

14th October 2022

Dear Parents/carers

At this time of year the number of seasonal events seem to crop up regularly. The Trick or Treat party in the library yesterday lunchtime was a huge success with students making spooky decorations and completing the treasure hunt around school in exchange for house points and sweet treats. Today is also the deadline for the PTA Christmas Card Competition. The entries last year were fantastic so I look forward to seeing the quality of designs. Next week, the last of term one, enables us to welcome parents of year 7, 12 and 13 into school on Thursday to review how students have settled this year. As ever, please remember that these events should not be the only time parents feel they can contact the school. All contact details can be found on the website here: <https://www.nailseaschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Staff-List-2022-2023.pdf>

Please find some other messages for the week below:

6th form Open Evening and application details

Our Head of Sixth Form, Mr Truan, ran an assembly for Year 11 students on Thursday of this week, explaining the process for students to apply to Nailsea Sixth Form and other local centres. Our Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on Thursday 24th November from 5pm - 7pm, where students and parents/carers will have the opportunity to listen to a presentation from Mr Truan, explore the wide variety of courses on offer and hear about student life within our Sixth Form. The deadline for applications will be two weeks after Open Evening, on Friday 9th December. Further information regarding Sixth Form Open Evening, including how to book a place in one of our presentations, will be shared in the coming weeks.

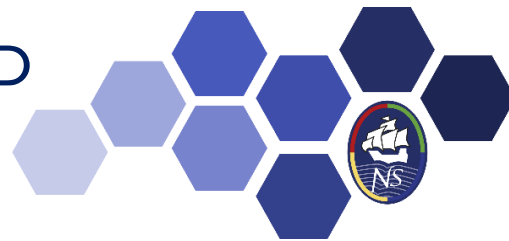
Cake Sale for Mental Health Week

Thank you to the many families that baked and contributed to the bake sale for Mental Health Week last Monday. Year 11 students did an impressive job organising the sale and the event raised a whopping £192.55 for the charity Mind.

Clarification on PE lessons when students are ill/injured

On the occasions when students cannot take part in PE lessons (due to illness or injury) a written note should be brought to lesson explaining the issue. If the issue relates to a long term injury it would be helpful for a time frame to be referenced so staff are aware when students can return to active lesson participation. Unless prevented by an injury students in this position will also need to bring their kit to change into for the lesson when they undertake a coaching or officiating role as directed by their teacher.

There have been an increasing number of parents using emails/ringing reception to notify staff of any potential situation but with staff teaching prior to the relevant lesson, these messages are unable to be accessed. Thank you, in advance, for your support in providing the written note that is brought to lessons.



Christmas Appeal for Ukraine

Nailsea School will be a collection point for a Christmas Appeal for Ukraine, coordinated by 'From Bristol with love for Ukraine'. This will gather Christmas presents for the children of the Odessa region. The group intend to send, as presents, new toys and winter clothes (with tags), sweets and chocolates, new puzzles (unwrapped) for children under the age of 16 years old. The deadline for this collection is **11th November 2022** and all gifts should be handed to reception. After checking and sorting the gifts will be packed and delivered by the groups Volunteer Transporters. I am sure that any gifts donated will bring a smile to young people and their families at what is a very challenging time.

Finally....as a reminder next Friday, 21st October, is an INSET day and students are not expected in school. Students will return to Term 2 on Monday 31st October at 8:40am. It will be a week 2.

Take care and be kind

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher