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Dear Parents/Carers,

Narborough Newsletter for week ending 26th May 2023

Another amazing half-term draws to a close and it certainly has been another busy one.

Looking at the dates for the next half-term, you can see that the last half-term of the academic year will be just as busy!

We return to school on Monday 5th June – have a safe and happy week!

I would just like to remind you of a couple of the events coming up in the next few weeks:

On Friday, 16th June we will be having a non-uniform day to raise funds for Finnbar's Force – a Norfolk Children's Cancer Charity set up to support children living with cancer. You can find more information here:

<http://www.finnbarsforce.co.uk/>

The children can come to school wearing gold or yellow for a donation that you could make through ParentMail. We thank you for your support in raising funds for this very worthwhile charity.

On Tuesday, 20th June we will be holding our usual Parents' Forums at 3:30pm and 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible to give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have and find out what is happening in school.

On Tuesday, 27th June is our annual Sports Day, from 1:30pm in the afternoon. It would be lovely to see you all here cheering the children on.

The week of Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July is our school transition week, where the children will be meeting their new teachers and new classes, for some fun 'getting to know you' activities. This ties in with the TNHA transition days on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th July. More information will be given after the half-term break.

PTFA

We had a really productive meeting last Friday with lots to discuss around upcoming events and fundraising ideas. As you already know, we will be holding our children's Summer Disco on Thursday 13th July from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. The children will be able to buy tickets to attend the disco in the weeks before the event and more information will be given closer to the event. We set a date for the Summer Fayre of Friday, 14th July from 2:30 pm and would really love to hear from you if you are able to help out at all. If you would like to rent a stall at the Summer Fayre, please contact the office or PTFA for further details. We would also really appreciate the offer of help at the event – even just half an hour helping on a stall or setting up or packing away would be really appreciated. We are also putting out a plea for any gazebos that you could lend or donate to us to enable us to protect the stalls and children in any weather. Any help you can give will be gratefully received.

Allergy Aware Schools – Please do not send nuts into Nar Valley Federation Academies

NB. Please note that we try and include in the newsletter local events that may be of interest, but inclusion in the newsletter does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation of any such event from ourselves.

We are also holding our art competition as we did last year but with a bit of a twist. This year's theme will be a rock painting of your favourite ocean creature. This could be linked to thinking about plastic pollution in our oceans. All children wishing to enter this year will need to decorate a rock or stone of their own no matter how big or how small, in accordance with the ocean creature theme. There will be one winner selected from each class and awarded a prize at the Summer Fayre. There are posters up around school with more information.



Attendance Rewards

Attendance percentages for last week, 15th to 19th May 2023, are:

Hedgehogs:	100%
Squirrels:	96.21%
Foxes:	91.33%
Otters:	96%
Whole School	96.28%

Well done to **Hedgehogs** for achieving both the highest attendance of the week and 100%.

Children's Worship

This week, Theo W from Otters, Archie from Foxes, Luna & Isabelle from Squirrels and Isaac & Ronnie from Hedgehogs acted out a school disco (with some rather excellent dance moves that we hope to see repeated at the next disco), where two children were hurt by bumping into one another. They then showed us how to give people time to cool off when they're angry and how to seek support from trusted adults when you can't resolve problems by yourself. A very relatable narrative gave us lots of food for thought. Well done children, a very important message.

Class Information

Hedgehogs

We have worked really hard this week to show our amazing phonics progress and I am really proud of all of the children. Their hard work and diligence are really paying off. Please don't forget to keep practising reading and sounds during the week off. In Maths, we have been creating and playing Maths games both in the classroom and in our outdoor area. The children especially love the beanbag throw and adding their scores to find the winners. Well done to Layla for creating a really good throwing game at home and giving Alfie Dojo team points for scoring lots of points in her game – a deserving winner. We helped each other to find ways of making and being a good friend in PSHE and then discussed what good friends will and will not do for each other. We have also enjoyed helping our flowers to grow, making insect homes and writing about bees this week. We are also really looking forward to visiting Miss Callaby's dad's beehives on Friday!

Congratulations this week to:

Reading Certificates: Samuel and Isla for achieving 50 reads at home; Avaya for 100 reads; Charlotte, Oliver B and Arthur for an excellent 200 reads at home! Keep up the good work everybody.

Our Shining Light this week is awarded to Jaxson; his perseverance is really paying off and he is showing really good progress.

