



Nightingale Infant and Nursery School

Weekly Newsletter

03.02.2023

Dear Nightingale Families,

It's been great to see so much home learning coming into school this week! The children have loved sharing their hard work with their friends and seeing it on display in school.

Thank you again for the support and understanding regarding the strike action on Wednesday. The team appreciate how difficult it is for families. As you know, there is further strike action planned for 1st March and the 15th and 16th March. As with Wednesday this week, I hope to be able to provide you with more information and notice of any disruption, providing as much notice as possible.

Reminders – use of phones and appropriate language on site

We kindly remind all parents and carers to refrain from using mobile phones on the school site. This includes making calls and sending messages as well as getting out to show pictures and videos etc. They should remain in bags and pockets at all times please.

Some parents have been concerned regarding some inappropriate language being used on the school site before and after school as well as some clothing which has offensive language and/or images. Please could everyone be mindful of the language they are using and cover any clothing which may cause offence to others/be inappropriate for young children to see and read.

Nightingale Friends

As you will know, we have the most amazing Friends of Nightingale; a group of parents who give up their time to raise money for the school. They've planned and funded large projects such as the full refurbishment of the library and supporting the improvement of the teaching screens in classrooms, to smaller projects such as toys and classroom equipment. Most recently the Friends purchased 30 Waterproof suits for use by our Early Years children – see the photos below. As well as raising money, they provide the children with many events across the year such as discos, Christmas and summer fayres, movie afternoons and competitions.

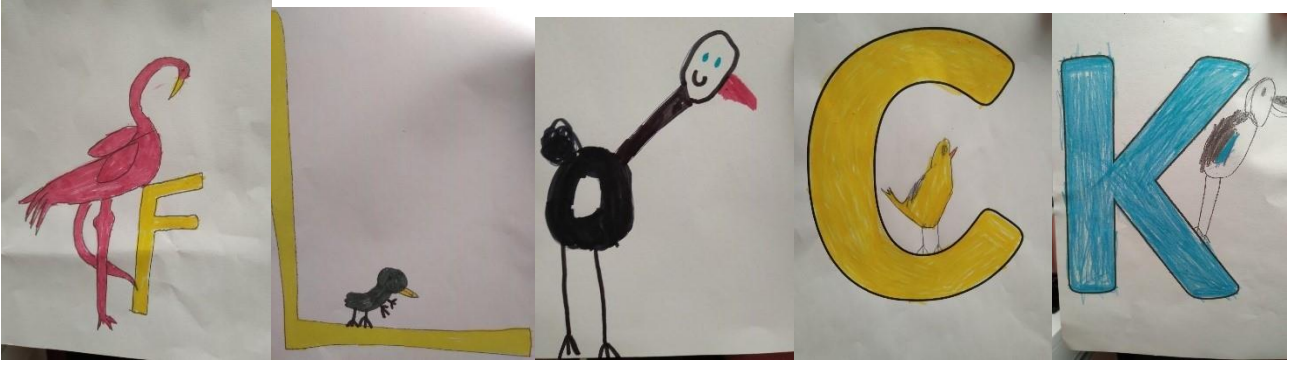
Many of our Friends will be stepping down in the summer as their children move to the junior school. To ensure this support continues we are looking for new members from parents and carers in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Please contact the office or speak to a member of the team who will be able to pass on your details to the Friends.

The Friends have been busy planning a number of events for the remainder of the school year. Please see details below.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hutt, Mrs Boyce & The Nightingale Team

FLOCK STARS OF THE WEEK



Sporting success

This week in our Friday celebration assembly we recognised some amazing cheerleading and baton dance achievements



Pastoral Support

Mrs Dobson, our family liaison advisor, 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. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with her, please contact her directly on the email address below. Ldobson@istnorfolk.co.uk

Toy cars

If anyone has any spare toy cars at home that are no longer wanted, we'd love to add these to our playtime equipment. Mr Sexton has recently re-purposed some old wooden blocks into road building blocks, but we are lacking in vehicles! Any donations would be hugely appreciated and can come into school with your child and given to class adults or to the office. Thank you!

Egg boxes

If you have any empty egg boxes you could kindly donate for our children in Kingfisher who will be making trains next week it would be much appreciated.

Nightingale Friends



Our Kingfisher children making use of the new waterproof suits purchased for the school by the Friends.



