



# Nightingale News



Summer Term 2 - July 2022

Dear Parents,

I think you'll all join me in welcoming the summer break and all the excitement that it brings as well as appreciating the important opportunity for everyone to switch off for some time from the pressures of the busy term.

Our team have been extraordinary in navigating their way through an academic year that has seen us nearly return to normal and I thank them all for their strength and determination in ensuring that through every turn, our children have been at the heart of it all.



What a delight it was to accompany our Year 4s on their residential to the beautiful Minstead Study Centre. They represented our school so well with their positive mindset and 'Can do' attitude to the challenges they faced whilst away from the comforts of their own homes. We saw boosts in confidence, improved communication skills as they encouraged their peers and navigated their way through challenges, independence, empathy and of course team work. It has left us all very excited about the forth coming trip in September for our current Year 5s who will be experiencing the heights of the Beacon Beacons.



I am pleased to share the outcome of our recent Parent Survey with you. Thank you to those of you who took the time to add additional comments; we were touched by so many of them. It certainly does give us the motivation to continue to raise standards in every area, helping our children to achieve their full potential. Like you, we want the very best for our children.

Here is a summary of the results:

- 🌟 89% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy at NPS. 3% were unsure so we do recommend to ask your children!
- 🌟 89% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child feels safe at NPS with 5% knowing who to go to if they feel unsafe.
- 🌟 We are delighted in the increase here - 83% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school promotes good behaviour and challenges poor behavioural choices with an additional 5% not knowing. Maintaining high expectations of behaviour in our diverse community can be challenging at times and we thank you all for your support in this.



- 🌻 54% said that their child had not been bullied and 17% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that the school had dealt with bullying quickly and effectively. A further 14% said they did not know (85% in total). We did however, have 12% of parents who disagreed with this. We appreciate this feedback and will endeavour to reflect and evaluate our systems so that everyone feels supported through what is a very serious and sensitive matter.
- 🌻 87% said that our school values of Respect, Courage, Compassion and Friendship encourage their child to make positive choices. A further 4% were unsure.
- 🌻 85% said that the school make them aware of what their child will be learning. We do this through our Dojo updates, letters about statutory assessments and curriculum newsletters so are very pleased that the vast majority of our parents feel well informed.
- 🌻 We said that we would make improvements on this and we have! 78% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that NPS responds well to any concerns raised (28% said they have not raised any concerns). Concerns are subjective so it is always a challenge to get this right for every parent especially if they have not had the outcome they would like.
- 🌻 87% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that NPS has high expectations of their child.
- 🌻 83% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that their child does well at NPS.
- 🌻 91% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that NPS offers a good range of subjects.
- 🌻 86% said that the skills their child learns in PE encourages them to be more active.
- 🌻 84% of parents said that their child can take part in clubs and activities.
- 🌻 90% of parents said that the school supports their child's wider personal development.

This feedback helps with our evaluation cycle so thank you again for your input in this. Our priority is always to take the school forward recognising the current strengths as well as addressing areas where the school needs to improve.

We value the partnership we have with our parents and know that a strong partnership leads to great outcomes for children so if for any reason you have disagreed to any of the statements I would welcome a meeting with you.

Sincerely and with wishes of good health,



Mrs Hannah Beckett  
Headteacher





# Nightingale Noticeboard

## Summer Holidays

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

## SEPTEMBER

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Inset Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First day back following Summer Holiday
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Energy Kidz resumes
w/c Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	All afterschool clubs resume
w/c Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming recommences (TBC)
19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Brecon Beacons Residential (Year 6)

## OCTOBER

### Autumn Half Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

## Important Dates

### INSET Days

Thursday 1 September 2022  
 Friday 18 November 2022  
 Friday 10 February 2023  
 Monday 5 June 2023  
 Friday 30 June 2023

To view school holiday dates please click [here](#)

Please note - All dates / events are subject to change  
 Please click [here](#) for all the latest news and events

## Swimming



We are happy to announce that our fabulous swimming pool will reopen week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> September.

