

Term 5 Newsletter 2022 – 2023



Message from Michelle Reysenn – Headteacher

Dear families,

So here we are again, at the end of a very busy term, where staff and pupils have enjoyed celebrating momentous events, such as St Patrick's Day, The King's Coronation, Mental Health Awareness Day, as well as, learning new skills and knowledge as part of their timetable. The lessons at the lakes have been wonderful, as have the weekly swimming lessons for lower and middle school, planting in the poly tunnel and raised beds, and the trip to Chepstow Castle was one to remember!

Another significant achievement must be celebrated, acknowledging all of the hard work, effort, and resilience of our young people who have been and will be taking exams this year. There is an increase in the number of qualifications being offered every year, to ensure that all of our students are given the best possible start to their journey into adulthood after Notton House. I must also give thanks to staff at NHA who are supporting the students with their exams.

As many of you know, I have not been at NHA very much this term due to working across Learn@ MAT, and I have spent most of my week at Brook Academy in Brockworth, supporting the staff and young people, in their transition to moving to a new trust, CLF (Cabot Learning Federation). In contrast, NHA is slowly transitioning to MSNP (Midsomer Norton Partnership), a much larger trust based in the South West. Further information will be shared with families over the final term of this academic year.

For now, I wish you all a peaceful and sunny May half term break, and I continue to feel grateful to all families for your support to us all at Notton House.

Best wishes, Michelle.



Term 5 WINNERS!

Attendance: 95% & Above

Theo
Ethan
Leo F
Junior
Tom P
Harley

Green Token Winners

Kacper
William
Jonah
Josh
Robert



100% Attendance

William
Leo N
Joey

Jonah
Connor M
Phin

Bennito
Josh
Charlie

Patrik
Robert



Subject Winners

Reading	Jonah and Anthony
Mathematics	Harley; Connor M, Thomas; Josh; Patrik; Kory
English	Connor M
Reading	Anthony; Jonah; William
Phonics	Kai
Science	Connor M; Thomas
Art	William
Food	Thomas
PSHE	Thomas
Outdoor Ed	Jonah
Esports	Leo F
Physical Education	Patrik
BTEC Sports	Reagan

PEWSEY & DEVIZES

Term 5

Natalie, Sarah, Steve, Amy, Chantal, Leann, Sammy
Emma and Jane.

What a fun term we have had! With the warmer weather we have spent more time outside – enjoying outdoor education and an exciting trip to Chepstow Castle.

The children have been establishing good friendships and have made great progress with their learning. Our topic for the term was Castles and we have also been learning about different professions.

It has also been a time for celebrating – St Patrick's day on March 17th and the King's Coronation on May 10th.

Outdoor Education

The children have all benefited from visiting the lakes at the Cotswold Water Park. Even though the water was cold, everyone took part and wet-suits enabled the children to have fun - jetty jumping, kayaking and paddle boarding.



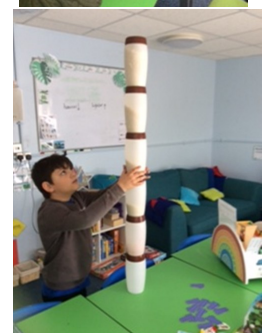
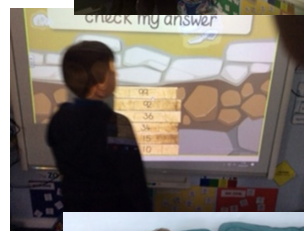
Term Topic: Castles

Complementing our topic on castles, the children have built some amazing castles out of card-board during art lessons.

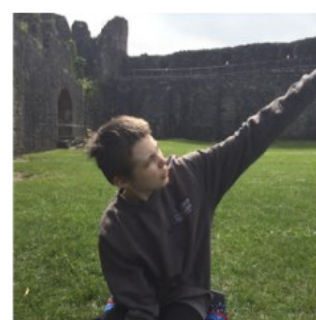
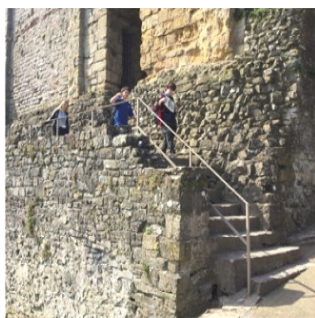


Learning fun!

