Term 2 Newsletter 2018 – 2019

Message from Michelle Reysenn – Headteacher

Dear all,

It's been a long term, with dark mornings, and darker evenings drawing in so very quickly, but this has not altered the brightness across the academy, with so many shining and sparkling moments throughout the term.

Primary classes have visited Devizes museums, have hosted Zoo lab, holding creepy critters, and Caroline, our friend from a local farm, has brought in rabbits and Guinea pigs for pupils to hold and learn how to care for.

A number of care areas and bedrooms have been painted, have had new carpets and furniture, and have been given a personal touch to make each young person feel at home. Plus, we are looking forward to opening our fitness suite in the new year, and our primary sensory room is being fitted mid-January. The new library is being used regularly by so many staff and pupils, as well as the music room, to engage and enthuse our pupils, as well as letting pupils have structured time out when needed.

PSHE is such an important part of our curriculum at Notton. This term, we have learned so much more about HIV and AIDS, Human Rights across the world, Anti-Bullying week, the impact of homophobic language and bullying, and also, shown our kindness across the school by re-introducing green tokens for showing this most important life skill - kindness. Being kind is easy! So let's show it more often!

The work produced on Remembrance was both thoughtful and beautiful. We displayed this in reception during November to show our respect and thanks to those who gave their today for our tomorrow.

Reception has been transformed this term with our beautiful art work from a range of groups, including a couple of pieces hand painted by staff. The Christmas tree is also a wonderful sight to behold.

We continue to work closely with so many different educational establishments and partners such as Rocksteady Construction, KnowleDGE, Kandu Arts and Wiltshire College. This enables us to create personalised curriculum programmes for the majority of our young people to help engage them in their learning, as well as developing life skills and gaining relevant qualifications.

Assemblies now take place on a Friday morning, and it is wonderful to celebrate so many achievements across the school, both for those students who have worked hard in class, and also, for those who have shown kindness, respect, and who have kept themselves and others safe. We live and breathe our three core values in all that we do, both in the education time, and during the evenings on care.

We hope you have some time to visit Lacock Abbey during the festive season to see the remarkable work achieved by staff and families in creating the poppies for the Lacock Christmas Tree competition. Don't forget to vote for Notton!

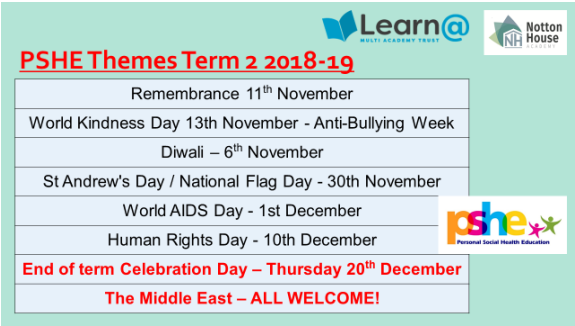
Finally, I would like to thank everyone who is part of Notton: pupils, families, carers, staff, external agencies, academy councillors and trustees, as well as our local community and partner schools.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Stay safe, respect each other, and always, be kind.

Michelle Reysenn, Headteacher

Things we have been doing and learning about in school this term



World Aids Day

WHAT IS WORLD AIDS DAY?

World AIDS Day takes place on the 1st December each year. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.

WHY IS WORLD AIDS DAY IMPORTANT?

Over 101,000 people are living with HIV in the UK. Globally, there are an estimated 36.7 million people who have the virus. Despite the virus only being identified in 1984, more than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history.

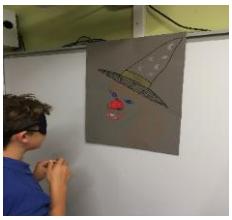
Today, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, there are laws to protect people living with HIV and we understand so much more about the condition. Despite this, each year in the UK around 5,000 people are diagnosed with HIV, people do not know the facts about how to protect themselves and others, and stigma and discrimination remain a reality for many people living with the condition.

World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away – there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education.

Primary – Maple Class

In Maple Class, we have been doing some very exciting activities this term.

At Halloween, we had a fantastic fancy dress party with games and activities including: Wrap the Mummy, Pin the Nose on the Witch and Pumpkin Carving. The boys had lots of fun!



