



SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Message from the Headteacher

We have been very busy in school setting up our new Pupil House Teams, Pupil Leadership Teams, Pupil timetables and rotas! We have been learning about our British Values through this process, in particular about democracy and democratic processes. You will see our new House Captains and Vice Captains in Celebration Assembly.

It was so lovely to see some of you at our Parent Information sessions last week. I hope that you find these sessions helpful.

Thank you for the positive comments about the home time routines and the safeguarding procedures around the collection of children. These are to help keep children, staff and families safe at the most vulnerable times of a school day, which are in the mornings and at home time.

As I mentioned in my communications at the start of term, the horrific events in Stockport, which sadly resulted in the death of 3 little girls, and the horrific aftermath in various communities, has lead all schools and families to review and improve their safeguarding systems and routines. As a school community we already have robust systems in place but the additional measures will further improve this.

This is a new system and our children may take a little while longer to come out occasionally - we thank you for your patience. The staff will not rush this, as it is important that our children are seen safely out of school and onto the parent/carer.

The photos and passwords are to provide you and the school with the added security of being able to identify those adults who do not pick up your child/children ordinarily. The staff will use this system if they are unsure of the identity of the person collecting your child; they will not be checking the photo, or asking for passwords if it is you, the parent/carer, or one of the known people on the collection list that you provided.

Please be assured that for our celebration assemblies, the staff who are welcoming families at the gate or door, do know the families and extended families. They will stop anyone who is not attending with the known families, or anyone they are unfamiliar with and do not know.

Best wishes,
Nicola Thornber and Team

Our CHAMPS value this half-term is

Choices



Our Vision

At Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation, we will all approach everything we do in the **CHAMPS** way, helping every child flourish into a caring, confident and resilient young person who has a love of learning and:

- **C**hooses the right way and takes responsibility for their own actions
- Is **H**onest in everything they do and shows compassion for others
- **A**chieves the best they can with the talents they have and develops their wisdom
- Shows good **M**anners to everyone and treats everyone with respect
- **P**erseveres when situations are difficult and shows courage when they are challenged
- Knows how to keep **S**afe on and offline, ensuring that everyone is kept physically and emotionally safe.

This shows the special relationship we have with each other, where as a community, we look after each other, keeping each other safe – **Koinonia**.

Monthly Attendance Summary

Jade Class - 100%

Amethyst Class - 99.01%

Obsidian Class - 96.39%

Whole School - 97.98%



Article of the Month

Article 1 – Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights of the convention.

All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live or what language they speak.

Jade Class Monthly News

Don't forget to like our Facebook pages so you can see lots of the wonderful learning your children are taking part in each day

Jade class have had a wonderful start to the year as we welcomed in the new Reception children, who have settled in exceptionally well. We all looked at our Class Charter and settled into our new routines.

We have been super busy exploring the classroom, from being outside in the sunshine and hail, to serving up snacks at our snack station!

We have been looking at numbers from 1-5 and getting stuck into our phonics, as well as writing our names.

The Year 1 children have slotted into their role so well - like absolute champs. We have done our first long bit of story writing in English, based on the story 'Little Red' and they are super proud of their work.

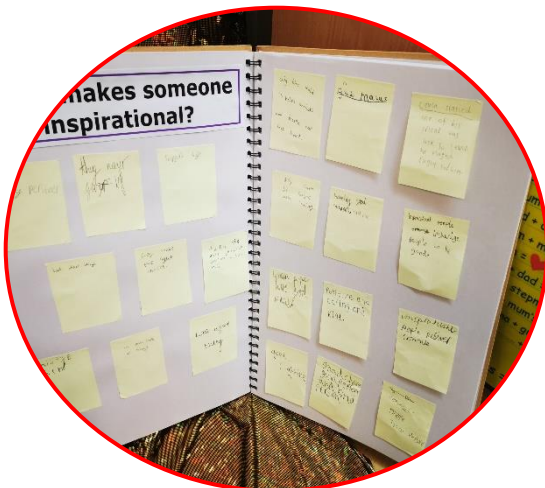
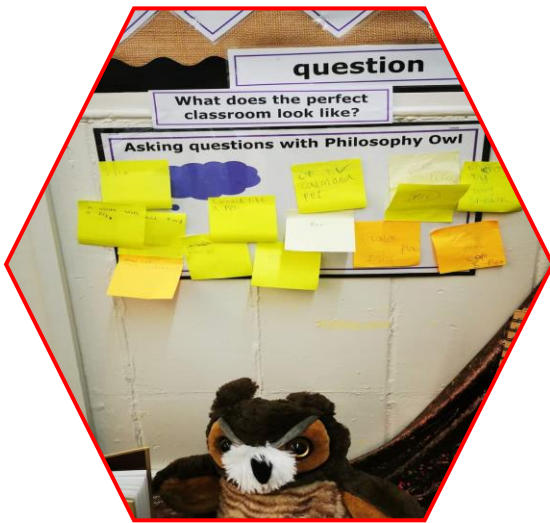
Our daily check-ins ensure we are all coming to school happy, healthy and safely with smiles on our faces, ready to enjoy the day at school. I am happy to say we are all thoroughly enjoying ourselves and leave school just as happy!

Keep up the amazing work Jade Class.



Amethyst Class Monthly News

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Amethyst Class have worked hard to make our classroom a cosy and happy place to be.

We have really enjoyed our philosophical discussions with Philosophy Owl.

With our new House Teams, we have been talking about what makes a person inspirational.

In English we have been writing our own versions of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. We have been thinking carefully about using interesting vocabulary and punctuating sentences correctly.

In Maths, we have been working on place value and ordering numbers. This will help us with our addition and subtraction.

Obsidian Class Monthly News

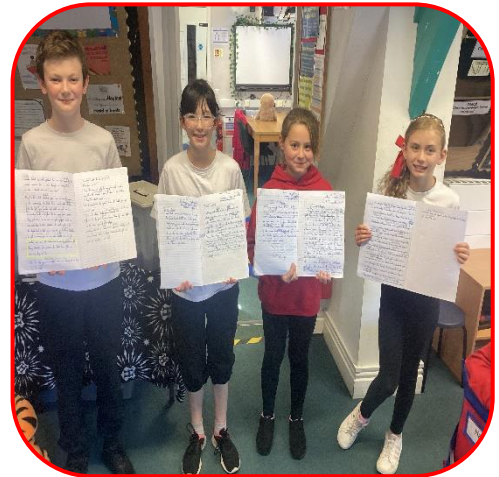
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What a fantastic start Obsidian class have had this year! The way the children have settled is fantastic; they are all truly CHAMPS. This term we have focused on choices, discussing responsibility and consequence. We have also learned a lot about our House Team captains too.

In writing, we have been reading a fantastic story called the Red Prince. We have made wonderful character descriptions, and planned our own version of the Red Prince. This week, we are drafting our final versions, and will be sharing them with the younger children.

In maths, we have been learning about numbers and their value. We have writing and identifying numbers up to 10 million, finding more and less and comparing them. We have also been learning Roman Numerals too.

We began this term by completing some art. Year 5 and 6 children completed some Retro Futuristic Art based off Dutch Artist Teis Albers famous piece: The Moonwalk. Year 3 and 4 looked at Georgia O'Keffe and completed some observational drawing on plants.



Pupil Leadership Team News

The children are choosing their teams this week. More information to follow next time.

Online Team

The children are choosing their teams this week. More information to follow next time.

Sports Leaders

The children are choosing their teams this week. More information to follow next time.

Wellbeing & Happiness Team

The children are choosing their teams this week. More information to follow next time.

Rights Respecting Team

Attendance News

As you know, improving attendance is a priority in school this year.

Adjacent is a comparison of attendance at Glasshouses since the start of the school year, compared with national attendance.

For the month of September, we are above the national average.

YEAR TO DATE ▾

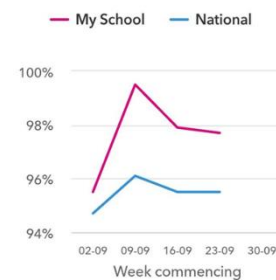
My School
97.6%

Primary National
95.5%

Difference
2.1%

Week commencing	My School	National	Difference
Sep 23, 2024	97.7%	95.5%	2.2%
Sep 16, 2024	97.9%	95.5%	2.4%
Sep 9, 2024	99.5%	96.1%	3.4%
Sep 2, 2024	95.5%	94.7%	0.8%

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE - 2024-25



Extra-curricular clubs

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Autumn Term 2024

Monday

Lunchtime Choir Club with Mr Wilkinson

After-School Ukulele Club with Mr Wilkinson

Tuesday

After-school Junior Band Club (held at St Cuthbert's)

After-School Tag Rugby Club with Mrs Bullock

Wednesday

After-School Warhammer Club with Mr Wilkinson

Thursday

After-School Sports Club with Kanga Sports

Friday

After-School Coding Club with Mr Caswell



Community Give Back

Did you see us on Look North and hear us on Your Harrogate Radio? It was a great experience for the children to see how these reports were made and to be part of it. It was also a wonderful way for us to let others know about the great things we are doing with Community Give Back. The extra surprise bonus from this was that we received generous donations from the public who wanted to support our families.