The children have enjoyed learning through play. They have had fun using the smart-board and playing a variety of games.



We were also very lucky to go on a trip to visit Chepstow Castle – the oldest castle in Europe at over 900 years old!



Professions

We have talked to the children about why it is important to have a job and discussed various different career pathways.

One of our teaching staff used to be in the RAF. The children enjoyed hearing about life as a paramedic and even dressed up in some of the uniform.



King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

To mark the occasion staff dressed up in red, white and blue and we had a celebratory buffet for lunch which included coronation chicken sandwiches and scones with jam and clotted cream! Some of the children joined in with the dressing up and represented the British armed forces.



St Patrick's Day



The children enjoyed celebrating St Patrick's day by dressing up and designing their own leprechauns in arts and crafts. They also had a fun cooking lesson where they learnt how to make delicious Irish potato pancakes.



Pewsey Class have been looking at different types of jobs and careers.

Jane, who served in the RAF, bought in her old uniform for us to see. Jane talked to us about her time in the military and showed us photos of her time serving in Bosnia.



Bobby



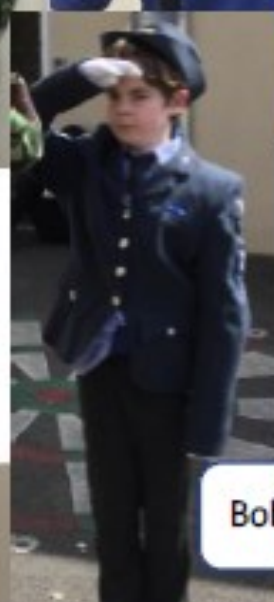
Bobby



Joey



Patrik



Bobby



Taylon



Taylon

William

Bobby



William

We all enjoyed trying on her uniform, the respirator and marching around the playground!

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The sun was shining, and all was good in the world, as pupils in lower school loved going on a well-being walk, followed by a trip to the park! Long may the sun keep shining!



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Firefighters come to NHA!



Thankfully, there was no fire, but staff and pupils loved the Fire Brigade coming to visit us for the afternoon. A safety talk took place with pupils, and then they were able to explore one of the engines.



Visit to Chepstow Castle!

What a wonderful day lower school had at Chepstow castle, exploring the ruins, and learning about the history of the castle.



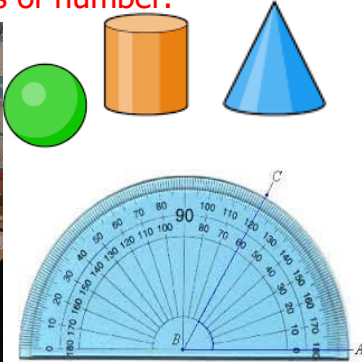
BROAD TOWN

Term 5

With Helen, Nat & Tiff

NUMERACY

This term we have learned about 3d shapes by identifying and classifying. We have sorted regular and irregular polygons. We have looked at points of a compass and given instructions. We have converted fractions, percentages and decimals. We have looked at numbers, by ordering numbers and counting in sequences. We have learned to measure and draw angles as well as practising our 4 operations of number.



LITERACY

This term we have been looking at playscripts. We have been reading aloud as a class, sharing opinions and making predictions. We have written about jobs we do around the home. We have also written an advertisement for a school trip. We have created posters about the dangers of smoking and analysed characters. We have discussed qualities that we look for in a friend. Finally we have looked at writing conversations.

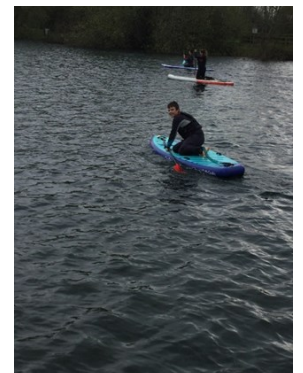


IN SMSC this term we have learnt about Australia. We have looked at where Australia is in the world, the colours of the flag, created a whole class map and discussed facts about the country.

In Cooking we have made kofta kebabs, pizza and blueberry muffins!

