

Term 6 Newsletter 2020 – 2021



Message from Michelle Reysenn – Headteacher

Dear Colleagues, Families, Pupils and Friends,

Once again, we come to the end of a very strange year. 18 months on and I still cannot get used to remote learning, blended learning, closure, partial closure, staff in, staff out... and I don't think I will ever get used to it! When you decide to go into this profession, the aim and purpose is to work with young people who have additional needs, and to support them along their journey, until they are confident and independent enough to leave and be successful on whatever they choose to do or become.

And on that note... we haven't even had time to say a proper goodbye to any pupils who are leaving us. In year 11, we say goodbye to Ned, Reagan, Josh, Jesse, Harry, and Alfie; and in year 12, we say goodbye to Joe, Kade, Ben, and Jason. We wish you all the very best, and sincerely hope we can all get together in the very near future.

We also say goodbye to some staff. Sally, Hazel, and Peter. Whether you are going to enjoy a well-earned retirement rest, or you are going travelling, or seeking new careers, we wish you all the very best.

Despite the goodbyes, and the strangeness of the ongoing impact and effects of Covid, there is still a lot to celebrate, and you will see so much of this within this newsletter. Staff at Notton want to make every encounter and opportunity so special, and one to remember. Every day, we are making memories!

Myself, and all my colleagues, really do hope that we can celebrate as a community, in the autumn term, and for pupils who have missed out on activity week and sports day, we aim to make this happen asap.

So for now, enjoy the summer holidays, please stay safe, and look after yourselves and your loved ones.

Time is precious... make every second count.

Michelle

Headteacher



WINNERS

Attendance 100%

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| David | Connor M |
| Theo B | Caleb |
| Reagan | Charlie |
| Leo D | Adam |
| Rio | Drew |
| JK | Patrik |
| Phin | |

Attendance 95% and above

Jack G-O
Jack J
Connor W



Subject Winners

Primary

Oliver - Spelling
Kai – Swimming
Charlie – English
Anthony & Patrik - Maths

Middle & Upper School

Thomas & Theo – Maths
Turrell – Sports Science
Junior – PE
Cason – Food
Connor M – Art
Connor M & Drew – Science

Green Token Winners

Anthony
Charlie
Leo N
Josh I-F
David
Leo D
Mason





PEWSEY & DEVIZES

Term 6 with Sarah, Natalie, Amy, Steve, Thani & Nat



This term has raced by and we are looking forward to the long summer holidays. We are currently in our new tutor groups getting to know our new key adults. This week has been really exciting as we have had a whole



week's worth of science and art activities. We met a trainee astronaut, watched and took part in some amazing practical experiments. We went into a dark dome, where we learnt all about the solar system. All primary pupils were very curious and asked lots of amazing questions. Well done to Patrik and Anthony for winning scientists of the week award.



We are so pleased that swimming pools have reopened, as we are able to resume our weekly swimming sessions. Even our teachers got into the pool and had fun with us!



In English, we have been looking at writing for different audiences. We collected and looked at different types of leaflets, researched different types of advertising and read newspaper articles. As a mini project, we researched Weston Super Mare, then followed this with a visit to get photos and information first hand. It wasn't all work though, we had lots of fun on the beach, riding the donkeys, going on the bouncy castle and playing football.



Unfortunately, following this, all primary had to isolate at home for 10 days. We still managed to keep in touch, through daily Teams lessons and phone calls. Thank you to all parents for helping us keep in regular contact with the boys and for supporting them with their work.



All classes have now been renamed after the eight Wiltshire White Horses. In Primary we are Devizes and Pewsey. We decided to explore these and find out about them in the last week of term. We had lots of fun running through the long grass and walking round the perimeter of the horse and finding out what it is made of.



Finally, we hope that you all have an enjoyable and safe summer holiday and that the sun keeps shining for most of it!