Up and coming events

The Friends would like to remind you about the Valentines Disco on Tuesday 7th February. The reply deadline is **today** so if you haven't confirmed yet please return your letter **now**.



Monday 27th February - Smarties fundraiser being sent home

Friday 17th March - Mother's Day cake sale after school.

Monday 27th March - Launch of Easter competition "Mad as a March Hare" hat/bonnet activity.

Week beg 27th April - Easter even in school – details to be confirmed

Friday 28th April - Sponsored sports event to raise money for the mini bus (details to be finalised)

Friday 5th May - Coronation paper plate competition being sent home

Friday 16th June - Father's Day cake sale after school.

Saturday 8th July - Summer fayre

Friday 14th July - Year 2 leavers - 'water extravaganza'

Monday 17th July - Year 2 leavers disco

School Council

The School Council plan to run a chocolate tombola on Friday 10th February to raise money for the RSPCA. Can we kindly ask for your support in this by sending in chocolate donations.



Family Forum

The Family Forum met on Wednesday 25th January 2023. The minutes are attached for your information.

NIANS Lunch time football



Minutes from the School Council agreed by footballers and school council

Agreed that we all love football and want to be able to play at school

We agreed that we need some Nightingale rules because we have to play in small space and it's a hard surface

Agreed to use

- Bibs or bands
- Gloves for goalies
- 2 passes at least after the ball goes out of play
- Play 5 aside maximum
- Ask for some special balls for lunch football to be purchased
- Red cards and yellow cards to be introduced
- Year 2 not to play until the Kingfishers have gone in
- Most Year 1 children to play with Kingfisher
- No one is to go over the smooqa or the Nursery fence – automatic red card – miss the rest of the playtime and the next playtime
- Physical violence – immediate red card – miss the rest of the playtime and the next playtime
- Mr Sexton will referee until we feel a pupil can take the role

Online Safety

Safer Internet Week is approaching next week and we will be sharing some tips on how to promote Online Safety with your children.



Top tips for parents of under 7s

These top tips have been written for you (parents and carers) to share, and talk about, with your children. It's never too early to talk about life online!

This Safer Internet Day make space for...

■ Make space for enjoying time online together

Play games, watch videos, and learn new skills with your child. Share what you are doing online and talk about what they like doing online. Show your child how great a space the internet can be and all of the ways you can use it as a family.

▲ Make space for talking about the online world from an early age

Show your children the amazing things they can do on the internet, before they begin to use it independently. The earlier you talk about the online world together, the easier these conversations become as they grow up.

For more tips on how to keep children under 7 safe online, visit www.saferinternet.org.uk and find their 'guides and resources' section for parents and carers.

After School Clubs

Miss Threadgold will be running a Year2 Mini Tennis Club on Monday's from 3.10pm until 4.00pm. This will run from Monday 20th February until Monday 27th March. We have 12 places available and these will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. If you would like to register your child for this club then please email the office:

nightingaleoffice@istnorfolk.co.uk

After School Mini Tennis Club

Year 2 after School Tennis Club with Miss Threadgold

Come along to learn some of the basic tennis skills such as a groundstroke, forehand, backhand, and volley. We will play mini games and develop our skills to rally with each other.

12 places available

Dates:

Monday 20th February

Monday 27th February

Monday 6th March

Monday 13th March

Monday 20th March

Monday 27th March



The National Tennis Association through Taverham Tennis club is offering a further 6 week after school tennis club from after half term. Running from the 23rd February to 30th March. Please see the newsletter attachment.



After School Tennis Club

National Tennis Association have been delivering tennis coaching at schools in Norfolk since 2004. The after school sessions are a great introduction to the game and many of the county's most successful players started in our after school clubs.

In after school club sessions pupils will develop footwork, coordination, ball and racket skills working through a structured curriculum.

Nightingale Infant Tennis Club Details

Thursdays - 6 weeks (23rd Feb - 30 Mar)

Year 1-2

3:15pm - 4:00pm

Cost - £24

How to Enrol?

For more information and booking please click the below link.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

These sessions fill up very quickly therefore it is important to book your place quickly, we operate a first come, first serve basis.

Once you have booked on our website you will receive a confirmation of your place.

If you have any questions regarding the tennis club please contact us:

email: schools@nationaltennis.org.uk

tel: 0330 551 9496

Who's who

Parents have said they would like to know the staff a little better. We thought we should start by introducing newer members of staff. We will introduce a few a week for you but if you would like to see the whole team then please visit the Who's who on the school website.