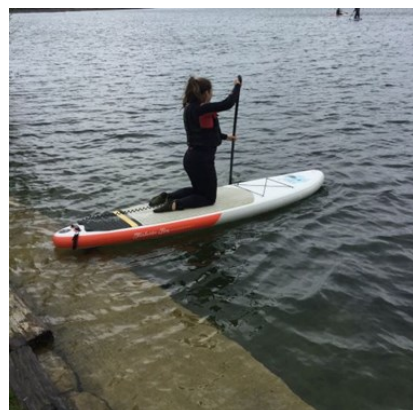
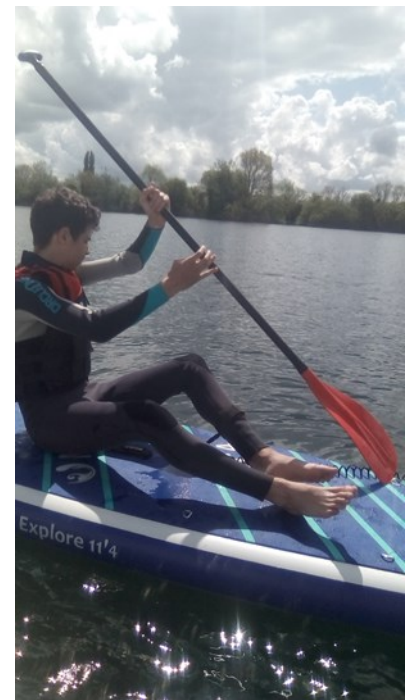
In outdoor education we have been going to the lakes at the Cotswold Water park doing paddle boarding and kayaking. We have also worked on our garden in the polytunnel area. We have planted onions, carrots, and beetroot in our raised bed!

We have also been for a walk around Westmead Open Space Sculpture Trail putting their map skills to use and doing some orienteering!



We're back!

It's term 5, and it's time to get back to the lakes for Outdoor Education!



HACKPEN

Term 5

With Ant, Sharon & Will



This term we have had a new student starting with us called Mike. Mike has gradually become more involved with the class activities, his favourite being a group bike ride around areas of Chippenham. Mike's confidence in class is steadily growing with each involvement.

Oliver, David, and Josh have enjoyed Outdoor Education, especially this term as they have had multiple trips to the lakes working on their kayaking and paddle boarding skills, showing great improvement in both. Although the water is still very cold!



Card games have been an enjoyable pastime for all with 'Monopoly Deal' being the outright favourite.



Our focus in SMSC has been on Micronesia, sparking fascinating conversations on population, culture and differences between countries. They found it especially intriguing that the population of Micronesia was as little as 113, 000.

Outside of class time, David and Josh have enjoyed playing football on the field with the other students and Oliver has enjoyed improving his fitness through using the fitness suite.



Our overall attendance this term has been superb with all students regularly attending class and keeping safe around the site. Josh especially, has worked hard during lessons taking a keen interest in his Maths and English work earning him several pupil of the week awards. Additionally, David has shown a great improvement in his Maths, even working through multiple assessments within a lesson! With continued hard work towards lessons and the improving weather for more football, we are set up to have a great final term.



News

Care Time!!



2 little ducks ,
its bingo time



Care Area

Coronation Celebrations

What do you call 2 chickens
standing together?



Correlation Chicken!!



Fit for a king!!



The circus is in town!



What material is a clown's
costume made from?



Poly Jester!



It's a thumbs up from Jonny!



MARLBOROUGH

Term 5 with Ben, Becky and Mollie



SMSC this term we have been looking at Samoa. The boys have been looking into Samoan culture, the population and child rights. Ben enjoyed teaching the boys how important rugby is in Samoa.



Outdoor education this term we have been spending time at the lake paddle boarding and kayaking. The boys have had great fun improving their skills and cooling off in the fresh water.



We have also been celebrating the coronation of King Charles III, we have been learning about the Kings life and what happens during the coronation. On Friday 5th May we had a school picnic and cricket game to celebrate the day.

On other news we have also adopted another pet in the class to go with our two remaining stick insects. We have welcomed a Millipede who is yet to be named.