On Bonfire Night, we talked about Guy Fawkes and the boys made their very own Guy, which included the traditional sign, 'Penny for the Guy'.

After that, ZOO LAB visited us and we learnt about tarantulas, rats and snakes. The boys were allowed to hold the snake and the rat.

The Devizes Museum Visit was also very popular. The boys learned about local history, and did some crafts and dressing up.

Finally, our visit to beautiful Lacock Abbey, to see Notton House's entry in the Christmas tree competition was a fantastic afternoon - topped off with hot chocolates in the café.

Happy Christmas to all Maple Class students and their families. I am so proud of all the boys and everything they have achieved this year.

Anna Jamieson (Class Teacher)

Term 2 Year 7/8 Class

This term Year 7/8 class moved to their new classroom in middle school. Tom Gudgeon has joined Notton supporting and working with Helen Ottway and the wonderful 8N class group. As part of our outdoor learning this year, we are focusing on exploring wild places. Here are a few pictures:

Obviously we don't eat ice cream and drink hot chocolates all day! The boys have worked very well together, settling in to our new room and making great progress in their learning. Well done all!

Physical Education

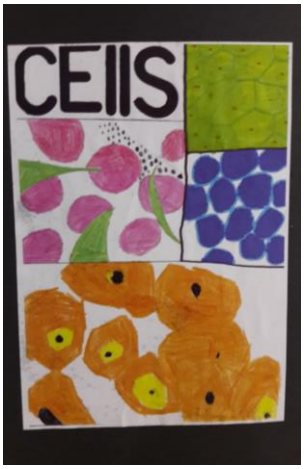
It has been another successful term in the PE department at Notton, with lots of engagement and effort across the age range. GCSE PE students have just completed the Body Systems unit, 2 weeks earlier than planned. Great work boys!

Key stage 2 and 3 have been concentrating on a mixture of gymnastics, badminton and football. It has been great to see boys working hard to improve their skills and demonstrating excellent teamwork.

It is important to mention the work that Year 11 mentoring has had on some of our youngest students. In particular, Kieran B has proven to be an excellent mentor for the lower school group. The picture below shows Kieran doing exactly that and helping with confidence building in gymnastics.

Art and Design

KS2 pupils have begun a new topic on the art of Cells They have been influenced by the artist Marilee Salvator and her mixed media work. Pupils have explored the process of lino printing and batik and are currently completing their large wall hangings.

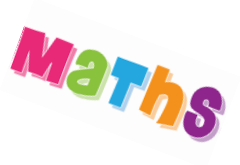


KS3 pupils have been studying the work of Van Gogh and his use of colour and mark making. They have developed work in response by producing a landscape inspired by Van Gogh and using colours to convey a mood.

KS4 pupils have been working to build up their GCSE portfolio of work and have been completing work for assessment objectives 1 and 2 in response to the topic of Life and death. Pupils have investigated the festival of the Day of the Dead and producing work in response .

This Term's Subject Winners

English – Ruben G & Ben H
Maths – Ellis C
Science – Brandon L-E
GCSE Physics – Kieran M
Art – Lee G, Brandon L-E & Cameron H
Food – Kieran M
GCSE PE – Reagan M
Core PE – Brandon L-E
Outdoor Education – Patrick A
Land Based Studies – Jack W
Motor Vehicles – Joe C & Ben S-R
Primary 1 – Junior M
Primary 2 – Cameron H
Middle School – Ruben G
Literacy Intervention – Lee G



This Term's Top Point Scorers

Haruun M
Ruben G
Junior M
Brandon L-E
Panashe G
Thomas P
Kieran M
Reagan M

This Term's Green Token Winners

Dylan C
Connor W
Ruben G
Brandon L-E
Denium T

This Term's Attendance Winners

Junior M
Tom P
Dylan C
Bennito D
Ruben G
Lee G
Ben H
Brandon L-E
Haruun M
Kieran M

Coffee Morning Tuesday 13th November 2018

I attended and supported the coffee morning along with Suzie and Tracy.

As on previous occasions, my focus was on our careers provision. The coffee morning provided the opportunity to introduce Jo Newman our careers adviser who will be working across the MAT.
Jo reported that she found the event very useful and a great way to build relationships with parents/carers. It enabled her to explain the various options and support available for their children when moving on from a specialist provision into a more mainstream setting and allowed for discussion on aspects such as the application process etc.

