

Term 2 Newsletter 2020 – 2021



Message from Michelle Reysenn – Headteacher



Well... what a term 2! And we are nearly there, ready to stay home, stay safe, and enjoy the Christmas and New Year festivities!

What do you get if you cross Santa and a duck?

A Christmas Quacker!

I think you can see from reading this newsletter, that staff and pupils have made wonderful memories this term, from trips out to the park and local sights, to pizza cooking, forest schools adventures, and not forgetting the AMAZING Christmas activities, including our very own daily December *Human Elf on the Shelf*.

Once again, we are unable to meet as an extended NHA family, to enjoy our end of term cultural celebration, but I am hopeful these events will be resumed in the very near future. But we do look forward to seeing/ hearing you all virtually on Tuesday January 5th for our Pupil Review Meetings, to celebrate your child's successes, and to set short term targets.

Don't forget! We have a training day on Monday January 4th so school is closed to pupils.

A very Merry Christmas to you all, and a peaceful new year!

What comes at the end of Christmas Day?

The letter 'Y'!





WINNERS



Attendance 100%

Theo	Rio
TK	Ruben
Bennito	Josh I-F
Leo	Brandon
Connor M	Mason
Junior	Tom
Caleb	Charlie
Drew	Connor W
Jack G-O	

Attendance 95% and above

David
Dylan
Owen
Anthony
Josh S



Subject Winners

Lower School 1

Mason – Reading
Charlie – Science
Anthony – Maths

Lower School 2

Tyshone – Food
Josh – Overall Primary

Middle School 1

Dylan – Engagement
Brandon – Engagement
Tom – Kindness
Rio – Resilience
Jack – Resilience

Middle School 2

Cason – DEAR
Leo – Maths
Theo – Approach to Learning
T-Khoda – Phonics
Jack – Progress

Upper School

Drew - English
Harry - PE
Brandon – Art
Harry - Food
Connor M - Science
Caleb – Maths
Connor M - PSHE



Green Token Winners

Connor M
Josh I-F
Brandon
Dylan
Theo





LOWER SCHOOL

With Sarah, Natalie, Amy, Steve, Thanny & Nat



This term Primary's topic was explorers. We have been mapping and exploring our school grounds and the local area. We even discovered elephant's!



On Remembrance Day we reflected on the people who had given their lives in the First World War.



We have had many amazing outdoor learning sessions this term. Older pupils have joined us, teaching us games and helping us to explore. One of our favourite places to visit was Heaven Gate. Even though it was wet, windy and foggy we all had great fun getting muddy whilst building dens!



In lessons we always try to make learning fun by starting with a practical activity. We use the interactive whiteboard to play learning games and enjoy doing hands on tasks to help our understanding. We really loved using Oreos to help us learn about the different phases of the moon!



Christmas has arrived in Primary with lots of Christmas decorations and surprises! Ernie the Elf has been getting up to lots of mischief, messing around in the classroom, but leaving small treats for the boys. He even decorated the classroom door so that we could be mischievous elves!



Finally.....

Primary pupils and staff have had lots of Christmas fun and giggles practicing for our Christmas performance Davey The Donkey! Everyone has a role and is looking forward to performing to their friends at the end of term on Tuesday.

What a fun, exciting and amazing term we have had!

We hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!





MIDDLE SCHOOL 1

With Anton & Nathan

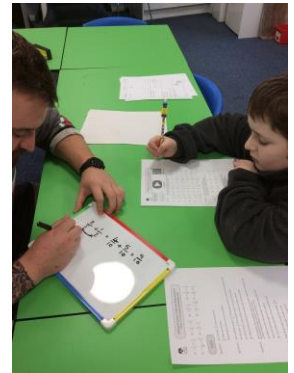


I'd like to congratulate my tutor group on a fantastic term in school.

This term has been great in terms of engagement with the majority of the group in their lessons learning.