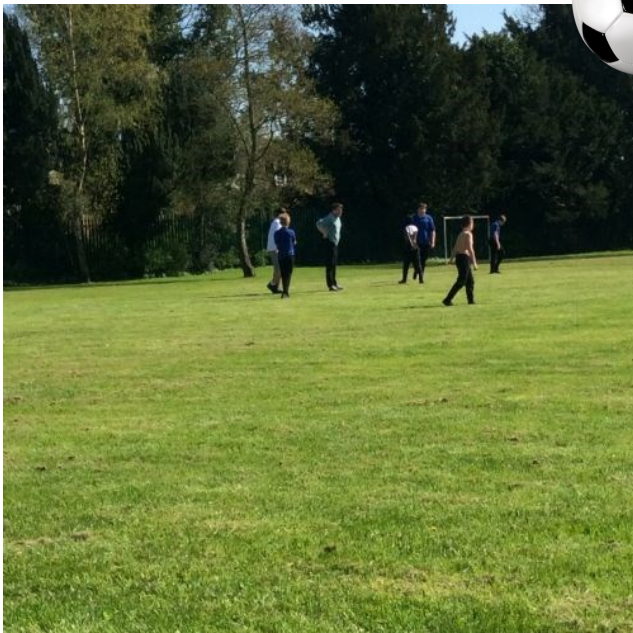


We have also celebrated 3 birthdays this term with yummy treats. Happy Birthday again to Theo, Becky, and Cason.



Well-Being Footie!

The sun was shining, the field had been mowed, and staff and students took the opportunity for a short game of well-being footie. Its not just football; its football at NHA!

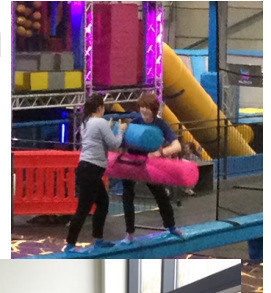


ALTON BARNES

Term 5

With Ron, Karen W and Anzhelika

Alton Barnes students have had a very busy term 4 with lots of off-site activities which included a trip to Airhop in Bristol, a lovely trip to Lacock Abbey and gardens where Owen was very interested in the cloisters, as Harry Potter was filmed there, and Downton Abbey!



Jack has enjoyed his weekly Kandu visits, Anthony is enjoying his animal care course at college, Rio has continued to attend the wheels project, and some of our boys have been going to the lakes for their outdoor education lessons.



English exams have been taking place after lots of preparation in lessons, and in Maths lessons the boys have continued with their functional skills papers



In food tech lessons the boys have been making burgers, pizza, muffins and lots of other delicious dishes.

In SMSC lessons we have been studying about New Zealand. The class was very surprised to learn about some of the problems children face there, in particular the fact that children are trafficked from other countries and taken there.



Cherhill

Term 5, Andy, Pete & Chlog.

SMSC

This term in SMSC we have concentrated on New Zealand.

Fun facts we have learnt;

- There Is More Than One Type of Kiwi.
- National Reserves Make Up 30 Percent of the Country.
- New Zealand has a Hill with the World's Longest Name.
- Wellington Is the Most Southerly Capital in the World.
- There Are Five Sheep for Every Resident in New Zealand.



Outdoor education

We have had so much fun in outdoor education.

With the weather getting nicer, the paddle boarding has started.

The boys are really enjoying this.



English

In English we have been looking at the boy's mock exams that they did last term and working on the areas that need a bit more coverage, to get them ready for their exams starting in May.

Maths

In maths we have continued to complete GCSE exam papers in practice for their GCSE's.

Science

In Science we have been looking at stem cells, what they are and what they do.

Farm cookery school

Drew and Chloe have been attending the farm cookery school. Drew has thoroughly enjoyed this and made many different home-made meals.



NHA Site Updates

Wow! What a busy Easter holiday for the site team. New carpets, freshly painted walls, and even a new home for the academy cats! Yes, I said CATS!



There is still plenty to be done:

- Energy Efficiency works to include
 - Full LED lighting upgrade across the Education Block
 - New heating controls and full system clean
 - Replacement of old radiators
- Astro pitch deep clean ready for the summer sports
- Along with more bedrooms being re decorated

Another busy term for Westbury class. And finally, summer is fast approaching!!!