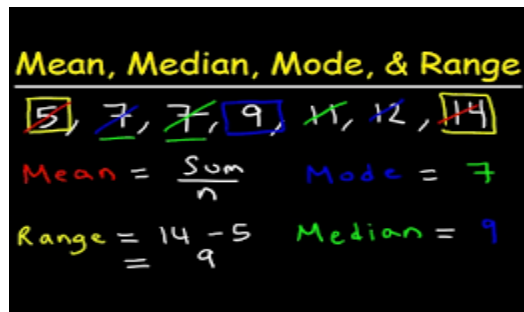


BROAD TOWN

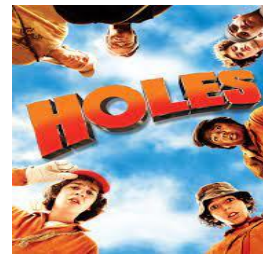
Term 6 with Helen, Thani & Nat

We have come to the end of our school year with our amazing boys! It has been wonderful spending time with Cason, Jack, Leo, Theo and Tyshone and wish them all the best in their new class, we will miss you!!

In maths this term we have been solving averages of number. We have learned to calculate the mean, median, mode and range of sets of numbers.



We had a few weeks to start reading the novel Holes. We completed a few activities based on this by looking at the descriptive language used and making our own predictions and interpretations. We ended our time together by watching the truly amazing film.



We have enjoyed the lovely summer weather by doing lots of activities outside, lighting fires, and making smores and enjoying relaxing in the hammock.

Students at NHA have been engaged in a lot of science, having a whole week off timetable, engaged in STEAM week, thanks to the folks at 'Our Space Our Future'. In the build up to this, students have been engaged in various practical experiments and demos. The demo pictured is the 'screaming jelly baby'. In this demo, students explored how much energy is contained within just one sweet.



We had a wonderful end of term trip to Paultons Park. The sun shone; we got wet on the water slide; the boys dragged Tiff and Vas on the worst ride in the park and it took Tiff the rest of the day to recover!



Great day had by all!

MARLBOROUGH

Term 6 with Ben, Becky & Vas

What can I say about this superstar tutor group that I've had the pleasure to have this year?

They have shown a huge amount of progress, not only in the classroom with the academic work, but also out and about within the school community, utilising their social skills.

All of the students have really enjoyed outdoor education, especially using the newly refurbished outdoor space, created specifically for learning outdoors. Fires and toasting marshmallows have been a particular favourite and the students are hoping to progress to S'mores next year.



STEAM week was a big hit, with the students enjoying learning about space and other bits of science that were on show. The big attraction was the discovery dome, where students were taken on the Apollo 11 mission to the moon. Creating moon buggies and bottle rockets also proved to be a big hit with the tutor group and despite some engineering issues with the rear wheels, the class moon buggy did win best aerodynamic design.

With Wimbledon, the Euros and the summer Olympics all taking place, or about to take place, the whole tutor group have been thoroughly enjoying the various sporting festivals on offer. The buzz around Notton House Centre Court was amazing as 3 members of the group progressed through to the ¼ finals of the tennis tournament, but unfortunately missing out on a finals spot.

All in all, a fantastic term and indeed a brilliant year for the whole class, even more so when you consider the disruption caused by Covid. The boys have shown incredible resilience and determination throughout the year.





CHERRILL



Term 6 with Andy, Tom & Pete

Wow – where has this year gone? It is hard to believe that we are now about to start our Summer holiday!

We have had a good few weeks over this last half term. For the past three weeks we have transitioned onto the timetable, which we will be following from September. This will be the start of an important couple of years, and we are hoping that all our students are going to really focus on doing the very best they can in their core English and Maths lessons. College placements will be starting and some of the students have chosen to do Construction, Motor Vehicle Technology or Health and Social Care.

Our Tutor Group remains similar to last year, but we welcome Drew and Phin as new students in our group.