In tutor times the boys have developed some solid friendships, and as their confidence increases within the group, we have seen broader engagement within the whole school context which is brilliant. Some of these effects include, greater productivity in the core subjects (maths, English, PSHE), a greater number of green tokens obtained (this year compared to last), better engagement in extracurricular activities such as



learning to play an instrument, exercising the fitness suite, or growing in the polytunnel to mention but a few.

I would like to recognise Dylan and Brandon's excellent attitude towards their studies this term across the curriculum.

Well-done to Jack and Rio for transitioning out of primary incredibly well, they have coped with a lot of change both in and out of the classroom.

Well done to Rio for learning some difficult maths this term (managing to get his head around KS4 Algebra).



Congratulations to Thomas our budding horticulturalist who has really driven the polytunnel usage this term.

A big well done to ALL the boys for everything, keep up the good work.

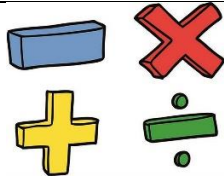




MIDDLE SCHOOL 2

With Helen, Vas and Tiff

Term 2 has flown by, with the Class doing lots of activities and learning great things!



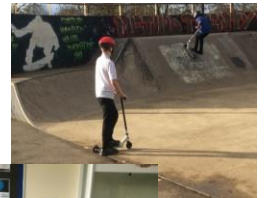
In Maths, we have been learning about the four operations and developing our skills through a variety of games and written methods.

poems

In literacy, we have been looking at different types of poems. We have completed activities to work on adjectives and developing our writing skills to write acrostic poems, haiku poems and calligrams.



Trips out have included Corsham Skate Park, Asda to buy books and Leekes to buy a fish tank!



In Science, we have been learning about heat, convection and combustion.



We made some amazing poppy pictures for Remembrance Day.



Cooking with Ron on Tuesday afternoons has been very popular. Some great creations have been made such as scones and flapjacks.



In SMSC this term we have been learning about New Zealand. The boys have been especially interested in the All Blacks and watching the 'Haka'.



Outdoor learning this term has included making bonfires, making delicious pizzas and cooking them in the new pizza oven. Also having a go on the slack lines and resting in the hammocks!





MIDDLE SCHOOL 3

With Ant, Ollie & Kelly



This term has been full of fun and frolics, Connor and Owen have become proficient in many card games during well-being mornings, the particular favourite being “Shed”, Owen’s record of wins is unparalleled. On a Wednesday morning the boys have started a new library club in order to boost their own vocabulary and literacy skills.



In science recently, we have been doing some super exciting experiments, one of which was a competition to see who could keep water warm the longest, Connor won this competition and was quite rightly so ecstatic.

Most recently in Outdoor Education we used the brand-new pizza oven to produce two classic margheritas that would rival even the best that Rome could offer. It’s not all pizzas and limoncello though, as along with the wood fired delights we set up the slackline which Owen took to like a seasoned pro of the cirque du soleil, whilst Connor contemplated the deep complexities of life from the comfort of his well set up hammock.

Food tech has provided Owen and Connor the opportunity to learn such sweet bakes as apple crumble, flapjacks and more. Connor’s use of cinnamon and chopped nuts in his flapjack brought about a barrage of compliments as if he was presenting his showpiece in the final of Great British Bake Off, a handshake from Paul Hollywood would most definitely have followed.



Both boys have been recipients of the prestigious “Green Token Award” this term, choosing a prize that brings about that innocent feeling of simple joy that can only be achieved from a plain green, footlong, stretchy whippy thing.

Maths has had us learning all about measurements (both metric and imperial) along with the months of the year, thanks Ant for the neat trick using our knuckles to work out how many days are in each month, who would have thought it...not me.



English with Andy has been terrifying this term, not because of his November facial hair but because we have learnt all about how to build suspense in our writing, similar to how a horror film does with music, interesting to say the least. Owen believes the music “The shape stalks” from the film Halloween is the most suspenseful, Andy is all about the music from Jaws whereas Ollie can be found listening to the full 46mins of Mike Oldfield’s masterpiece “Tubular Bells”.





