

Recently I was able to attend the **NAHT** (National Association of Headteachers) **conference** in Telford and had the opportunity to meet with Headteacher colleagues from across the country.

We listened to speeches from amongst others, Damien Hinds (Education Secretary), Amanda Spielman (Ofsted Chief Inspector) and Frances O'Grady (General Secretary of the TUC) and as you can imagine there was hot debate around on-going funding pressures, appropriate Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision and also how we ensure that we have equality in education. It was heartening to hear of the great work going on in schools across the country, despite the challenges, but also saddening to hear that teachers are still leaving the profession in droves and of the cuts so many schools are having to make due to funding shortages.

As ever I came away feeling very proud of our school and privileged to be a Headteacher.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our **Parent Survey** before Easter. We had a total of 122 responses. I am attaching a copy of the results for your information. An anonymous survey can only provide us with headline information but we were pleased to see that the vast majority of children feel happy and safe in school. As ever if you have specific concerns or feedback please get in touch directly. At their last meeting Governors discussed ways in which they can keep you better informed about the work they do to support the school and there will be further information to follow on this.

Jo White, Headteacher

Olympic Times Table Challenge

Thursday 2nd May 2019

Congratulations to everyone who sat the Time Table Challenge this month. So many just missed the award by one mark and I am so impressed with the determination they have shown to get it all right next time. I had a group of children ready to sign up for the next challenge before I had even printed out the sign-up sheet! Here are this month's winners:-

Olympian		Bronze		Silver		Gold		Time
Christian Z	Yr 2	Emma V	Yr 4	Ava H	Yr 6	Ayaan B	Yr 6	1.42
Annabelle S	Yr 2	Dylan P	Yr 4	Niki N	Yr 4	Timmy J	Yr 5	2.20
Evie H	Yr 4					Megan S	Yr 4	2.55

The next Olympic Times Table Challenge and penultimate one of this academic year will be on

Thursday 6th June

Food Allergy Policy

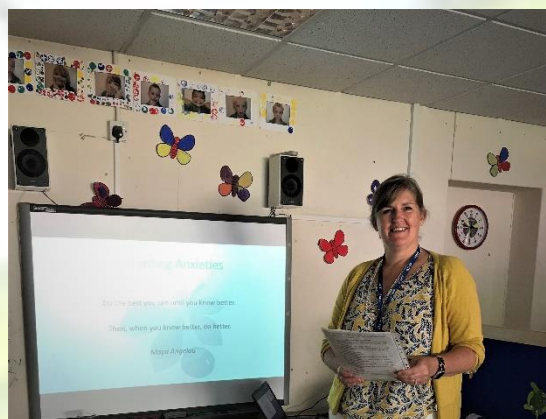
You will be aware that we have several children at the school who have food allergies. To help parents we have updated our **Food Allergy** policy and **Nut-Free** guidelines and these can be found on our website under Parent Information/Policies/Food Allergy Policy. Please note, it has recently been drawn to our attention that some prescription creams may contain peanut oil (this is always clearly marked on the box). If your child is prescribed a cream with peanut/nut oil please ask your GP/pharmacist to advise an alternative version. If a child's allergy is airborne then even applying the cream for your child before school could result in a reaction and possible anaphalactic shock for a child with an allergy. Thank you for your help and support in this matter.

SEND Coffee Morning



On Thursday 16th May we had our half termly Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) coffee morning – obviously most people come for the cakes (!) but we also had Mrs Beaumont, our Home School Link Worker, join us to give a short informative presentation around some of the anxieties parents and children experience during their time in education.

Our next get-together for parents with children in the Parrots or being supported by the SEND team is on **Tuesday 9th July at 2pm**. As it's the last one of this academic year I hope as many of you can attend as possible – look out for invitations and posters coming soon!



Class Zone

This week, the Year 1 and Reception classes joined together for their **Big Writing** session. Working in their Colour Teams, they enjoyed a quick quiz before creating new magical stories together. All the adults that worked with them were very impressed with the quality of the stories that they produced together. They worked just like Sky to bring some amazingly imaginative ideas together and then presented them to their friends.





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Thank you to everyone who uses The Giving Machine. We have raised nearly £1600 for our school!

From the Office

Independent Senior School's Information Evening – Thursday 23rd May 2019

If you are interested in the above please see the attachments to find out full details and how to reserve a place.

Wey Kayak Club – Go Paddling Week

The **Wey Kayak Club** are holding free sessions on 29th and 30th May between 1.30 and 3.30pm at Riverside, Bellfields, Guildford, GU1 1LW. The sessions are aimed at children aged 9 to 15 who can

swim 25 meters or more. To sign up email trykayaking@weykayak.co.uk and let them know what day you are coming.

Adventures with God's people from Long Ago



Saturday 18th May
Elijah And The Fire

4:30 – 6pm

at the Church of the Holy Spirit

Come along
and have
some fun!



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Do join us at informal church for families

- messy craft activities,
- short fun all age service
- kids' supper & adult snacks



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The Guildford County Show – Monday 27th May 2019

For more information regarding this year's County Show please see the attached flyer. The organisers focus a lot on educating the public, children in particular, about the countryside and rural issues (including where our food comes from!) and, therefore, the Show not only provides a fun day out for all the family, but a bit of learning too!

Singing lessons

Surrey Arts came to Burpham this week to lead a Juniors' assembly promoting their singing lessons. For more information please see their attached flyer.