Squirrels

I want to start by saying an absolutely massive WELL DONE to Year 2s for completing their month of tests. What superstars with their perseverance, can-do attitudes and stamina on the very long stretch of testing. Enjoy this very well earned half term. This week, we have dived into our history learning, identifying the parts of Motte and Bailey and Norman castles, understanding their differences and similarities. We will continue to look at the impact of the Norman conquest on castle building and how these structures changed over time. The class had so much fun this week in Science, understanding the digestive system in simple terms, to see how

food is digested and transported around the body in our blood. They role-played the breaking down of food on the playground and expertly remembered the names of the different food groups. A very long, challenging half-term for all of Squirrel class and we are all very proud of how much they have grown! One more half-term to shine.

Congratulations to:

Reading: Sophie and Isla-Rose for 100 reads at home; Henry for 75 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: None this week – keep practising, Squirrels.

Our Shining Light this week is Lacie for being a responsible member of Squirrel class - always ready, always helping others, and modelling our values daily in the classroom.

Foxes

It has been quite an end to the half-term in Foxes class. The children have been wowing the adults with their excellent reading and performance skills in English, ready to take on the role of news reporters after the half-term break. In Maths the Multiplication Tables Check is taking centre stage as that will be conducted when the children return to school. Everyone has had a go at logging in and trying out a taster test and I would like to express how proud I am of the progress they have made. It is not too late to keep up the extra effort though, so if there is a spare minute in the break it would be great to see children logging on to Tackling Tables.

Congratulations to:

Reading: Logan - 50 reads and Nicole - 75 reads at home.

Tackling Tables: Fearne - Multiplication tables check taster test 1, 2 and 3; Libby - Green missing numbers mini check; Nicole - Purple addition and green unit fractions of amounts.

Our Shining Light this week goes to Archie for his never ending enthusiasm to practise times tables and Maths in all its forms.

Otters

In English this week, we have been basing our learning around 'Tuesday' by David Weisner. Macie enjoyed English because, 'We've been interviewing witnesses to find out where the mysterious lily pads came from.' Gabriella added, 'We have been pretending to be journalists investigating the mysterious events of Tuesday night.' Daniel said, 'My favourite witness was Peter Perceville (sandwich guy) because he was really funny.' Libby commented, 'I liked Doris Day (old Lady) because she was cheerful and very chatty.' I am very grateful that the witnesses were able to give up their time to be interviewed. PE has also been popular this week. Noah commented, 'We played our first ever hockey match and it was really fun. Theo W also enjoyed cricket, '...because we played a match against Foxes. We had a really good time and we won!'

As a reward for all their hard work, the Year 6 children went to Wells. Sophie's highlight: 'We made dens in the woods. It was really fun to explore the woods.' Libby reflected, 'I really enjoyed digging a hole on the beach and then I sat in it. Then Daniel sat in it and we tried to bury him.' Daniel's highlight: 'We played a game where there was one seeker who was blindfolded for 10 seconds. We had to run and hide in ten seconds. I managed to get near a tree, so I lay next to it - I was one of the last to be found.' We all enjoyed a delicious ice-cream too!

Congratulations this week to:

Reading: Unfortunately, we have no reading certificates this week.

Tackling Tables: Macie for achieving her red level multiples certificate; Izabel for achieving her green level multiplication certificate; Noah for achieving his green level multiples certificate; Isabella for achieving her red level mixed numbers and improper fractions certificate; Amelia for achieving her yellow level missing numbers certificate; Billie-Jo for achieving her red level simplifying fractions certificate.

This week our Shining Light has been awarded to Eden for working consistently hard in all subjects and applying her strategies in Maths to independently solve problems.

Thought for the Week

As we head into the week's half-term break our thought is an abridged form of the 1904 poem "Success" by Bessie Anderson Stanley.

"He achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much."

So please... *Live, Laugh, Love.*

Message from the Executive Headteacher:

Safeguarding; Omegle

Omegle is becoming popular again, and the lack of safeguarding for children using it is very frightening. Did you know Omegle has a 'Spy' function, where someone anonymous can hover in a conversation and view replies? They can also ask someone to tell them something posing as someone else.

A **BBC investigation** found sexually explicit videos and live streams involving minors as young as 7 or 8 which spread across the site during the Covid-19 pandemic. BBC alerted the relevant authorities. However, there is still a risk of users unexpectedly coming across inappropriate content including explicit materials.

Use this link to find out more and what you can do to ensure your children are not exposed to inappropriate content. <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-omegle-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Half-term;

May I wish everyone a lovely and hopefully sunshine-filled week and some family time together.

A prayer for a half-term,

Dear Father,

Please grant us some time as a family this coming week, time to make memories, to tell each other how much we appreciate and value each other and time to do the things that make us happy.

Amen

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



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