - and of course, the very proud Mrs Denman.



We should also congratulate Robin Class for winning the EYFS/KS1 Bookworm Award more times than any other class. Once again, the dedication and inspiration of the staff who encouraged the children to value the small achievement of returning their library books until they felt confident to take on the challenge and make it their own. We are very proud.

We have been asked to pass on this message from Health Education England South East (the education and training arm of the NHS):

Thinking of returning to your role as a healthcare professional? We can help you!

This message goes out to all parents, carers and members of the local community who may once have been a healthcare professional such as a nurse or midwife and now considering a return. Returning healthcare professionals have a key role to play in ensuring patients and service users have access to experienced and well-trained care staff equipped with the right skills. Health Education England (NHS) provide funding to support the pathways to return and are keen to support or answer any questions you may have if you are considering returning to perhaps nursing, midwifery or if you trained as an allied health professional (AHP) or a healthcare scientist (HCS) but have since left the profession.

For more information please call: 01865 932097 or email returntopractice.se@hee.nhs.uk

HAVE YOUR SAY! As you know, we like to provide parents and carers with the opportunity to raise concerns, make comments about the school in general, share new ideas which may help other parents or the school, compliment us or simply have their say about a schooling issue. If you would like to share with us, please click [here](#) to email us with the subject 'Have your Say'.