

Finedon Schools Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024



YEAR THREE MUSICIANS PERFORM

To mark the end of their ten week strings project with Northampton Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT), Y3 performed to their families on Thursday.

It is always amazing how much the children learn in such a short space of time. They demonstrated great concentration and focus and have really developed their resilience through learning a new skill.

The children have the opportunity to continue to learn to play the instrument for a further ten weeks at a highly subsidised rate. If your Y3 child is interested in this, please contact the school office by **Monday**.



POLICE VISIT TO OUR RECEPTION CLASSES

Our Reception classes had an exciting morning with a visit from Northants Police this week!

They spoke to the children about how they help to keep people safe. Then the children met PD Bonnie and had fun sitting in the police car and printing their fingerprints.

Our thanks to the Police officers who visited. You never know, they may have inspired our youngest children to consider a career in the Police in the future!



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Flamingo Class** with 96.4% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Infant School.

Well done to Nightingale and Toucan Class who also achieved over 96%.

Congratulations to **Chaffinch Class** with 98.5% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Junior School.

Well done to Starling, Kestrel and Magpie Classes who also achieved over 96%.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Infant School Stars	
Flamingo Class	Emilia
Toucan Class	Matthew
Nightingale Class	Mylo
Peacock Class	Daisy
Dove Class	Theodore
Puffin Class	Luna

INFANT VALUE STARS – HONESTY

The value stars were awarded to Jacob, Darcey P, Phoebe, Mariah, Jordan and Olivia.

Junior School Stars	
Chaffinch Class	Maciej
Woodpecker Class	Ivy
Kestrel Class	Junior
Starling Class	Eduard
Kingfisher Class	Kaisie
Magpie Class	Isla
Red Kite Class	Leo
Robin Class	Regan

JUNIOR VALUE STARS - FORGIVENESS

The value stars nominated by the children, were awarded to Emily, Zachary, Van, Harper, Jack, Adriana, Harrison and Isla

ACHIEVEMENTS ATTAINED OUT OF SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated their achievements in this week's assemblies.

- Swann and Rex for their awards in swimming
- Myah, Scarlett, Alexa, Edith, Arthur and Mercedes for their gymnastics awards
- La'Rosa for participating in a show for her dance school
- Harrison for his success in martial arts

Apologies to Chiara who was included in the photograph of achievements at the Junior School last week for sharing her achievements in football in Friday's assembly. Unfortunately, we failed to include her name! Well done Chiara!

FLAMINGO AND TOUCAN ALLOTMENT VISIT

This week, both Reception classes made their first visit to the school allotment.

They worked with Bud and Sue to plant some red onion bulbs and to sow lots of different flower seeds for the summer. The children also enjoyed a Nature Treasure Hunt where they discovered various insects, birds, and plants. They finished the morning with a story and biscuits in the poly tunnel.

The children showed huge enjoyment in the visit and haven't stopped talking about it since!

As always, our thanks go to Bud and Sue for the dedication they continue to show to our school.



WORLD POETRY DAY

All children at the Infant School celebrated World Poetry Day by learning a poem to perform to the rest of the school.

The children used facial expressions, actions and their performing voices whilst reciting their poems. You might like to ask your child if they can recite their class poem at home!



YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TO WHITEMOOR LAKES

Last week Year 4 went on their residential to Whitemoor Lakes.

Over the three days, the children took part in exciting activities such as abseiling, rock climbing and the 'leap of faith'. They all showed courage, determination, and perseverance; especially when it required jumping off of high platforms! In the evenings, we had a campfire where different songs and stories were told as well as team games and movies.

All adults that accompanied the children were extremely impressed with how they demonstrated our Diamond Rules, including showing excellent manners at mealtimes. It was a great trip, thoroughly enjoyed by all!



THRIVE

Our school follows the Thrive Approach to support the mental health and wellbeing of children.

Children love having parents who are playful, fun, interested and curious about them. They enjoy feeling important and special and really benefit from having some individual time with parents.

Thrive have produced some creative activity ideas that you can use with your child to support their emotional development at home. Play releases lots of feel-good chemicals that help us to feel calm, steady and connected.

If possible, do these activities for as much as 20 minutes or more each day.

Please click on the link to find posters of suggested activity ideas to do with your child at home, to support their emotional wellbeing.

