

Nightingale Infant and Nursery School Weekly Newsletter 11.11.2022

Dear Nightingale Families,

We've had another busy week in school, ending with today with a range of activities to remember those who have lost their lives in wars past and present. The children have proudly worn their poppies around school which they made.

We have had some queries from families regarding reading and phonics in school. While we have parents evening coming up next week, now Mrs Bradfield, our English lead, is back in school, we hope to put on some further sessions in school to provide support and information for you regarding our new phonics programme Little Wandle and how we teach reading in school. We also have an online system which is in the process of being set up which will provide parents online access to a large range of books used in school. We hope to have this live by the end of the term at the latest.

We have recently updated our website, providing more information as to what is taught in phonics in reception and year 1. You can find this by clinking on the link below.

English - Nightingale Infant & Nursery School

On Wednesday we had a teaching and learning review from Rosemary Kett. Rosemary was previously a headteacher and Ofsted inspector and now works in an advisory role, supporting schools on their improvement journey. We invited Rosemary to conduct a review following significant changes to leadership, the structure of the school and the curriculum in the past year. It provides a chance for leaders and all staff to reflect on where the school is and next steps.

As part of her audit, she looked at the school's improvement plans, the judgements and evaluations leaders were making in areas such as quality of education, behaviour, early years and leadership and management. Rosemary observed phonics and maths across the school as well as spending time in all classes throughout the day, talking to children, observing teaching and looking at children's work.

She was pleased with the rapid progress made in the teaching of phonics since starting the new programme 7 weeks ago and leaders demonstrated their clear view for next steps. She commented on the good learning behaviours of the children and how they conducted themselves in class and around school. The children were confident in talking about the renewed values and the many things they loved about their school.

Key areas for development outlined from the day mirrored those already identified by senior leaders in the school improvement plan. A summary of this was shared with you last week but can also be found on our school website under the key information tab.

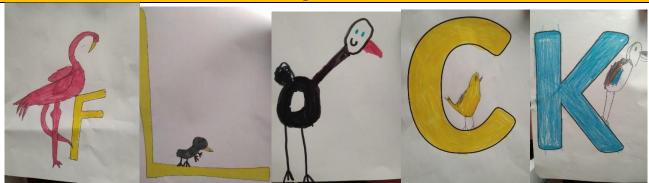
We plan to invite Rosemary into school again in the latter part of the spring term to review progress made since her visit and identify further next steps. The success of a school's improvement journey is ensuring all stakeholders work together. We will ensure we keep you updated termly as to the progress made against our key priorities and gather to your feedback, through surveys, parents forum, general conversations and feedback from events.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce & The Nightingale Team

FLOCK STARS OF THE WEEK



This week we were looking for children who were really trying with their listening and learning. Well done!





Support from Norfolk County Council

Pastoral Support

Mrs Dobson's days of working will change from next week. She will now work all day Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays. Her nominated day at Nightingale will be Wednesday however this is flexible.

If you would like to make an appointment to meet with her please contact her directly on the email address below. Mrs Dobson oversees and is able to support with attendance matters, routines and behaviour, family support or is always happy to listen and support with any concerns you or your child may have.

Ldobson@istnorfolk.co.uk

The Friends

The friends of Nightingale will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26th November. If you are able to run a stall or set up on the Friday before the fayre we would really appreciate your help. Please email friendsofnightingale@outlook.com to let us know by Wednesday 16th November, thank you.

We would also appreciate any donations for the raffle or tombola stall. Please bring these to the school office, thank you.

Odd Socks for Anti-bullying week

Next week is Anti-bullying week and we would like to recognise this by inviting all the children (and staff!) to wear odd socks to school on Tuesday. By wearing odd socks, we are celebrating all being different. There is lots of information on their website including a handy section for parents and carers.

https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/parents-and-carers

SEND



These workshops and courses have been designed to support anyone who has contact with a child of school age e.g. parents/carers, grandparents or other family members. The child does not need to have an official diagnosis of any learning difficulty for parents/carers to attend workshops or courses.