UPPER SCHOOL 1

With Andy, Pete & Tom



During term 2 Upper 1 have enjoyed making great progress in English, with the boys contributing to their entry level English qualifications, discussing their own views and ideas surrounding homelessness.

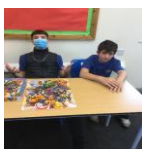
In Maths, we've looked at fractions, time, graphs as well as the beginnings of some GCSE topics!!!



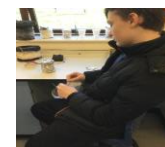
We've had a lot of tasty success in our Food Tech lessons, with the class making some delicious looking treats, including pies and scones, which they've been kind enough to share with staff and other students in their areas.



Caleb recently tried to blow Tom's head off with some gingerbread by packing it with cloves and cayenne pepper, all it resulted in was a satisfied feeling in Tom's mouth and stomach, delicious!



In Outdoor Education, the crew have been trying to learn how to slackline with mixed success, but a lot of laughs have been had, along with some relaxing in the hammocks.



During our well-being and tutor times we've been delving into a variety of games and this term the One Night: Werewolves has taken the spotlight, a game of deception, lies and no trust whatsoever. Who are the Werewolves? No one knows!

The boys have also been completing some brilliant superhero puzzles, which has gone some way to repairing all of the deceit of Werewolves. Some amazing teamwork on display here as you can see from the end product.



UPPER SCHOOL 2

With Ben & Becky



What a term it's been for Secondary 2, we've had some fantastic learning going on in Maths and



English as well as learning a new sport, Badminton, in PE. The pupils have really bought into the SMSC and thoroughly enjoyed learning about our Australasia and Oceania country, Fiji. They found out that Fiji has over 300 islands, the main religion is Christianity and they are the greatest rugby sevens team to ever grace a rugby pitch.



In outdoor education the children have been using the newly developed area to make fires, created using nearby timber. They have also enjoyed the hammocks and the slack lines which have proved to be a real success. The next step is to make their own pizzas using the new outdoor, log fired, pizza oven. The excitement has been electric as the anticipation builds towards that first delicious margarita pizza. On occasion we have travelled for outdoor education, with different environments it was important that the children understood new terrain and recognised the habitats of a woodland area compared to a grass area.



You couldn't write a report this year without mentioning Covid and how well the children coped under new tension and stresses that the global pandemic delivered. The tutor group has shown a great deal of maturity in dealing with all the new guidelines and restrictions put in place and have coped really well with everything thrown at them.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year and the pupils come back in term 3 ready to learn and take on all challenges.



UPPER SCHOOL 3

With Ron and Sharon



Term 2 has brought its ups and downs for our year 11's but on the most part myself and Ron are extremely proud of them all and will continue with our full support of them all.

Reagen is doing extremely well at Trowbridge college and edging ever closer to becoming a Royal Marine which I'm sure he will excel at.



Josh, Harry and Turrell are making good progress towards their end of year qualifications and looking forward to college next September with hopefully confidence and ambition, it's a difficult year ahead with exams and assessments but they are all doing their best, including their brilliant food tech lessons and their construction course with Rocksteady in Bristol, the reports from there are very good for all 3 boys.



A good term for year 11, let's keep up the good work.



LEARNING SUPPORT

With Jane

Welcome to Lexi-Jo, our Speech and Language Therapist.

Lexi-Jo joined Notton House Academy in September. Lexi-Jo works with pupils to help with their speech, language and communication.

She may work in the classroom or see pupils on a 1:1 basis.

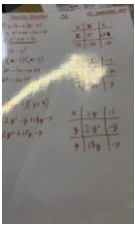
This term some pupils have been working on:



- learning new words to build on vocabulary
- social skills
- expressing ideas
- following instructions

Here are some photos of the great work the boys have been doing with Lexi-Jo . . .