To ensure your child has their swimming kit in school on the correct day, please check the swimming timetable, which will be sent out at the start of the Autumn Term.

Please note, in the Autumn term, only children in Year 2 - 6 will be swimming. The children in Year 1 (currently in EYFS) will not commence their swimming lessons until the Summer term.

Thank you Mr Burton for all your hard work in keeping the pool open and always keeping us safe in the water.

## Fond Farewells

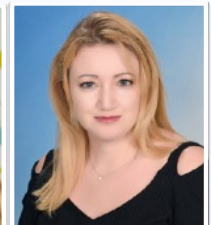
This term, we have said a fond farewell to Mrs Trumble, Miss Johnson, Mrs Asif, Mrs Gingham, Miss Goodleff, Miss Howson, and Mrs Kahl.

They have contributed hugely to so many children's educational success and personal development. Each in their own way, have given so much to our Nightingale community and we wish them courage, happiness and success in their new adventures and, of course, a huge thank you!

Thank You



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# Sports Day 2022

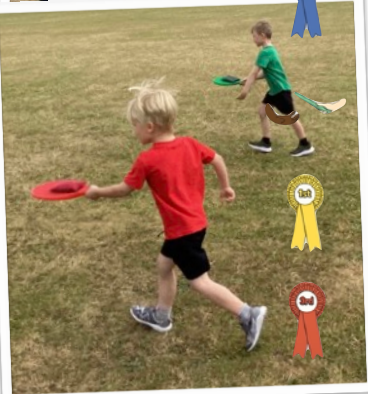
Firstly, a huge congratulations to Beech House, our Nightingale winners of Sports Day 2022!

Wow, what a day! Exceptional work by all involved; teachers, spectators and especially the children! The values of the school shone throughout the day, setting a precedent for what the school believes in. The children have had the opportunity of a full Sports Day with family and friends spectating for the first time in 3 years, and what a memorable one it was.

The encouragement and enthusiasm from the children were exemplary, and all the children had smiles on their faces the whole day. Our carousel events in the morning got everyone involved, experiencing different activities such as the longest jump, the furthest throw, a water race and so much more. Then into the afternoon, where the whole school took part in running races, such as the 80m sprint, hurdles, sack races and the Year 6 relay races. It was a wonderful example of inclusion with **every** child taking part in the day.

A huge well done to our House Captains who, throughout the day, supported their peers and manned activities brilliantly, they were fantastic role models and set the standard to the rest of the school.

It was wonderful to have our Nightingale families be able to attend the races in the afternoon, it bought an amazing atmosphere and the children were so proud to race in front of their loved ones.



The final scores on the day were as follows:

- 4<sup>th</sup> place Lime 1284 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Rowen 1330 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Willow 1342 points
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Beech 1432 points

Special thanks to Mrs Brown, Mr Thomas, Mr Read and Coach Jake for all their hard work in preparing and running the event!

We know the children had 'the best day ever' and we are looking forward to the next one already!





## Summer in EYFS

It has been another busy term in EYFS. The children have been busy making connections in their learning and refining the skills that they have developed over their first school year.

We were all so proud of the efforts made by the children in their first ever school sports day and even prouder of the fantastic attitudes that they all demonstrated.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about minibeasts this half term and were excited to see that our class butterflies have hatched!

As we now approach the end of the school year, we have been reflecting on how we have grown and changed since starting school. The children have also impressed their new Year 1 teachers with their great behaviour and confidence during their visits to their new classes.

A big well done to all of the Kingfishers and Woodpeckers, you have all made a fantastic start to your time at Nightingale!



# Year 1 Newsletter – Summer 2

None of the Year 1 team can believe that we have come to the end of our time with your fabulous children. It has been a busy year and one full of fun. The final few weeks have been no exception. Thank you for all your support this year we look forward to watching their journey continue on in Year 2.

