

# THE NATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

## DIARY DATES

19th July - Yr 5 Visit to Belton House

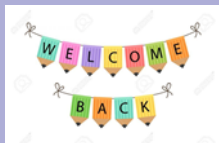
20th July - Year 6 Leavers Service

21st July - End of Term 6

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Term 1—2021-2022

6th September 2021



If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are  
not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP



If your child has:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

Book a test

# Weekly Bulletin

16TH JULY 2021

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Dear parents and carers,

Your child will be bringing home their school report this afternoon. If any children are absent from school today, their reports will be kept at school to hand out next week. In the rare case of children not being in at all, between now and the end of term, then the report will be sent out in the post.

In our regular Friday celebration worship, I have announced the house point winners (including house points awarded at sports days). The results were as follows:

1st	Green	9127
2nd	Blue	9089
3rd	Red	8971
4th	Yellow	8826

On Monday, we will be drawing our attendance raffle. Every week a child has 100% attendance, they have a raffle ticket put into the draw. We have prizes donated by Amazon, vouchers for a winner from each year group. All children with 100% attendance (from the 8th March) will receive recognition and this year we have an amazing child in year 6, who has attended 100% for all the four years they have been at the National School - special recognition is called for here!

The week has been busy with year 5 going to PGL on Monday and Tuesday, years 6 and 3 going to Belton House on Wednesday and Thursday respectively, with Viking day in year 4 on Thursday. At the National school, we aim to provide a rich and engaging curriculum. The children (and staff!) will all need a restful weekend to prepare them for the final three days of term.

Thank you all very much for reply so promptly to my questionnaire regarding drop off and pick up timings. The response was very clear, with 85% of parents/carers, who responded, wishing to keep drop off and pick ups as they are. Therefore this is what we will be doing next academic year. There were a few very helpful comments on how we can make our provision better and we will be taking these on board.

The last day of term will be a home clothes and games day. No electronics games please.

Peace be with you,  
Mrs Comerford.

Aim High Believe, Fly High Achieve

## Childcare Club



Thank you to everyone who responded to our satisfaction survey. CCC changes year on year to meet the needs of different groups of children. Next year, we hope to be able to change what we do and how we do it a little as we will have the community room to ourselves, and hopefully not have to comply with Covid-19 regulations, meaning we can leave a range of activities out to be accessed freely at all times.

Someone asked why the same range of activities that are offered in the afternoon, are not offered in the morning. The answer is the children generally choose to play outside or do quiet activities inside, and breakfast takes up the large table reducing space for activities. Time is also an issue as there is a maximum of 1hr 20mins and children arrive in a steady stream, which ties one member of staff to the desk, while also watching the playground. The other prepares and tidies away breakfast. However, if a child wants to do an activity on the weekly plan and they ask, then we will facilitate it if we can. Likewise, if there is something they want to do that isn't on the plan (drawn up from the children's requests and with links to events in school such as Science Week) then they are free to ask and we will do our best to enable them to do that activity. Please ask your child to complete one of the termly wish lists I put out at the start of every term.

If you want to book a child in after they have done a school activity - cricket, football etc - Our amazing Office staff have put two new sessions into the system - 4:30 - 5:00 and 4:30 - 5:30.

If there are ever any problems, or requests for activities that the children feel unable to voice, please email us at: [nationalchildcare@thnatrust.org.uk](mailto:nationalchildcare@thnatrust.org.uk)

**I have one final survey <https://www.warpsurveys.com/traveltotokyo21> . PLEASE, send your answers in before the end of term. As before, there is a reward of £100 if at least 30 parents respond. It only takes a couple of minutes and we would really appreciate it if you could.**

This week, we are trying to do all the activities we haven't managed to do over the last couple of weeks due to the weather - primarily lack of sun at the right moment! We have all been having a massive tidy out of our cupboards - thank you to Imogen who set to and tackled the craft cupboard with gusto and did a marvelous job!

## Year 3—Belton trip

What a lovely day!

All the teachers and adults in year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their day with year 3 yesterday. We played on the adventure playground equipment; made Natural Art in the garden and made homes for wooden people out of sticks, feathers and other found items in the parkland. The children were a credit to the school - demonstrating their impeccable manners and behaviour.



## Year 4—Viking Day

Year 4 got stuck into Viking Day on Thursday to enrich their experience of Viking life. They have learnt the ancient and holy skill of writing in runes, created and inscribed protective amulets in clay and learnt the great skill of weaving, for which they created their own loom! Children really enjoyed the activities and expressed how fun and engaging they found it.



## Year 5 PGL



Resilience, endurance and teamwork were some of the skills that all of the children used at PGL this week - it was fabulous watching the children work together in the sensory trail - working as a team to call out obstacles in their path as they were led around the PGL grounds. During the problem solving activities children had to learn

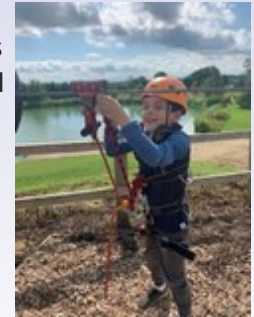
the best ways to communicate together ideas and instructions to achieve their targets and solve problems, without all talking once - I think the instructors were very impressed with us too!

The Giant Swing and Zip-wire activities were a firm favourite with the children and it was amazing to see children having a go and facing fears showing resilience, it was wonderful to watch the children encouraging each other and engaging in



all of the activities. A particular highlight for staff on Monday's trip was the 'Bunny whoops' brainteaser at lunchtime!

Well done children you were a credit to the National School.



## Year 6

### Year 6 Leavers BBQ and Disco

Year 6 had a wonderful time at the Leavers BBQ and disco - we even enjoyed the rain! It was fabulous to see the children laughing, dancing and enjoying time together at this very special event. The photo booth was a huge success and we hope the children will have some treasured memories to take away with them. A huge thank you to all the staff that helped with the organisation and supervision - in particular Veronica Clapton for a wonderful BBQ, Chris Graves for keeping everyone up on their feet with the music and the fabulous FONS for providing everything we needed and enabling this event to take place. You are wonderful.

### Belton House

On Wednesday, Year 6 enjoyed an amazing day at Belton House. The weather was glorious as the children played and had fun! Despite the long walk there and back, they persevered and laughed all the way. After some time in the adventure park, the children settled for their lunch in the sunshine and were then treated to a very welcome ice lolly provided by our wonderful FONS - thank you Aga and Mrs Gardner. It was also so touching to hear that a member of the public had been particularly impressed with a couple of our Year 6 students for helping their younger child after he had fallen over. Such kindness and wonderful manners - a real credit to the school. Well done!

We would also like to thank you the parents for ensuring your children were suitably dressed and organised for the day (we hope we sent them home tired and ready to sleep!), the amazing teachers and staff who helped the children walk the route safely, supervised during the day and kindly transported some children to and from Belton - we appreciate you! And finally a massive thank you to FONS who once again enabled us to have this fabulous and very special day.

### Year 6 Leavers Service

We are very much looking forward to celebrating the end of the year with the Year 6 Leavers Service on Tuesday 20th July. This will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the fantastic achievements Year 6 have made throughout their time at National as well as wishing them every success for the next stage of their educational journey.

The Year 6 Team