

Finedon Schools Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th May 2022



WELL DONE TO YEAR SIX

Having had a break from administering the SATs in school for the past two years, this week has seen the return of them and our Y6 pupils really have been amazing in the way they have conducted themselves throughout the week. They have applied themselves so well to what we appreciate is a stressful situation for them, however hard we support them and tell them not to worry! We know that they have all tried their very best and I would like to thank the staff team for all their hard work in preparing the children and supporting them through the week.

On Monday Y6 will have a well-deserved treat in the form of a visit to the woods. Learning continues as we work hard to make the children as 'secondary ready' as possible in the final weeks of their primary education. They will, of course, have lots of things to look forward to including the Y6 production and the residential visit to Sheringham.

Secondary school staff from the various schools that our children are moving on to are starting to make their visits to the school to meet the children, beginning with Huxlow Science College next week.



Here are Year Six enjoying some relaxation time after the last SAT.

GOOD LUCK TO YEAR TWO

Just as Year Six have their end of Key Stage Two assessments, Year Two also have to sit their end of Key Stage One assessments.

They are slightly different to Year Six in that there is more flexibility in when schools can administer them. Year Six SATs have to be administered at exactly the same time in every school in the country, whereas Year Two SATs just have to be administered during the month of May.

They started them this week and undertook one of their reading tasks and all children worked really hard to do their very best.

Well done and thank you to the staff team for their support with the children.



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **Flamingo Class** with 100% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Infant School.

Unfortunately, there were no other classes this week who met our attendance target of 96%.

Congratulations to **Red Kite Class** with 100% attendance who are this week's attendance winners at the Junior School.

Well done to Chaffinch Class who also achieved over 96%.

RECEPTION MULTI SKILLS COMPETITION

On Monday, a group of reception children competed in The Pacesetter Games Multi Skills Competition, where they used their excellent throwing, kicking, jumping and running skills. They scored an amazing 244 points and were overall runners up in the competition, bringing a shiny new trophy back to school!



Congratulations to our competitors!

ALLOTMENT VISITS

As reported in previous newsletters, Reception children are really enjoying their visits to our allotment. Here are some photographs from Toucan's first visit!



TEA PARTIES

We are holding a tea party at each school to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. See the dates and times below.

Infant School	Wednesday 25th May	1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Junior School	Friday 27th May	2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Parents, carers and pre-school siblings are invited to join us.

The party will be red, white and blue themed and your child is welcome to come to school dressed in these colours on the day. The children will be entertaining you with dance, poetry and songs and you may like to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

We would be grateful to receive any donations of food for the party – please refer to the emails sent this week for further information.

We hope that you are able to come along to the party to share our celebrations – please complete the relevant MS form in the email.



Upper School have already been busy practicing their maypole dancing!



YARN BOMBING

How are your creations going? We are really looking forward to receiving anything you create for Finedon's Community Yarn Bombing event. Please send anything into school by **Tuesday 24th May**.

It has been wonderful to see staff knitting on their lunchbreak this week and to see the volume of pom poms grow – it really is a whole school community team effort that we would encourage you to be a part of!



An excellent caterpillar created by one of the children to add to the display.

CLASS PHOTOS

If you have ordered a class photo direct with Tempest, you will have received this today.

For those that gave your orders into the school office these are on the way and will be with your shortly.

TEMPEST

PHOTOGRAPHY

PLAY EQUIPMENT – SAFETY MESSAGE

As inviting as it might seem, the play equipment at each school, including the gym equipment at the Junior School, should not be used before or after school. To ensure the health and safety of everybody it is only to be used under the supervision of school staff.

Please ensure that when waiting to collect your child, that younger children are supervised and reminded not to use the equipment.

SHERINGHAM

Parents of those attending the residential to Sheringham are invited to a meeting on **Thursday 26th May at 3:30 p.m.** to find out more about the visit.



SCHOOL CHOIR

It has been wonderful to hear the sound of the choir this week as they resumed following a long break due to Covid. We look forward to them performing at the Summer Fair on 15th July.



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



PLEASE NAME YOUR SCHOOL SWEATSHIRTS



This is a photograph of some of the unnamed sweatshirts/cardigans left at the end of school today.

Please ensure that your child's clothing is named so that returning lost clothing to the correct child is an easy task. It is particularly important as the weather gets warmer because children regularly take off their sweatshirts!

DO YOU NEED CHILD CARE AT HALF TERM?

Booking is open for the May half term holiday at Apple Tree Club. We plan to open on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st May, Wednesday 1st and Monday 6th June.

You are able to book 8:00am - 5:00pm for £23.50 which includes breakfast or 8:50am - 5:00pm for £20.00.

Bookings are currently very low and if they remain too low, it may not be viable to run the club. We therefore would appreciate bookings being made as soon as possible.

Places need to be booked and paid for in advance using the Arbor parent portal.

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@ift.org.uk
Miss Lucy Sadler	lucy.sadler@ift.org.uk
Miss Felicity Pettitt	felicity.pettitt@ift.org.uk
Mrs Sarah Rae	sarah.rae@ift.org.uk
Mrs Caralyn Cox (for Apple Tree Club)	caralyn.cox@ift.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 **below** key dates for you to be aware of:

Date	What's on
Monday 16 th May	Year Six visit to the woods
Wednesday 25 th May 1.45 – 3:00 p.m.	Infant School Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Parents invited – more information to follow next week
Friday 27 th May 2 – 3.15 p.m.	Junior School Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Parents invited – more information to follow next week

Friday 27 th May	Term Five ends
Monday 6 th June	School closed (extra bank holiday day)
Tuesday 7 th June	Term Six begins
Wednesday 15 th June	Reception visit to East Lodge Farm
Wednesday 15 th June	Marvellous Men Present Room at the Junior School
Thursday 16 th June	Marvellous Men Present Room at the Infant School
Tuesday 21 st June	Y6 visit University of Northampton for a STEAM day
Tuesday 21 st June	Y2 visit the Junior school for a tour and picnic with Y3
Wednesday 22 nd June	Infant School Sports Afternoon Parents invited – more information to follow
Friday 24 th June	Mufti day – please bring in items for the summer fair. More information to follow.
Wednesday 29 th June	Junior School Sports Afternoon

	Parents invited – more information to follow
Thursday 30 th June	Transition Day – children spend the day in their September class. After school, parents invited to meet the teacher and to see their child's new classroom
Friday 1 st July	Transition Day – children spend a second day in their September class
Tuesday 5 th July – Friday 8 th July	Year Five/Six Residential to Sheringham
Friday 15 th July after school	FoFS Summer Fair – Choir and Dance clubs will be performing
Tuesday 19 th July	Y6 Production - first evening performance
Wednesday 20 th July	Y6 Production - second evening performance
Thursday 21 st July 9:30	KS2 Church Service Parents invited
Friday 22 nd July	Term Six ends

NMPAT COUNTY AUDITIONS

Are you a young person interested in music and performing arts? Would you like to rehearse and perform with other, like-minded individuals? Why not audition for a County Group?

NMPAT offers a wide range of performing arts activities including bands, choirs, orchestras, chamber and jazz ensembles and Young Actors Company.

County Group auditions and rehearsals take place at NMPAT, 125 Kettering Road, Northampton, NN1 4AZ. Each group rehearses weekly and performs in concerts and festivals throughout the year at venues including Northampton's Derngate.

Auditions are FREE! Once accepted, membership is subject to a subscription.

For more information and to apply online please go to www.nmpat.co.uk/auditions



NMPAT County Auditions 2022