Have you heard of the fictional school Snotton Towers? Snotton Towers has been struck by lightning and some strange goings on have meant that no one can enter or exit the building. On top of that the Head Teacher has also been found murdered! This has been the basis of our English lessons. We have been gathering evidence and looking at different theories about what has happened, then writing emails and police reports about the incidents. This has proved very popular and the work that has been produced has been excellent. We are now moving on to look at film trailers, starting with the history of them. Did you know that film trailers were originally shown at the end of films? They *trailed* after the film. However, this did not work as people got up and left the cinema as soon as the film finished, hence the reason they now show trailers at the start of a film! We will be looking at what makes a good film trailer and attracts the audience, and then move on to producing our own film trailer.

In Maths, we have been looking at factors of numbers and multiples of numbers. We also had a look at Prime Numbers and learnt about the Sieve of Eratosthenes! Look it up! It literally sieves out the Prime Numbers – and was invented by the mathematician Eratosthenes, who was born in 267BC! This has given the students a taste of what is to come during the next academic year and the fun that you can have with numbers.

Our PSHE lessons have been looking at different types of relationships and how they affect us and others.

We have just enjoyed a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) week. This saw us

welcome lots of visitors into school, who shared lots of fun things with us, from various experiments using dry ice, to a huge indoor planetarium which whisked the students into space and introduced the planets in our solar system. The students got to meet a trainee astronaut too. She had been chosen as one of twelve trainees from 3,000 applicants and had featured on a television series following the progress of the trainees. It was very interesting hearing about all the challenges she had to face during her training, and the students also had the opportunity to try on a space suit. We built moon buggies and tested them on a track to see which went furthest, and made rockets from plastic bottles which were launched into the air. We also used clay to make some aliens – otherwise known as “Clayliens” – and here are some photographs of them! Great fun!



Have a great summer holiday! Hopefully we will be able to enjoy some warm sunshine over the weeks and return in September feeling refreshed and ready to learn. Enjoy!

WESTBURY

Term 6 with Anton & Nathan

As with most aspects of life, the start of the academic year was not spared by the effects of COVID 19 with both pupils and staff having to self-isolate. Westbury students that were able to attend, enjoyed themselves by engaging in transition day activities with a focus on getting to know one another. This involved playing sports, board games and using the slip and slide a lot.



STEAM week was a blast! All the pupils that were able to, or inclined to participate, reported engaging in some 'real science' at last.

And for those students who found themselves at school on their own because everyone else in their class was self-isolating, they got a bespoke off-site 1:1 mentoring session from yours truly, down the local skate park (pupil led of course).



HACKPEN

Term 6 with Ant, Sharon & Ollie

A short term to end our time together in Mid 3 but lots was still achieved.

All of our boys achieved the class goal of 200 green tokens and because of this, we got to enjoy racing around M4 karting. Whilst out on the trip, all three were praised by the instructors for how well-mannered and polite they were and for being some of the best new drivers they had seen in a long time. With Connor even setting a new track record for his age!



Within the classroom, we continued to achieve rewards for our class reading and wearing of school uniform.

English involved writing, directing and acting in our own plays, which often resulted in Kelly being written off in the first scene.

Art involved pot and sculptor making, plus some lovely handmade baked goods from Owen, Adam and Connor. The term went by quickly and it was soon time to look forward to our new classrooms and adjusting to what will be our new timetables.



We are so proud of how well all of our boys have settled into Notton this year and look forward to watching them continue to grow, within their new class environments.

STEAM WEEK

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)



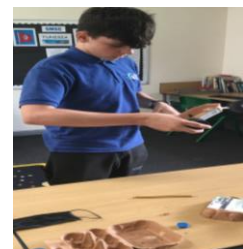
NHA celebrated all things Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Maths based when pupils were taken off timetable to engage in STEAM week.

To start proceedings, the team from 'Our Future, Our Space' performed a curiosity show to the whole school, demonstrating some classic chemistry and physics which included hydrogen balloons and a lot of dry ice. The pupils were wonderfully behaved and engaged throughout, some even participated with the demos themselves which was really pleasing to see.

Throughout the week, the pupils at NHA were engaged in a range of activities that included using the 'explorer dome', an immersive experience that uses projection mapping software to take students to the furthest reaches of space, visit a 'black hole' or take trip around the our 'solar system'.

