

TERM 5 NEWSLETTER 2016

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Dear Families

This term may well have been one of the longest this academic year but none the less we have sustained the provision of a rich and varied set of experiences for our wonderful pupils. A snapshot of these experiences are in this newsletter. I also wish to thank Julia Haydon for her 4 years' service as a member of our Speech and Language team and we wish her well in her new pursuits at Nash College. I wish you all a restful half term break.

Nigel Jones

TERM DATES 2016/2017

Term 1 Thurs 8th Sept – Fri 21st Oct
Term 2 Mon 31st Oct – Wed 21st Dec
Term 3 Tues 3rd Jan – Wed 8th Feb
Term 4 Mon 20th Feb – Fri 31st Mar
Term 5 Tues 18th Apr – Fri 26th May
Term 6 Mon 5th Jun – Fri 21st Jul

Staff Dev Days: 5th Sept, 6th Sept, 7th Sept, 9th Feb, 10th Feb, 10th Jul

Bank Holidays: 1st May

NEWS

ARETHUSA RESIDENTIAL TRIP

On the 11th – 13th May, 20 students from Phase 3 had the opportunity to attend an adventure holiday to the Arethusa Centre in Kent. All of the students were fantastic and represented their school extremely well. Everyone had the opportunity to do exciting activities and make personal achievements to be celebrated. Some photos below show the students having a great time.



PHASE 2 ACTIVITY WEEK

During Activity week at the start of this term, pupils in phase 2 celebrated everything that is British from cake baking to an umbrella parade and British music to a visit from a petting farm. The pupils had a wonderful week and engaged in some exciting activities and learning.

SPORTS NEWS



Students from Norman class and Dover class have been taking part in a series of cycling sessions and have made excellent progress. Some have even managed to go from not being able to ride to being fully able and confident on a bicycle in just a few sessions. Well done to all involved in learning this important life skill.



Panathlon Challenge 2016

Well done to the students from Norman class who won the West Kent Panathlon at the Malling School. Students were competing in a variety of different multi-sports and athletic events. This is the second time in recent years we have won the West Kent event and the students will now take place in the Kent Finals at University of Canterbury on 9th July.

SALT TEAM NEWS

At half term, we say goodbye to Julia Haydon, Speech & Language Therapist who is leaving us to work at Nash College. Julia started her career as a newly qualified speech & language therapist at Milestone in 2012. We will all miss her but will always be grateful for her hard work and dedication that has contributed to speech & language therapy at Milestone.

MESSAGE FROM JULIA, SALT

Message from Julia; I have loved every minute of my time here at Milestone working with you and your children. I have many happy memories of my time here and will take everything I've learnt whilst I've been at Milestone with me to my new venture. I am moving on to work with adults with autism at Nash College. I will look forward to seeing any Milestone leavers coming to Nash in the near future. Thank you for all your support.

SCOUT/CUBS CELEBRATION DAY



The Scout association held a celebration day here at Milestone Academy this term for pupils in both our Cub pack and Scout troops. The day consisted of bouncy castle, bottle rockets, circus skills, face painting and the opportunity to try archery! The pupils enjoyed the use of the school field and the weather held out to assist in what was a wonderful day.

STEEL BAND VISIT

Pupils across the school were treated to performances by a steel pan band this term. Visitors from Parkwood Hall Co-Operative Academy bought along all their steel pan instruments and lots of enthusiasm to perform a range of songs throughout the day to some very appreciative pupils.



Bikeability

We have introduced the KCC Bikeability Scheme into our extended curriculum and 3 of our students, Jack (FE), Clare (Normans) and David (Dover) all passed their Level 1 and Level 2 awards. They learned all the important factors related to cycle safety in a contained environment and on the local surrounding roads. Well done to all 3 students on an excellent achievement and we will be looking to get more young people achieving this award from September.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS



We are still collecting the Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsburys. We think these will be coming to an end soon so if you have any in your purses or bags please send them in. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF MILESTONE



Thank you to all who supported our non-Uniform day on Friday, 20th May. We collected lots of bottles and nearly £100 in 'fines'!

We are still collecting bottles and will also be having another non-uniform day next term to collect unwanted gifts, craft items, bric-a-brac, White Elephant etc.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all at the fete.

Lyn French
Secretary - FOM

Date for your diary

School Fete – Sat 9th July 11am – 3 pm