New this year, is our Upper Nidderdale Federation Band. We are really lucky to have 4 volunteers from Summerbridge and Dacre Silver Band who are giving their time and instruments to support our children have free access to music. The children have had great fun learning how to get notes out of their cornets and we are delighted to hear that they have been practicing at home too! Some of the children got their first opportunity to perform at The Nidderdale Show where they delighted the large crowd with their Old MacDonald had a Farm. The Band's conductor was so impressed with them that he is wanting them to perform at some of the Band's concerts this year, so watch out for great things from our Band.





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AUTUMN TERM (2 September – 20 December)	
1ST HALF TERM – 8 weeks (2 Sep – 25 Oct)	SWIMMERS: Years 5 & 6
SEPTEMBER	
2 & 3 September	Staff Training Days – School closed to children
4 September	School starts – all children (including Reception)
11 September	8:15-8:45am Parent Breakfast with the children - postponed
<i>12 September</i>	<i>Mindfulness Day</i>
<i>13 September</i>	<i>International Dot Day</i>
17 September	9am Phototronics School Photos – individuals/sibling groups Flu Vaccines PM
22 September (Sunday)	Pateley Show
25 September	1-6pm Parent Information Sessions
29 September	2:15pm Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
OCTOBER	
3 October	Harvest Assembly in school (children only)
<i>6 - 12 October</i>	<i>Fire Prevention Week</i>
9 October	3:10pm Nell Banks Parent Meeting (Yrs 3&4 residential)
14 October	10-11:30am & 1:30-3pm Open Day for 2025 new starters
22 October	9-9:30am Parents 'Harvest' Breakfast
25 October	School closes for half-term (normal time)
2ND HALF TERM – 7 weeks (4 Nov – 20 Dec)	SWIMMERS: Years 5 & 6
NOVEMBER	
4 November	School starts – all children
5 November	1:15pm North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Assembly
<i>8 November</i>	<i>World Science Day (actually on 10 Nov)</i>
11 November	Remembrance Day – laying wreath at Cenotaph
11 – 12 November	Yrs 3&4 residential visit to Nell Bank
<i>11 - 17 November</i>	<i>Anti-Bullying Week</i>
13 November	Odd Socks Day – children to come in odd socks
<i>15 November</i>	<i>Children in Need</i>
<i>19 – 24 November</i>	<i>Road Safety Week</i>
25 November	Teddy Bears Picnic Lunch (instead of normal menu)
DECEMBER	
10 December	9-10am Nativity (parents and community)
11 December	School Christmas Dinner
12 December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
17 December	2:45-3:30pm Parents/Community Carols and Mince Pies
20 December	Winter Walk (weather permitting)
20 December	2:30 School Closes for Christmas to children (reopening on 7 Jan)

Following the success of our Working Bees Day in the summer, we will be having another one very soon. Please keep your eyes peeled for more information, and we hope that you will all lend your support again.

Thank you.

NOTICEBOARD



Upper Nidderdale Primary Federation Nursery



Based at St Cuthbert's Primary, Pateley Bridge

We welcome children from the age of three and we are an Early Entitlement registered setting (15-30 hours funding depending on your circumstances). For more information, ring the office at St Cuthbert's on 01423 711407.

Nidderdale Health & Wellbeing Fair



Saturday 5 October at Pateley Bridge
& Beverley Memorial Hall, 10am - 1pm

Find out about services, support and activities provided by local charities/groups and statutory bodies across Nidderdale and the Washburn Valley



For more information and updates, go to
www.nidderdaleplus.org.uk

LITTLE CHAMPS TODDLER GROUP

We are look for a volunteer(s) to run our Little Champs Toddler Group after half-term.

The Group will run during term-time only, from 9:30-11am every Friday (timing could be slightly flexible, if required).

If you would be interested in running the group, please contact the school office on 01423 711440 or email admingh@uppernidderdalefed.school

An enhanced DBS check would be required