[Activities for children up to 7 years old](#)

[Activities for children up to 11 years old](#)

EASTER CHURCH SERVICE

Our Easter Church Service will be held at **9:30 a.m. on Thursday 28th March.**

Junior school children will lead the service and the Infants will be joining in with the singing. The choir will also perform.

All family members are invited to attend.



YEAR SIX SATS AND SHERINGHAM INFORMATION SESSION

Next week, we are holding a meeting for parents and children in Year 6 about the SATs assessments and residential to Sheringham.

Please come along to find out more about the assessments and to learn ways to help your child to prepare. Following the SATs session, we will be providing information on the residential to Sheringham.

The meeting will be on **Tuesday 26th March** at 3:30 p.m. in the Junior School Hall and we look forward to seeing as many parents as possible. We will send out all information shared at the meeting via email for those who are unable to attend.



YEAR FOUR MULTIPLICATION TIMES TABLE CHECK (MTC)

By the end of year four, children should know all times table facts up to 12 x 12. To check this key objective, there is a requirement for all children in year four to sit a multiplication test (MTC). This is an electronic test with 25 random questions that children must answer within 6 seconds.

Year four will sit the MTC at the start of June.

To help your child prepare, please ensure they practise their times tables regularly over the coming weeks. They can do this through TT Rockstars (the Soundcheck Game mirrors the MTC) or by using the paper sheets they bring home.



YEAR FOUR SWIMMING

Children are expected to be able to swim 25 metres by the end of Year Six. To support them to achieve this goal, children from year four will be attending swimming lessons next term. The swimming lessons will start on **Thursday 18th April** and end on **Thursday 27th June** at Waendel Leisure Centre.

IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGES

A polite reminder that children and parents should **not** cut through the school car park when entering or leaving Apple Tree Club. Instead, the path running around the perimeter of the building should be used. Although it is inviting to use the short cut to save time, it is very dangerous.

This week there was a near miss when a member of staff was leaving the carpark. Fortunately, she saw the parent and child just in time, but was very shaken by the situation.

When dropping off your child at the junior school in the morning, please be mindful of where and how you park. Pulling up to park on the pavement on the busy Wellingborough Road is dangerous and restricts the width of the pavement for pedestrians.

Thank you to everybody for helping to keep our school community safe.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Today, we have said goodbye to Miss Wing, a midday supervisor at the Junior School. We would like to thank her for all her hard work in supporting the children in their lunchtime play.



KINGSWOOD CATERING

The menu for next term is now live on Kingswood's [website](#). Don't forget to order your child's meals for the first week of term five, by **midnight on Wednesday 10th April**.



PARENT SURVEYS

Thank you to everybody who completed our parent surveys. The information is very useful and will help us to evaluate our provision.

Here are just some examples of the many positive comments written:

"You provide a safe, friendly environment where children feel comfortable and confident to be themselves."

"It is a welcoming environment for all."

"My child is always excited and happy to go to school."

"Approachable and friendly staff who really care about children."

"Always keeping parents updated with information."

"Encouraging children to be the best version of themselves and to believe in themselves."

"Excellent collaboration between staff and parents, keeping us informed at all times."

"Easy to approach with any concerns and made to feel heard."

"Caring for and appreciating the children as individuals."

"Lessons are engaging, my child looks forward to coming to school and has an opportunity to stretch their learning and share their successes from outside the school."

"Teachers are great and very enthusiastic. Any issues raised have been dealt with in a prompt and professional manner."

One of the main aspects that was mentioned in the infant survey regarding what we could do to improve was linked to our mixed age teaching in Year 1 and 2. We are pleased to share with you that from September, Year 1 and 2 will be taught in single year group classes for the whole day for at least the next two years. We hope to be able to sustain this beyond

two years, but it is vital that we maintain a high pupil intake in reception, to make this financially viable. Please keep recommending us to your friends!

Another parent suggested that we have more parent volunteers to hear children read. We always welcome volunteer readers and if this is something you are interested in, please contact the school office. We follow our safer recruitment processes for volunteers, so an application form would need to be completed and we would seek references and apply for a DBS certificate before volunteers help in school. Once this process is completed, it is a very rewarding opportunity.

HEAD LICE

We are aware of a few cases of head lice in school and would be grateful if you could check your child's hair over the weekend and regularly thereafter. Please treat if you find any lice.

When children's hair is checked regularly, head lice become less of a problem.

If you feel you need support and advice on this, do visit <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice>.