## Outdoor Learning with Miss Budd

Ms Budd has delivered most of our science learning with her Outdoor Learning sessions once a week. We made homes for mini beasts, bookmarks from wild flowers and grew grass for our grass head people. Thank you Miss Budd!



History Learning. Another highlight of the half term is the fantastic learning that the children have been doing based on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and how they showed the school value of COURAGE and had a positive impact on nursing.



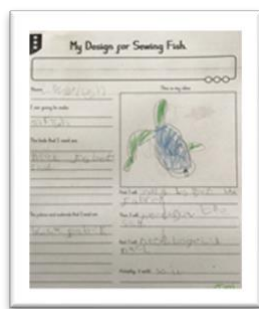
Can you label the changes that Florence made?

Handwritten notes include: 1 Bed, 2 clean, 3 Wash, 4 Clean, 5 soap, 6 clear, 7 floor, 8 Florence was the best.

 Mary Seacole	 went to	 the battlefields
 Mary Seacole	 got	 medals



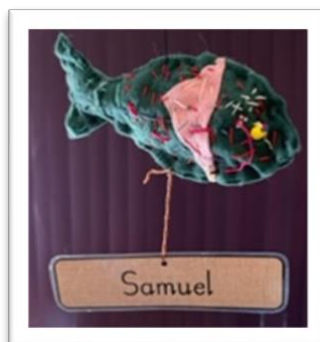
**Maths.** We have been continuing our work on fractions and time. The children have been working on recognising quarter of a shape or quantity and then applying this knowledge to a clock face to tell quarter past and quarter to times, as well as o'clock and half past from last term.



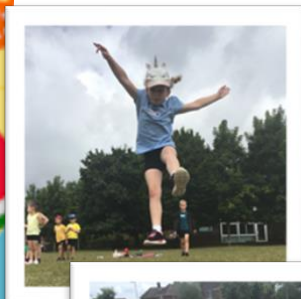
**English** This half term the focus has been on poetry with the children writing a variety of different styles of poetry. We started with free form where the children thought of adjectives to describe a stormy or calm sea then went on to write our own seaside poems, tongue twisters, pyramid poems and a repeating verse – you will see these in the books when they come home.



**Design Technology.** Year 1 have really impressed us with their sewing skills. They started off using binca fabric to learn how to do running and cross stitch & then used these skills to decorate a felt fish. Here are some photos of the start of the process... to see the end result please pop into the school office area where you will see the **finished** fish displayed before we send them home. I'm sure you will be very impressed.



**Sport's Day.** All the Year 1 children made us super proud. They displayed true sporting values by cheering on their house or their friends brother or sister. It was fantastic to see them enjoying their first proper sports day at school. Many memories were made & lots of embarrassing photos saved for future use!





# Welcome to our Year 2 Newsletter

## Summer 2

After a busy Summer 1, with all the SAT's, Summer 2 has been all about consolidating what we have already learnt! It's been full of fun adventures and happy times finishing our wonderful year, ready for our transition to Year 3.

### Jubilee

To celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the throne, the children had an absolutely awesome afternoon. First we played games on the field together, then we had a street party with yummy food, after that we danced the afternoon away at a disco. We were dressed in our finest or red white and blue. We had a great time and enjoyed celebrating together!



### Marwell

On Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, Year 2 went on our second school trip. We travelled on the coach and then got to see lots of interesting animals and found out about them. We had three special talks about the animals with the zoo keepers and found out about how the animals are grouped. We had a lovely day and the sun was shining. The zoo keepers, members of the public and our parent helpers commented on how well your children behaved at the zoo. We were very proud of them all.

### Summer Watch

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Sparrow and Wagtail class had their Summer Watch Day. The children had lots of fun making leaf pictures, watercolour paintings of flowers and making fairy doors. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't sunny so we did some extra jobs the next week when the sun came out. This was sun-cream painting and shadow drawing.