Another highlight was meeting Jackie Bell, who is an astronaut-in-training, to talk about careers in space, with the students.

Alongside all of this, pupils were building space buggies, making and firing rockets and creating art to do with all things relating to space. Thanks to all the staff and students for supporting the STEAM week!



LEARNING SUPPORT

Term 6 with Jane

Notton students have been working hard all year to improve their spellings.



We try many ways to help learn the words - here are a few . . .



Using an IT programme called Wordshark.



Writing the words in chalk on the playground.



Hangman!



Dicey spellings.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

- BRONZE EXPEDITION

On Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th July four pupils at Notton completed their Bronze Award expedition.

Day 1 took them from Derry Hill back to school, taking in the views over Bowood and Lacock.

Day 2 was a much longer and hotter day. Starting at Beckhampton, the boys set off at a cracking pace, keeping up with the racehorses alongside the 'Gallops'. Navigation was fairly straightforward, with a few check-ins at footpath junctions required. The boys stopped for lunch at the North Wiltshire Golf Course before finishing off the day at the top of Roundway.



Overall, a great experience for the boys and a lovely end to the school year.

FARM TO FORK!

Junior is loving spending time in Forest Schools, and also, look at the great home-grown produce!



LEGOLAND REWARD TRIP

Boys and staff were finally able to enjoy their LEGOLAND reward trip that they earned last year. We were lucky to have a really sunny day. Looking at the big smiles on the boys faces, you can see that we all had an amazing time!





NOTTON HOUSE WIMBLEDON



Staff and pupils at Notton have been enjoying playing Tennis with a mini Wimbledon tournament organised by Ben Shuker and supported by all the staff and students. We all enjoyed a morning of tennis, in the sunshine, with great sportsmanship, strawberries and cream provided by our lovely kitchen staff.

We had a quick fire, knock out tournament with each pair playing three games and enjoying some exciting and tough competition.

CONGRATULATIONS to Caleb who beat Connor in a tense final.



**Notton
Tennis
Superstars**



LOWER SCHOOL CARE

The boys in lower school care have been enjoying the lovely weather this term with lots of trips out and activities.



Here are a few of them...

We went to Box Rec and Roundway.



We also had a BBQ in the garden which was enjoyed by all, staff and students.



THE SUMMER AHEAD

The Care Team

Here at Notton, we are gearing up and preparing for a fun filled week at the end of term including BBQ's, activities, trips and more.

Planned activities and trips will be well and truly under way, come the last week of term and your boys will be given choices on what they would like to do.

With sports days planned and various activities, we can't wait to get started and I'm sure the boys are excited too.



Water balloon fights, slip and slide, BBQ, trampoline parks, football, arts and crafts.



With loads of other things to enjoy, I'm sure they will have the best week ever!



Camping nights with marshmallows are also available.

I'm sure your boys will enjoy a night out in the wild, by our new outdoor education area along with pizza oven!

THE EUROS & PIZZA MAKING

Jack enjoyed making his own pizza, supported by Danielle, whilst JK and Josh, with staff Will and Craig, watched the Euro Semi-final!





FUN
IN
THE
SUN



SITE TEAM

With Ben & Steve

We have some exciting new developments happening over the Summer holidays. I have attached some pictures of the new gates we will have at the front and rear of the school. These are designed to keep both staff and pupils safe from the busy road and ensure no one can access the school grounds without our permission.

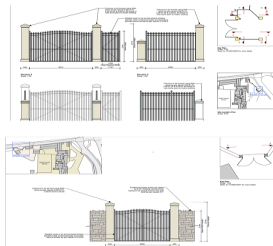
We are also having a large amount of our roof replaced. This has been repaired a number of times over the years and is now being replaced. This will help ensure the boys bedrooms are warm and leak free for the future.

Finally, the site team will be working hard all summer, painting care areas and classrooms to keep them clean and tidy, ready for the new term in September.