LOST PROPERTY

We had a pair of headphones handed in to the Junior School office this week. They were found near the recreation ground. Please speak to the Junior School office if you think these could be yours.

NHS SCHOOL NURSE

Did you know that every school has a named NHS school nurse? At the 0-19 Children's service they have a team of Qualified School Nurses, Community Staff Nurses, Healthy Child Practitioners and School Nurse Assistants. They work all year-round Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) and are happy to provide information, advice and guidance on a range of health needs from Reception to Year 13. Please see below for all necessary contacts for the 0-19 Hub:

- By phone 0800 170 7055 option 4
- Live Chat: <https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/0-19>
- www.nhft.nhs.uk/childrenshub
- Chat Health (our text-based School Nurse messaging service) for parents and young

people aged 11 and over. Monday to Friday
8.30-4.30 pm - 07507 329600

- On "X" (was Twitter) SchoolNursesNHFT

You can also contact them for any school aged immunisation queries via the following:

- By phone: 0800 170 7055 option 5
- Website: [Children's resources, tips and advice hub | NHFT](#)

SMART SHOPPING

Throughout March, the Multiply Project which is funded by the Department for Education will run their new series of workshops called 'Smart Shopping' based in Morrison's Supermarket. These sessions are for parents and children (or other adults 19+ that are eligible - grandparents, aunts/uncles, older siblings etc) and will cover some maths based in the supermarket. Their first session will be 'Baking on a Budget' and will teach families about best value when purchasing ingredients! The first session is based in Wellingborough Morrisons. Each family that sign up before the end of March will receive a £25 Morrison's Voucher to help with the cost of any ingredients required. Please see poster at the end of this newsletter for further information!

APPLE TREE CLUB

Booking is open for the Easter holiday at Apple Tree Club.

You are able to book 8:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. for £23.50 which includes breakfast or 8:50 a.m. - 5:45 p.m. for £20.00. Half day places are also available.

If you would like more details about our Club, then please contact the club manager, Caralyn Cox on 07766 978374.



SAFEGUARDING

All children have the right to grow up and learn in a safe and secure environment. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads, listed below.

Mrs Joanne Lloyd-Williams	head@finedonmulso.northants-ecl.gov.uk
Mrs Caroline Jewell	caroline.jewell@iflt.org.uk
Miss Lucy Sadler	lucy.sadler@iflt.org.uk
Miss Felicity Pettitt	felicity.pettitt@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Jen Reed	jen.reed@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Caralyn Cox (for Apple Tree Club)	caralyn.cox@iflt.org.uk

- 01933 680433 (Junior School)
- 01933 680467 (Infant School)

If you are worried about a child outside of school time you can call the local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for advice (anonymously if needs, be) on 0300 126 7000 or 0300 126 1000.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see key dates for you to be aware of.

Any new dates will be shown in red font.

Date	What's on
Tuesday 26 th March 3:30 p.m.	SATs/Sheringham meeting for Parents/Carers of pupils in Year 6
Thursday 28 th March at 9:30 am	Easter Church Service – children from both schools attending
Thursday 28 th March	Term four ends.
Wednesday 10 th April Midnight	Deadline for ordering your child's school meals for the first week of term 5.
Monday 15 th April	Term five begins.
Thursday 18 th April	Swimming lessons for Year Four begin

Friday 19 th April	Reception Trip to West Lodge Farm
Monday 6 th May	School closed – bank holiday
Tuesday 21 st – Friday 24 th May	Year 6 Residential to Sheringham
Friday 24 th May	Term five ends.
Tuesday 4 th June	Term six begins
Thursday 4 th July	Transition Day – children spend the day in their September class.
Friday 5 th July	Transition Day – children spend a second day in their September class
Friday 19 th July	Term six ends



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SMART SHOPPING

Based at Morrison's Supermarket
Wellingborough throughout March



BAKING ON A BUDGET

Baking on a Budget* is a session for parents and children to learn maths skills based on buying the best value ingredients.

Is it cheaper to buy a ready made kit?
Or stock up your store cupboard?

Based in Morrison's Community Room with a challenge around the supermarket. You will be able to purchase the ingredients to do some baking at home after the session.

Access to the Children's Checkout will be available on some sessions.

FREE!

EACH FAMILY WILL
RECEIVE A VOUCHER
TOWARDS THE COST OF
INGREDIENTS!

Contact the Multiply Team to book:
multiply@northampton.ac.uk



*No baking is involved in this session



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