

# Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 04.11.2022

#### Dear Nightingale Families,

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a week away from school and had a good time whether that was spent adventuring or resting! It's been lovely to see so many smiling faces walking back into school after the break, despite some of the rather bleak weather we've had this week. We ended the week with a beautiful rainbow that many of you spotted this morning, arched over the school.

We had a wonderful send off for some children at the end of last half term enjoying their Flockstar of the Half Term special assembly and tea party with their grown ups. It was a really enjoyable time, seeing the pride in the children's faces as they heard their hard work being recognised.

Thank you to the Friends for the fabulous pumpkin plate competition. There were some really creative and imaginative responses.

Dog owners – please be mindful of where you leave your dog when coming on to the school site. We appreciate you leaving them off the premises, but as we have some children who are anxious of animals, please could you not leave them tied up directly opposite the gate, so that we leave a clear path in for children.

Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce & The Nightingale Team

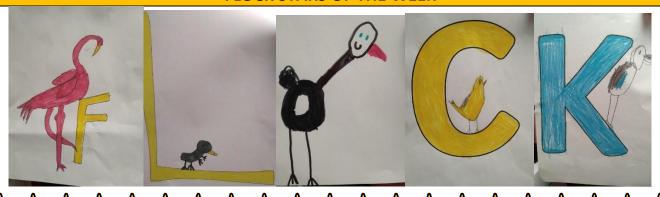


## FLOCK STARS OF THE HALF TERM

Just before we broke up for the Half Term break, we celebrated the Flockstars of the Half Term. These children are consistently upholding the values of the school and going above and beyond. Well done Flockstars!



**FLOCK STARS OF THE WEEK** 









## **Fireworks - Support from Norfolk County Council**

This weekend is Bonfire Night, and we know that many of you might be enjoying some firework displays. There is lots of information online about how to stay safe, including many child-friendly videos and guides. We've spoken to children in class about safety, but if you need any further guidance, Norfolk County Council have some clear guidelines for grownups.

https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/safety/norfolk-fire-and-rescue-service/safety-advice-and-guidance/home-safety-advice/fireworks

#### **Parent Forum**



Mrs Boyce is looking for class reps for the Parent Forum. If you would like to join us or are happy to remain on the parent forum please contact the office and the message will be passed on. We have been meeting on line at 9:30. We will rotate between Monday and Wednesday.

# **Parents Evening**

Appointments are now available to book via Pupilasset.

# **Friends of NIANS**

#### **Pumpkin Plate Competition**

What amazing entries we had for the pumpkin plate competition held this week! Mrs Baldry found it very difficult to choose our winners from all the fantastic creations submitted; but she finally managed to narrow it down to Sarrinah (Raven) in 1st place, Elliot (Kingfisher) 2nd, Matilda (Nuthatch) 3rd and Elisa (Chaffinch) was a surprise 4th! We managed to raise £40 for the Friends of Nightingale so thank you for participating. All children who entered should now have received their plates back, along with a chocolate lolly (or equivalent) this week. Thank you to everyone that entered, your designs were fabulous and we loved seeing all your hard work!

## **Adverts**



#### Learning taking place in our classes this week & key messages!

#### **EYFS**





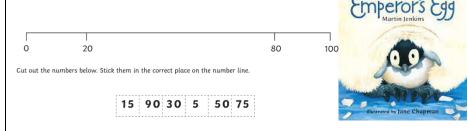
Well we certainly knew how to 'celebrate good times' in EYFS this week! With a very spooky start to the week the children enjoyed sharing their brilliant Halloween costumes on Tapestry and making some funny pumpkins and wiggly spiders in the creative area. We had a bubbling witches brew with all sorts of weird and wonderful ingredients being added as the children learned how to pour, measure and compare capacity. We absolutely loved getting stuck in with clay modelling while creating our own Diya lamps which we will decorate next week once they are dry! We had had a blast in the hall together learning some brilliant dance moves to 'Chogada Tara' a popular Diwali Hindi song. On Friday the children learnt about the importance of staying safe on bonfire night before creating their own beautiful firework displays using paints, glitter, flour and sequins! In Maths Nuthatch have been learning to count in order to 5 and recognising numerals and amounts to 5 using pumpkins and stars! The Kingfishers have been learning about 'more than' and 'fewer than' while helping our teddies Shep and Sam who were arguing over who had more toys! A brilliant first week back EYFS!

#### Key Stage 1





In key stage one this week we have introduced our new book 'The Emperor's Egg'. First, we had clues in a bag, we took one item out of the bag at a time to try and predict what the book was about. The hat, scarf and gloves made us think the story was about the snow and cold, but when we saw an egg, it challenged our thinking further. In Geography we have enjoyed looking at Google Earth and finding where we live but also looking at Antarctica, where our book is set. The children were great at thinking of interesting words and writing sentences to describe Antarctica. Finally, we learnt about the seven continents. This song on You Tube really helped us; <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE</a>
In maths this week we have focussed on number and place value. We have completed number lines with missing numbers on them. We have also used our reasoning skills to think where numbers go on a number line. There were not many numbers and no marks for where numbers should be on our number line.



# Dates for the diary

November 2022											
Tuesday	15.11.2022	Parents Evening (booking details to follow)									
Thursday	17.11.2022	Parents Evening (booking details to follow)									
Saturday	26.11.2022	Nightingale Christmas Fair – (more information to follow)									
December 2022											
Thursday	08.12.2022 2.30-3.00	Reception Nativity – Parents welcome									
Wednesday	14.12.2022	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day									
Wednesday	14.12.2022 2.00-2.45	Year 1 & 2 Carols at St Edmunds Church – Parents welcome									
Friday	16.12.2022	School closes for Christmas Holiday									
		January 2023									
Wednesday	04.01.2023	School re-opens for Spring term									
		February 2023									
Friday	10.02.2023	School closes for half term									
Monday	20.02.2023	School re-opens									
Wednesday	22.02.2023	Year 2 Speed Stacking Festival (10 children attending)									
Monday	27.02.2023	KS1 Cricket Festival (20 children attending)									
	March 2023										
Thursday	30.03.2023	KS1 Cross Country (16 children attending)									
Friday	31.03.2023	School closes for Easter holiday									

	April 2023										
Tuesday	18.04.2023	School re-opens for Summer term									
Thursday	27.04.2023	KS1 Tri Golf (10 children attending)									
	May 2023										
Friday 26.05.2023 School closes for half term											
	June 2023										
Monday	05.06.2023	School re-opens									
Monday	05.06.2023	Year R – vision and hearing screening									
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Thursday	08.06.2023	Vancols – Group School Photos									
Friday	30.06.2023	KS1 Athletics (10 children attending)									
	July 2023										
Thursday	06.07.2023	EYFS Tennis Multiskills Festival (10 children attending)									
Friday	21.07.2023	School closes for summer holiday									
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## **Term dates**

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Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 2nd & 5th September, 3rd January, 17th April and 24th July. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.



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