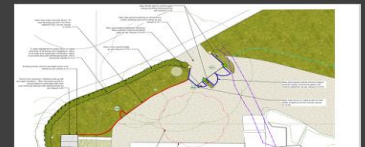
Summer 2021 Front and side access gates

- The front and side access gates are being replaced with a new access-controlled system, designed to keep both staff and pupils safe at all times



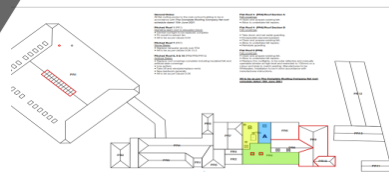
Main Entrance changes

- New hedgerow instead of old fence
- Tree and grass area removed for increased car parking to allow for safer entrance and exit of staff and pupils
- New fence being installed to keep staff and pupils safe



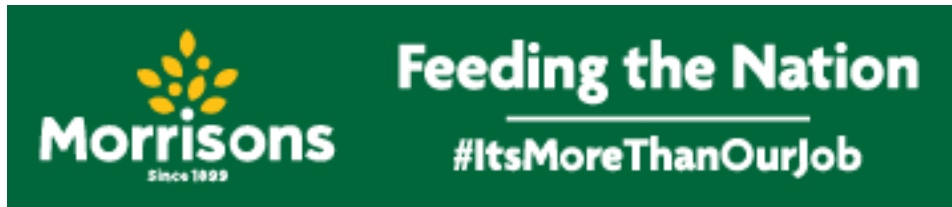
Summer 2021 Roof works

As you can see from the picture we are having a large area of the roof replaced



Have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing the boys in September.

Site Team



Thank you so much to Morrisons, Chippenham
for all their support this year.

Parcels packed for summer hols and ready for
dispatch . . .



MEET THE PROFESSIONAL

Lexi-Jo is a Speech and Language Therapist, who joined Notton House Academy in September 2020.

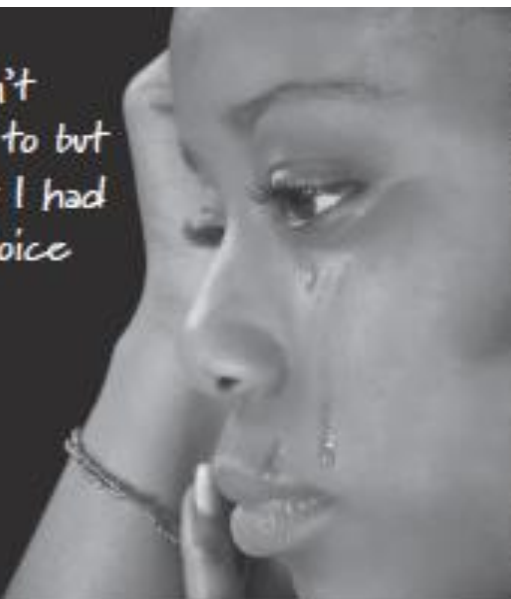
Lexi-Jo's role includes:

- Assessing students' speech, language and communication needs (SLCN).
- Providing written reports outlining students' strengths and needs, including strategies to support their communication with others.
- Promoting communication friendly environments, by completing in-class observations of students and staff and offering advice.
- Offering 1:1 therapy, focusing on specific needs such as developing vocabulary, speech sounds, social understanding.
- Running social skills groups.
- Supporting the Speech and Language Assistant to continue speech and language support across the school throughout the week.
- Delivering staff training, to increase awareness and understanding of SLCN and offering whole school strategies to support students.



Lexi-Jo has a wide range of experience working with children and young people with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities, Speech and Language Delay/Disorder, Dysfluency, Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia, Autism, Social Communication Difficulties, Selective Mutism, Gender Dysphoria and Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties.

I didn't
want to but
I felt I had
no choice



He buys me
things...now
I feel like I
owe him



They promised
to give me work
then they took
my passport and
my freedom



I work all week
and the boss takes
most of my money



Child Sexual Exploitation, Sex Work, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking It's happening here, it's happening now



If a child or adult is at immediate risk of harm, call the police on 999. If someone is affected by exploitation, slavery or trafficking, call the police on 101.

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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

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