Leo has been developing his BTec really well and is smashing through it. He has also now completed his entry level in both Maths and English.



Connor has also completed his entry level in Maths and English. He also had a really successful college visit to Weston college where he will be attending next year once he leaves Notton.



Reagan has been continuing his great work in his off-site activities, doing some really great stuff at both Rocksteady and the Wheels project. In school Reagan has been working hard in his PE lessons and learning lots of new things.



Brandon has had a lot of one to one sessions this term with Martyn and Jess. Some of these include going to the music shop in Westbury to look for new and exciting things we can get for the school. He is also continuing his excitement and good work at Kandu Arts, where he is in the middle of writing and performing his own song.



Bennito has had a really positive term in school. He has working really hard to complete his entry level in maths. He has also loved being back at the lakes for outdoor education where he has been paddle boarding and kayaking.

All the boys have had some really fun times trying out and playing on the VR headsets that we have at school now. They have loved trying out the different games and Apps that they have to offer.





15 to 21 May 2023

Mental Health Awareness Week



#ToHelpMyAnxiety



I'm taking part in
Wear it Green Day
this Mental Health
Awareness Week

15-21 May 2023



Anxiety & the Five ways to Wellbeing



#WearItGreen

Notton House Academy
Facilities Available to Hire

Sports Hall



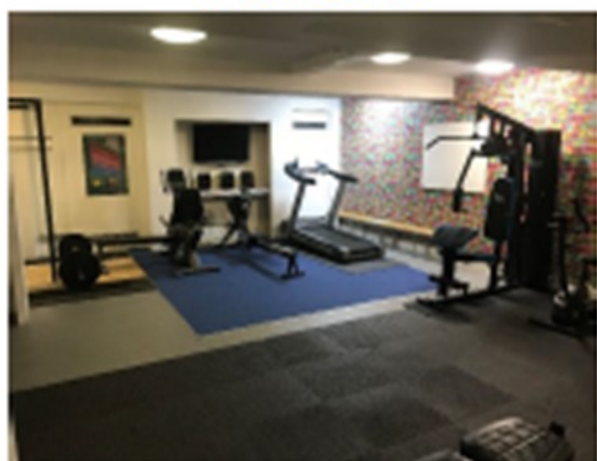
Astro Pitch



Football Pitch



Fitness suite



Various Classrooms



Outdoor classroom (Forest school)



All facilities available for £25 per hour (30-minute bookings also available)

To make a booking please visit www.Schoolhire.co.uk

We are recruiting Academy Councillors!



All different,
all equal, all
achieving
together

What we do:

- Make a difference to the lives of young people
- Deliver an aspirational curriculum
- Remove barriers to achievement
- Open doors to Post 16 pathways
- Prepare young people for the wider world

We are looking for:

- Passion
- Energy and enthusiasm
- A desire to make a difference

We are particularly looking for experience in:

- Community engagement
- Strategy
- The education sector
- Managing finance and estates
- Child Mental Health
- Speech and Communication difficulties

What does an Academy Councillor do?

- Acts as a critical friend to the Headteacher and an ambassador for the Academy
- Visits the Academy to gain a better understanding of the Academy's strengths and areas for development
- Embodies the culture of and ethos of the Academy
- Contributes towards the development of the vision and strategic direction of the Academy
- Brings their life experience to the role
- Interacts with Ofsted inspectors

The commitment

- This role is as an unpaid volunteer
- 6 meetings per year
- Up to 6 visits to the Academy per year
- A willingness to undertake training and keep knowledge up to date
- Minimum time commitment 3 hours per month

Interested?

- See our website for more information: <https://www.notton.learnmat.uk/> and <https://www.learnmat.uk/>
- Contact Liz Jahn on elizabeth.jahn@learnmat.uk

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 2022-2023

School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Pupil Day



Inset Day



Pupil Inductions/Annual Reviews

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Learn@ MAT INSET Days: 31st October 2022;

NHA INSET Days: 1st and 2nd September 2022; 1st November 2022; 2nd December 2022;

20th February 2023; 24th July 2023, 25th July 2023



ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2023-2024



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This does not include Trust INSET days.