The parents who attended benefitted greatly from this and hopefully more will do so with future coffee mornings.

Mandy Anstee

Learning Facilitator

Over view from coffee Morning 13th Nov 2018 at Knowle DGE

Another fab coffee morning which was facilitated by Tracy at KGDE with 14 parents including two dads, 3 staff, and one invited visitor Jo Newman = MAT careers advisor, and Darren popped in to say hello.

We had a number of new parents attend today, big steps for them but now engaged with future Coffee mornings.

Lots of positive talk from two parents that are currently on an incredible years parenting programme, they could not praise it enough.

Two mums who are supporting with the Lacock Abbey Christmas tree decoration in the Cloisters bought in their handmade items of Poppies, which lead to crochet lessons. Darren E then went onto invite Mums to have their own stall at Knowle DGE Christmas Fare 14th Dec which will be an opportunity for them to raise further money for the Rocksteady Fund that has recently been set up.

As is the norm now, we had another raffle this time it was Notton's turn with parents bringing re gifted prizes to add to the raffle. Another £12.00 was raised.

I intended to cascade information to the group but was unable too as it was so busy with parents having a good time catching up.

The next coffee Morning at NHA on 4th Dec was with Jane giving parents an update re their son's progress. Thanks Suzie, Tracy and Mandy

Careers Update

This term we welcomed Jo Newman our new Careers advisor across the Learn@ Mat Academy. Jo has met with some of the year 11 students at Notton and guided them towards possible college courses.

Jo also came along to the Parent Support Group Coffee Morning on the 13th November at KnowleDGE. This was a great opportunity for Jo to meet with parents/carers and explain the various options and support available for their children when moving on from a specialist provision into a more mainstream setting.

A very enjoyable and informative session.

Lackham

During this term at Lackham College the students have done a lot of work with sheep. Often they have worked alongside the Shepherd who works for Lackham.

Duties have included weighing the sheep and giving them a general health check to see which ones are suitable to be sent to market. For this they have to weigh above 45kg and have a good amount of meat on them.

Now is also the time when the ram is put to the ewes in readiness for the lambing season. The students learnt how to mark the rams up with paint on the underside. This paint will then transfer onto the ewe's back when the ram mounts her.

In order for accurate records to be kept, the paint colour is changed each week so that the shepherd can tell exactly which ewes are pregnant. The paint colour can then be used to work out when the lambs are due to be born.

Visit to Avon Rubber PLC

Two staff took a group of three students on a visit to Avon Rubber PLC in Melksham.

Avon Protection is the recognised global leader in advanced Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) respiratory protection systems for the world's Military, Law Enforcement and Fire markets. They produce different types of masks used throughout these industries.

At reception we had to leave all phones and valuables and we were not allowed to take any photographs. We were given a tour of the factory. We were all surprised at how quiet and clean it was. We were shown the various masks made at the factory and were astonished to hear that they have a 20 year guarantee! The quality and comfort of these masks is essential for the military services and masks are produced for use on land, air and sea. Avon have just secured a contract with the MOD to produce masks.

For Law Enforcement they produce air purifying respirators, along with various filters, hoods and powered air hoods.

For the Fire Service they produce thermal image camera technology and self-contained breathing apparatus.

Below are some examples of the masks made at Avon.

M50 Mask

FM53 Mask

M53AI Mask

It was a fascinating trip and the students who went thoroughly enjoyed it. All admitted they had not really been looking forward to it but were glad they went. We hope to arrange some more trips to other factories during the next year.

Remembrance

Week 1 of term 2 saw staff and pupils reflecting on Remembrance. The meaning of this, why we, as a nation, value this time of reflection, and why the symbol of the poppy is significant for the past, today and for always.
As you can see, pupils created beautiful work that was displayed in our reception foyer. Here is a poem written by one of the boys;

F family is the best teacher
O opposites become better acquainted
R regretting decisions can be really hard
G grudges push people apart
I invest to help each other
V value what you have, don't let it be thwarted
E everyone deserves a second chance
N never forget how close you are
E embrace people's pasts with an open heart
S show how good everyone can be
S show how forgiveness is EVERYTHING we need

We also used this time to link remembrance to our learning!