AMAZING ALGEBRA WITH RIO

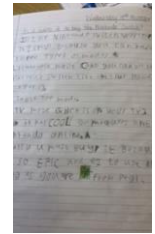
Rio has spent time with Paul, our Deputy Headteacher, solving some algebraic equations. Amazing!



PERSUASIVE WRITING FROM JOSH



Josh shared his amazing writing with the Headteacher, explaining why she should buy a Nintendo Switch!



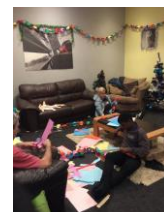
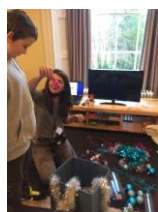
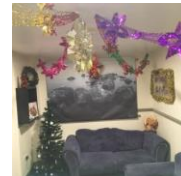
MARVELLOUS WORK MASON!

Sarah, Amy, and Steve, are super proud of Mason for managing his own learning, independently writing, and working through his literacy. Well done Mason!



MORE CHRISTMAS FUN!

Pupils and Staff in Marden, Tamar, Courtyard and Avon, have had great fun, decorating as many rooms as possible. The Christmas spirit is spreading across the academy!



SITE UPDATES

So much has taken place to update the school inside and out, for staff and pupil well-being. The ladies loo is bright and clean with new flooring and paintwork, we now have a forest schools area, and our spray painter has done an amazing job in the cultural corridor.



CARE TIME

Festive Fun, Arts & Crafts, Baking and more!



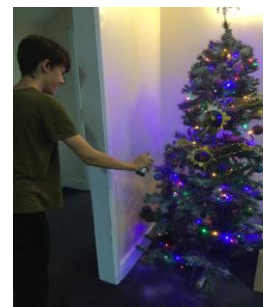
The boys have made their own pizza's in the care area for tea on several occasions this term and has allowed them some independence and freedom of choice of toppings as well as requesting items on a shopping list to go towards their lovely Italian based evening meal



Other activities have included the making of Various 3D Harry potter and fictional puzzles and creating a display area for them to go onto – and this lovely artwork completed in our art room with Clifton care team – think you will agree it all looks amazing. Well done!



We have also had lots of festive fun and decorated all of the Care areas with Christmas trees and lights as well as making lots of paperchains to decorate and personalise areas. Visits to see the Christmas lights in the local area have also been a fun thing to do.



Please can I remind all families of the uniform policy:-



Uniform:

School Uniform

A compulsory Notton House polo shirt (Royal Blue)

A compulsory Notton House sweatshirt (no hood) or grey fleece



Black or Grey Trousers (No tracksuit bottoms allowed except for P.E. lessons)

Black Shoes (no other colours permitted)

P.E. Kit

Students are permitted to wear their own PE kit but this must not include items with large logos.

Trainers (no black soles are permitted for indoor P.E. lessons)

Trousers can be purchased from supermarkets such as ASDA or Tesco.

School polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces are available for purchase directly from school. All the garments offer excellent value for money and are made from hard wearing, machine washable fabrics, embroidered with our logo.

Price List

Item	Size	Cost
Polo Shirt	9/10, 11/12	£6.50
Polo Shirt	S/M/L	£8.50
Sweatshirt	12/13	£7.00
Sweatshirt	S/M/L/XL	£8.50
Fleece	Youth L/XL	£11.00
Fleece	S/M/L/XL	£13.70

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021



School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Pupil Day



Inset Day



Pupil Inductions/Annual

September 2020						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thu	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

October 2020						
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November 2020						
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July 2021						
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August 2021						
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Learn@ MAT INSET Days: 12th October 2020 and 5th February 2021 New date TBC; Possible additional Learn@ INSET 4th January 2021

NHA INSET Days: 1st September 2020; 7th & 8th September 2020; 1st April 2021; 25th June 2021