Venue: Taverham High School, Beech Avenue, Taverham, Norwich NR8 6HP

Date & Time	Course / Workshop Title & Description	Cost
Thurs 1 Dec 2022 9.30 – 1.00PM	Dyslexia Awareness for Parents / Carers Course – How to help with homework / support with further reading & spelling development / support with organisation & memory / how to communicate with school if there is a conflict.	£25 per person
Tues 7 Feb 2023 9.30 – 11.45AM	Working Memory Workshop - The workshop will explore what working memory is, as well as many ways for you to support your child with their working memory skills to help increase their confidence and ability when reading, writing, doing arithmetic or studying for exams.	£10 per person
Tues 28 Mar 2023 9.30 – 11.45AM	Supporting Maths Difficulties Workshop- The workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing maths and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.	£10 per person
Weds 21 Jun 2023 9.30 – 1.00PM	Dyslexia Awareness for Parents / Carers Course - How to help with homework / support with further reading & spelling development / support with organisation & memory / how to communicate with school if there is a conflict.	£25 per person

To book your place please click here

Please contact Laura Bates for further information at: dosadmin@taverhamhigh.org or telephone 01603 860505 ex 239

To book please click on the following link:

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Adverts





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

EYFS





If you have peeked through the windows of Nuthatch and Kingfisher classes this week you might have thought it looked a bit dark. That's because we have been thinking about the story of "The Owl Babies" and owls, of course, come out at night. We have been using torches to read books in the book corner and making owls using feathers and googly eyes. We have used some super black play dough and star sequins to make the night sky. The children all became bird-watchers and used binoculars and to find 'owls' hidden in the trees in the glade. In the story the baby owls are wondering where their Mummy has gone – we will continue the story next week and find out what has happened to her.

In maths we have been fishing shapes with four sides out of the water tray and looking at patterns of five, particularly with our fingers. Ask the children to share the song "Five Little Peas "with you.

Please could you make sure that you sign up for parents evening using Pupil Asset. They take place on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Many of you have not made an appointment yet but there are still —plenty of slots available.

As it's November it is, of course, time to talk about Christmas! Children will have brought home lines in their book-bags. Please practise these lines as much as you can. You should also have been told what your child is going to be in the play. Please do NOT go out and buy costumes- we will send out more details of what you will need to provide in the next few weeks

Key Stage 1



In key stage one this week we have learnt so much about emperor penguins. Some of our favourites were;

When a penguin slides on its tummy it is called toboggining.

The male penguin can make a milk like substance to feed the baby penguin.

The male penguin keeps the egg warm in his brood patch.

Emperor Penguins can hold their breath for 22 minutes.

We are busy using all the facts we have learnt to make an information booklet about Emperor Penguins.

In maths we have been learning about time. We started by ordering things we do in our day and using the language 'before' and 'after'. Then we watched this days of the week song; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8GKmCQOy88Y We practised using the language 'today', 'tomorrow' and 'yesterday'. Finally, we have learned about o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. There have been lots of reasoning and problem solving questions for the children to solve throughout the week, these are some examples;



The train to Blackpool leaves at quarter past and quarter to every hour.

Make a list of the times of the trains Oliver can catch if he gets to the train station between 2 o'clock and half past $4\,$

Do you agree with Teddy?

Explain why.



Christmas Decorations: We would be very grateful for any donations of a small Christmas tree for Ravens and/or any decorations. Many thanks!

Spellings this week were: to /today/ school/are /were /house



Science - please could we have empty litre bottles. We are going to put warm water in the bottles and test materials to see which we can keep warm. We are working out which materials

would be best to use for our 'trip to Antartica' -- if the children have any materials that they would like to test. Must be big enough/small enough to wrap around a litre bottle Thank you so much

Dates for the diary

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	Nightingale Christmas Fair – (more information to follow)								
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.00-2.45	Year 1 & 2 performance at St Edmunds Church – Parents welcome								
6.12.2022	School closes for Christmas Holiday								
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4.01.2023	School re-opens for Spring term								
	February 2023								
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2.02.2023	Year 2 Speed Stacking Festival (10 children attending)								
7.02.2023	KS1 Cricket Festival (20 children attending)								
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0.03.2023	KS1 Cross Country (16 children attending)								
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	April 2023									
Tuesday	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								
Tuesday	06.06.2023	Year R – vision and hearing screening								
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								

Term dates

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Norfolk Model Calendar

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