### Sports Day

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July it was our annual Sports Day. If you were able to join us you would have seen everyone putting one hundred percent effort into having fun and joining in the celebrations. Well done to all for trying their best. Go Team Sparrow and Team Wagtail.



# Year Three



In Maths, we have been developing our knowledge in addition and subtraction. We have been really amazing at using our concrete resources, drawing pictures to work out the answer to tricky calculations. We have also been looking briefly at column method and how the numbers are laid out, and representing the answer in different ways to show our understanding.

Our Topic this half term has been learning all about the world. Global Warming and how it is affecting us, the environment and our wildlife. We have researched how to stay healthy and made leaflets to share our views with others. We are now creating robots to reduce the effects of Global Warming. We will be making these this week and can't wait to show them off!

Sports Day was a great success. Everyone worked hard to earn points for our house teams, encouraging each other and other house teams as well. It was a really hot, sunny day but we all encouraged each other and did our best. Well done Year 3!



Thank you for those who were able to attend for our last Listen to Me concert for our ukulele performance. Pictures were posted on ClassDojo for any who were not able to make it. We have really enjoyed learning to play the drums, the recorders and ukuleles this year and can't wait to see what we will learn next year!



# Year 4 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4!

## Sports Day 2022!

Year 4 had a wonderful time on Sports Day. They were absolutely brilliant at displaying both school and the Olympic values! We are so proud of each and every one of them 😊



## Forest School

Mrs Lidstone, who is the teacher of forest school, is so amazing this Monday we did bog ground is tree its were you look for bugs on the ground and you take them on a sheet and then you shake the tree branches and see what falls onto the bed sheet. There was daddy long legs there were spiders, shield bugs and much more. For summer work we made bird feeders, painted pebbles for lichen and maths games, we designed perfect wilderness, sun catchers. For forest school we also made toast it was so delightful you could put butter on it.



## Multiplication Check

'Everyone did so well and they are so good at times tables! Everyone was wonderful and calm about it. There were no disruptions and everything went well' – Kayla  
Well done Year 4!





# Year 5

We have had another lovely half term with the Year 5's learning all about Rivers! We are certainly ready for a summer holiday, but the children have worked so hard. It has been a busy half term with sports day and Summerwatch. The children have been brilliantly focused - especially in this hot weather!



In English, we have created a newspaper report about some disastrous flooding related to the book, Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick. We are currently creating a persuasive speech about how Dooby is the right leader for the islanders.

In Maths, the children have been practising the written formal method in the 4 operations, especially multiplication and division. We have seen a massive improvement due to their hard work. This has prepared them greatly for Year 6! We have also looked at a variety of test style questions, which have multi-step word problems using key vocabulary.

In the last few weeks, we have had some very mature sex and relationship education lessons which included sensible and well-thought through questions.

In our last few days, the children will be completing their own 3D river models displaying their DT knowledge by showing the features of a river in different ways.







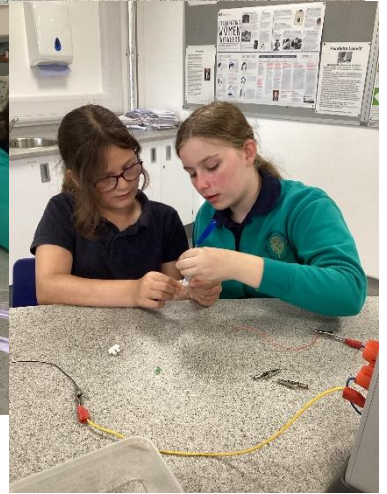
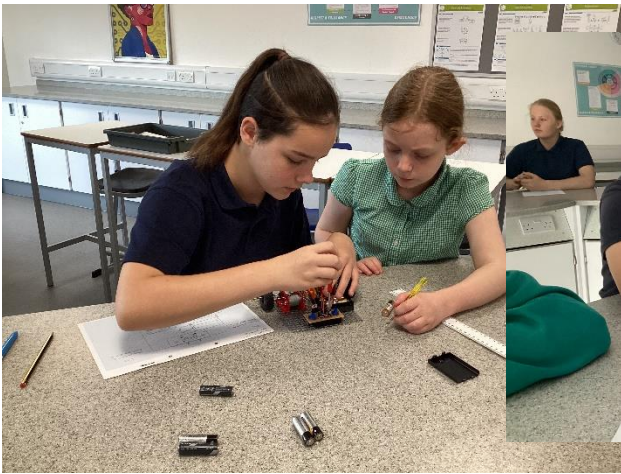
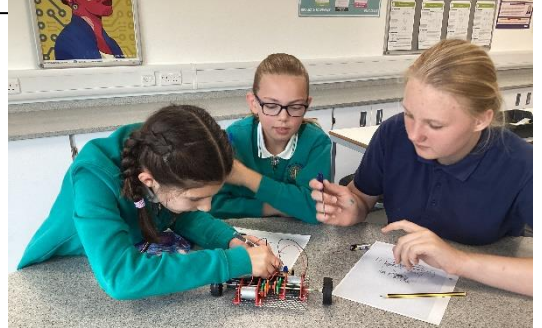