MEET OUR STAFF



Mrs Watling



I have a cat called Mouse

Through teaching I've been lucky enough to meet Dermot O'Leary, go into Number 10 and perform Shakespeare to the Prime minister, and receive a letter from David Attenborough.

The best place I've ever travelled to is Banff in Canada

In my spare time I love to do CrossFit.

I have an 18 month old daughter who is my best friend

MEET OUR STAFF



Mrs Baldry

I love any opportunity to wear fancy dress

Family means everything to me

I would like to be able to sing from my soul like Dorothy Moore but I cant

I am an adrenaline junkie
I love roller coasters
I love scary activities

I love music

MEET OUR STAFF



Mrs Dobson

-My favourite colour is purple

-I love spending time at the coast, particularly Sheringham and Cromer

-I enjoy attempting to keep fit at Zumba classes!

-I love going swimming with my 2 daughters

-My first ever job was fruit picking (raspberry bushes are prickly - ouch!)

MEET OUR STAFF



Mr Asker

I like classic cars

I like spending time with my family

I clean the school

I have met the Queen

I spent twenty years in The Forces

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

EYFS



The children have continued their learning about transport this week by jumping on board a little red steam train! The children have loved reading our topic book 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin. We have talked about all the things we might see out of the window if we were on a train journey. Some of us have painted or drawn pictures and had a go at writing sentences about a journey. We have used loose parts to build our own trains outside and made tickets and maps to go on adventures around our playground. We have sung songs about trains and used musical instruments to imitate the sounds of a train clackety-clacking down the track! The **Nuthatch** children have been focussing on the number 4 this week by making trains with 4 carriages. The children had to add 4 objects to their train track using careful counting, 4 trees, 4 people, 4 animals! They also made buildings out of squares and rectangles which of course have 4 sides! The **Kingfishers** have been furthering their understanding of the composition of 6 and 7 using Hungarian number frames. We have also completed our learning of phase 3 digraphs this week by focussing on 'air' and 'er'. Please do visit the Little Wandle website for parents for free resources to help with the pronunciation of our phase 2 and 3 sounds.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

We are really looking forward to welcoming Kingfisher parents to our classroom for the first time next week to join us for a Phonics Big Share! Come and join in with a phonics lesson and take part in some fun phonics activities with your child. The session is on Wednesday the 8th and will start at 2:30. Have a lovely weekend! The EYFS Team.

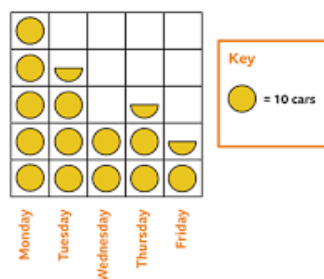
Key Stage 1



This week in key stage one we have continued our learning about Bob the Man on the Moon. We used pictures to sequence the story and then wrote the story in our own words. The children worked hard to remember some of the story language, use time words to start their sentences (first, next, after that, finally), add interesting adjectives and include conjunctions (but, so, because).

In maths this week we have been learning about statistics. We made tally charts of our favourite colour. We then used this information to make a pictogram, it was tricky when each picture was worth more than one. Finally we made a block graph and answered questions about what it shows.

In art we have been learning about self-portraits. We watched a video clip of how to draw a self-portrait and practised on a white board before having a go on paper. We are looking forward to painting self-portraits next week.



Team	Number of house points
Diamond	4 stars
Ruby	3 stars
Sapphire	4 stars
Emerald	3 stars



Dates for the diary

February 2023		
Wednesday	08.02.2023	Phonics Big Share
Thursday	09.02.2023	SESMA Taster Sessions, whole school to wear PE kits
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)
Tuesday	28.02.2023	Mobile Wonderdome
March 2023		
Wednesday	01.03.2023	Strike Action – possible disruption/closures - Opening TBC
Tuesday & Thursday	07 & 09.03.2023	Parent evening – booking window will open on Friday 24 th February
Wednesday & Thursday	15.03.2023 & 16.03.2023	Strike Action – possible disruption/closures - Opening TBC
Thursday	23.03.2023	Multi-skills PE Day in school, Year 1 / 2 to wear PE kits
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
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)
Thursday	06.07.2023	Golf Activity Day in school, whole school to wear PE kits
Friday	21.07.2023	School closes for summer holiday

Term dates

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Norfolk County Council

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Norfolk Model Calendar

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