Anti-Bullying Week 2018: Choose Respect

Week 2 of this term focused on Anti-Bullying Week.
Pupils spent time in PSHE learning about different types of bullying and the impact bullying has on the victim. A particular focus was on Cyber Bullying and the increase in this.
Week 3 focused on Homophobic bullying. Why do so many young people say gay, lezza, faggot, without even thinking of the meaning and impact? Very serious materials, videos, and discussions took place in each tutor room.
Tuesday 13th November was World Kindness Day - staff and students showed many random acts of kindness.

No-one ever knows the struggles people are going through inside and we believe that a simple act of kindness can help a person feel empowered to stand up to bullying. We are encouraging everyone to get involved in choosing kindness and be the reason to make someone smile.

#ChooseKindness top tips

- Choosing kindness doesn't cost anything but can help someone enormously. We all have choices to make, do you #choosekindness?
- Choose kindness, as you never know what someone else is going through
- Saying something nice can bring a smile to someone's face
- Acts of kindness will never come back to hurt you and is never wasted on someone
- Being mean and hurting others can hurt someone very deeply, think twice about what you say or do
- Acts of kindness are good for you- they release oxytocin which lowers our blood pressure
- Being kind can help others feel happy and confident

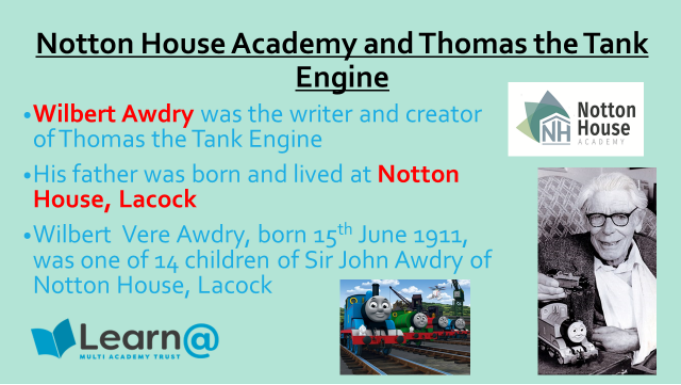
As a staff team, on Thursday 15th November, we wore odd socks. And so did many of our pupils! This was to show our respect and support for Anti-Bullying Week.

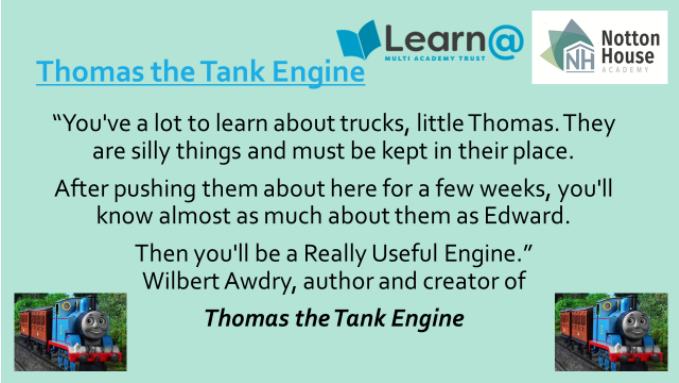
Our PSHE education programme is of great importance and we use every Thursday morning to educate the boys on a number of national and international awareness days; plus, essential topics relating to personal, social and health education.

STOP BULLYING

https://www.bullying.co.uk/anti-bullying-week/choose-kindness/

https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIyKbf0MXq3gIVZbXtCh0rNgafEAAYASAAEgLnP_D_BwE



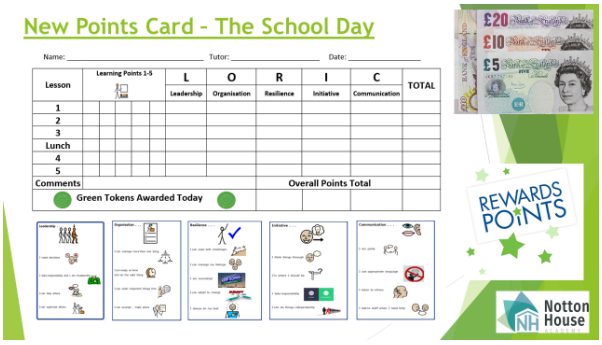


Key Dates for Term 3

Friday 4th January 2019 – Inset Day
Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th January 2019 – Review days
Wednesday 9th January 2019 – All students return to school
Friday 15th February 2019 – End of Term 3