# Year 6 STEM Day

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, some of the pupils from Year 6 spent the day at Barton Peveril Sixth Form College, taking part in a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Day. The main focus of the day was on engineering and the children had a fantastic time exploring different aspects of this at the college and with the lecturers.

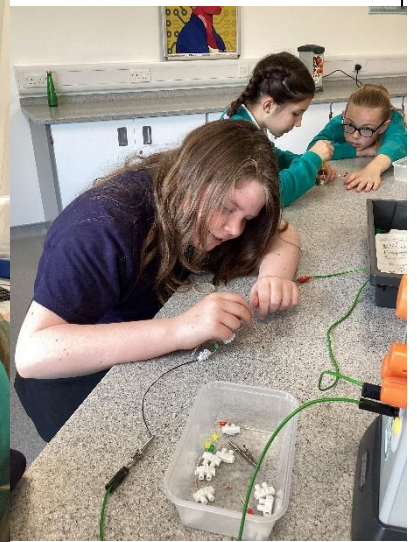
## Activity 1 – Robotics

During this activity, the children dismantled and re-constructed robots. They also determined whether or not they were light-seeking or dark-seeking robots using sensors and LED lights.



## Activity 2 – Christmas Lights

In this activity, the girls learned how to construct parallel circuits so that multiple LEDs could work at the same level of efficiency to answer the question: Years ago, what would you have to do if one of your light bulbs blew in your Christmas tree lights?



## Activity 3 – Programming

Our final activity was creating a working electronic dice, by writing programmes on software provided at the college. They learned all about inputs, outputs and loops.



# THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

On Friday 27th May we joined together as a school to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Prior to the main celebrations the children learned about the Queen and her historic reign of 70 years. In addition, each class contributed to decorations that adorned both inside and outside areas around the school. Our afternoon of celebrations kicked off with us joining together in the hall to sing the national anthem. This was then followed by a cream tea, and other tasty treats, provided and served by the PTA. Everyone also got to enjoy fun and games on the field, including relay races, parachute games, a treasure hunt and a jubilee themed 'photo booth'. The children were also treated to a mini disco in the hall. Luckily the weather was kind and we were able to enjoy a wonderful celebratory afternoon altogether, which was enjoyed by both the children and staff.



A special thank you to the PTA team for organising, supplying and serving the cream tea on the day





## 'We Can' Week

### Highlighting the importance of our Health and Well-Being

As a whole school we have been working hard to promote our pupil's Mental Health and Well Being. During the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the pupils throughout the school took part in many lessons and activities which aimed to increase our children's understanding of their physical and mental well-being.

Our enrichment week looked as follows:

**Mindful Monday** helped children and young people to explore emotions and learn how to process, seek support and look after their mental well-being.

**Tasty Tuesday** supported our pupils to access and enjoy healthy eating opportunities and understand the importance of a healthy diet.

