

Be the best you can be, every day

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The weather finally seems to have decided to reflect the fact we are actually well into Spring! I think the appearance of the sun has lifted all of our spirits. It continues to look favourable into next week when we will all be 'Maypoling' on Brockham Green. On Thursday 25th May, we would, therefore, like all of the children to attend the Brockham site for the day. We will enjoy a Picnic Lunch (provided by the school caterers for those who have hot dinners) before making our way to The Green for a 1.30pm start.

Parents are very much invited to meet us on The Green.

- Please note that there will be NO PARKING on Middle Street. Cones will be in place to ensure that the road remains clear and accessible for all vehicles to continue to drive through the village, including the local buses.
- The Rugby Club have offered the use of their car park and there is, of course, parking available at the recreation ground. It should be a lovely day, weather-wise, so please do 'park and stride' if you possibly can.
- FONDS will have their usual Pimms stall on The Green but do feel free to bring you own refreshments.
- Children will return to school after dancing is complete so please allow the children to depart from The Green first, before you make your way to the school to collect your child(ren) from the school playground.
- Year 6 parents will be selling ice creams in the playground at the end of the afternoon **as Friday is** an INSET Day. Children will return to school on Monday 5th June.

REMINDER...INSET Days 2023/24

Friday 1st Sept Monday 4th Sept Friday 24th May '24 Monday 22nd July '24 Tuesday 23rd July '24



Diary Dates

Thurs 25th May - Maypole
Thurs 25th May - Break up
for Half Term
Fri 26th May - INSET Day
Mon 5th June - Children
return to school
Tues 13th June - 9.30am
KS2 Sports Day
Thurs 15th June - 9.30am
KS1 Sports Day
Tuesday 27th June - 'Move
Up' Day
Thurs 20th July - Children
break up
Tuesday 5th September Children return to school

Action for Nature Competition - Surrey Wildlife Trust

North Downs Primary School has been working with *Surrey Wildlife Trust* this year as part of their Wilder Schools Project, with a key aim of encouraging practical actions beyond our school grounds to help nature thrive.

Over the past few months, we have been sending out ideas of things you could do at home to help wildlife, but it's not too late to still help! If we can demonstrate that our wider school community has taken the most actions for nature, North Downs could win a £300 grant towards outdoor learning equipment and tools for our school grounds. As one of the eleven schools taking part, we are in with a great chance to win this competition so the more families that take *Action for Nature*, the greater our chances will be!

Below you will see a **list of actions** that you can complete, with links to **activity sheets** and online **resources** to help support your family this half term. Once an action has been completed, <u>please</u> add it to our **online interactive map**, along with a photo (link below). It's not difficult or expensive to help our wildlife, actions can be as simple as a litter pick. If you're lucky enough to have a garden, it could be feeding the birds, planting native pollinator friendly plants or going chemical-free. There are lots of things you could do to help nature and there are helpful links below to inspire you.

If you have already completed some of these actions earlier in the year, they still count and perhaps you can do even more! You can record your actions and upload a photo using this simple survey: https://arcg.is/ajOir

Once complete, you can view your actions on our interactive map: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3e810dd25d544ab0a8d8c40c62774e86

Surrey Wildlife Trust will collate the actions and announce the winners at the end of June. [End date for adding your actions to our map: **Sunday 18**th **June**]

Competition Awards: Grants towards outdoor learning equipment / tools for school grounds improvement:

First Prize: £300, Second Prize £125, Third prize £75

Actions for Nature:

- Blue Hearts following on from the fabulous work that the year 4 children have done in the school grounds! https://bluecampaignhub.com/
- Write to your local council to ask them to leave a local green space un-mown <u>https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/trees-grass-and-hedges/grass/the-blue-campaign-increasing-biodiversity-in-grass-verges</u>
- Put up bird feeders https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-feed-birds-your-garden
- Make a bug-hotel https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-build-bug-mansion
- Litter picking https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/actions/do-litter-pick-or-beach-clean
- Sign a pledge to make your garden peat-free https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-go-peat-free-home
- Grow a wild patch or mini-meadow https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-grow-wild-patch-or-mini-meadow
- Create a container garden for wildlife https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-create-container-garden-wildlife
- Make a bucket pond https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-create-mini-pond
- Build a hedgehog home https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-build-hedgehog-home
- Create a hedgehog hole https://www.surrevwildlifetrust.org/actions/how-create-hedgehog-hole
- Grow wildlife-friendly herbs https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/grow-wildlife-friendly-herbs
- Provide water for wildlife https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-provide-water-wildlife
- Create a chemical-free organic garden https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/chemical-free-organic-gardening
- Make a log shelter https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-make-log-shelter
- Write a letter to a family member / neighbour /MP / local council to ask them to take action for nature

If you would like to complete further actions for nature, you can find lots of useful resources and ideas on our website: https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions







COME ALONG AND TRY OUT ATHLETICS! DORKING AND MOLE VALLEY ATHLETICS CLUB TASTER SESSION FOR YOUNG ATHLETES

Athletics training for young people is a great way to develop agility, balance, and coordination, and to learn how to run, jump and throw really well. These skills are not only essential for aspiring athletes but also enhance performance in a wide range of team and individual sports, and help to build healthy bodies for everyday life.

We are the community athletics club for Mole Valley and have a thriving youth section, providing training for young athletes in sprint and endurance running, and in jumping and throwing events, under the supervision of a team of qualified coaches. Our athletes also form teams to participate in athletics competitions between local clubs in Surrey and in the Surrey Athletics Championships.

We are holding a Taster Session for young people aged 11-15 (current school Year 6 to Year 9) who would like to try athletics.

The session will enable participants to try out a range of athletics activities and will include a briefing for parents and young people on how athletics training works, how the club works and how you can join us.

If you would like to join us, please email us on ontact@dmvac.org

Note: Young people attending will need to be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the session



Pixham Lane, Dorking RH4 1PQ

Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Clul (Roman Road)

May Half Term Tennis Camps 2023

TUESDAY 30TH MAY - FRIDAY 2ND JUNE CHOOSE ANY DAYS

KIDS 4-11 Yrs Old

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 9:30 - 12PM

TUESDAY, THURSDAY 11 - 1:30PM

COST: MEMBERS £16 / NON MEMBERS £20

TEENAGERS 12-16 Yrs Old

WEDNESDAY 2 - 4PM



COST: MEMBERS £16 / NON MEMBERS £20 Pay By BACS Account: Brian Love 74084211 Sort 09-01-28

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