How we give weekly rewards

New Points Card - The School Day



Assembly and Awards

- Each week, on Friday 9.45am, common room
- Each tutor will announce pupil of the week – most points
- Each pupil gets sweets and certificate
- Pupils who have been given a green token – name and reason gets read out by tutor
- Green token winners get certificate and sweets
- All winners into the prize draw for overall winner – one person wins a special prize from the prize box....!!!!!!!!!!!!

End of Term Awards – 3 times per year

- All points change into money – 1 penny per point
- Vouchers given for all points over 500 = £5
- Subjects will award a winner each and a certificate
- 100% attendance results in an extra voucher

- Top 5 pupils with the most points and/ or green tokens go on an end of term trip
- Where would you like to go?
  - Ice skating
  - Freedog
  - Pizza Hut
  - Longleat
  - Go Karting

Points . . . What do they mean to me?

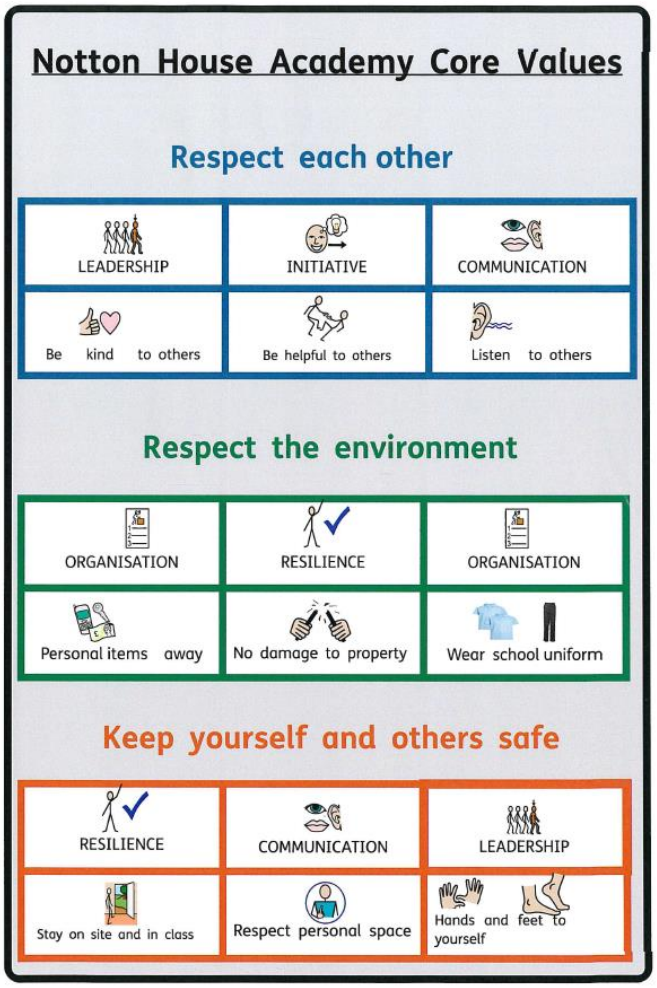
My total score	What it means? Rewards
100+	Choice of activity Use of phone/iPad ✓ Late bedtime +
80+	On site activity Use of phone/iPad ✓
Below 80	**No** iphone/iPad/electronic device X Staff directed activity
Notton House values Keep everyone safe Respect our environment Respect each other	**Follow the school values to get your rewards:** Stay on site and in class No damage Kind words No smoking Uniform on No physical abuse

Prizes – weekly overall winner

Notton House Student Council

The Notton House Student Council has 1-2 meetings every term to discuss matters concerning the students such as bullying, fundraising, reward trips and school improvements. We value the students' input and are keen to listen to their opinions, feelings and concerns.

Mrs Anna Jamieson (Student Council Coordinator)



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

Notton House ACADEMY

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2018-2019

School Holiday | Bank Holiday | Pupil Day | Inset Day | Pupil Inductions/Annual

September 2018						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
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