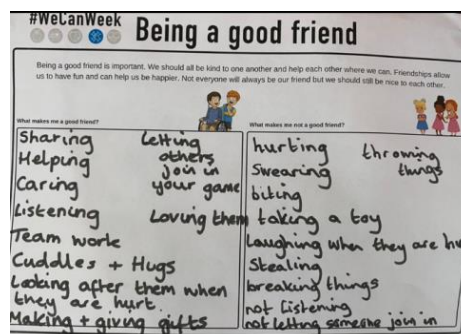
**Well-Being Wednesday** explored the positive effects of being active outdoors and prioritising positive behaviours.



**Together Thursday** focused on exploring the benefits of being connected to each other and understanding the importance of inclusivity. Looking at friendships, relationships, bullying and what makes us unique.



**Physical Friday** aimed to highlight the importance of building physical activity into our daily routines, how to achieve this, and the benefits of being physically active.



Well done to the whole school for their continued hard work to promote everyone's health and well-being.

Mrs Gates and Mrs Brown





## Kelly Simm, GB Gymnast Visit

On Tuesday 28th June, GB and Commonwealth games athlete Kelly Simm visited our school. Each year group took part in a fun but exhausting circuit, involving floor runs and even press-ups! Kelly then delivered a fantastic assembly, including demonstrations of her skills that had the whole school impressed! It was a brilliant day all round!

In total, we managed to raise a staggering **£2425.05!** Wow! This will be spent on sports equipment for the school to use in PE lessons next year.

A massive thank you to the pupils, family and friends for helping with sponsorship- this is a truly brilliant amount raised and will have a really positive impact on PE in the future. Thank you so much!!



## Kelly Simm

Kelly Simm is an English artistic gymnast competing for Team GB, and recently visited our school.

### Early Life

Kelly Simms was born in Southampton on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1995; She grew up in Whitley, and still lives there. She went to Whitley Primary School, Henry Cort Community College and then Itchen College. She currently lives at home with her mum, dad and 21 year old

brother Alex, as well as their dog, Dylan.

### Career

Kelly started doing gymnastics at the age of 6, as well as taking part in other sports including swimming and trampolining- however gymnastics quickly became her favourite.

In 2015, she represented Team GB at the first ever European games and then later that year became GB's first ever female World University All Around Champion, winning a total of three medals in the games. At the end of 2015, she was part of the Historic Team that won the Bronze medal in Glasgow at the world championships.



2016 and 2017 were difficult years with injuries for Kelly, but 2018 turned out to be a very good one. She was named British All-Around Champion and British Bars champion as well as claiming a Bronze on the beam. She then went on to win Beam Bronze at the Commonwealth games, before helping Team GB to a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at the European Championships in Glasgow, not to mention qualifying into the European bars final. Most recently, she has just returned from the world championships in Doha, placing 19<sup>th</sup> in the all-around final.

## Achievements

Kelly has been in many competitions before (such as the Commonwealth Games and World Championships, each twice) and won many medals and awards, such as: Vault 1 silver, Beam silver, Vault bronze, Floor gold, Vault silver and bars bronze (all only in the English championships). She has also won Vault bronze, silver and gold, bars champion and beam bronze, all in the British championships, also Vault finalist, Coast Gold and Beam Bronze in the Commonwealth Games.

## Typical day

Because she has to fit her classes around her gymnastics training, her classes are typically bunched together to allow her to go off to training in the afternoon and evening. She would have classes in the morning, from 9am onwards, and <sup>when</sup> she would be done with classes for the day, ~~to~~ then go training for the rest of the day.

Ben



# KELLY SIMM

GB Gymnast

At the age of just twenty-seven years old, Kelly Simm is already a gymnast for Great Britain and has participated in many gymnastic events. On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, Kelly visited us and got us to take part in some exercises as part of the Sports for schools event.

## Childhood

Born in Southampton on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1995, Kelly Simm lives in Whitely with her mum, dad and twenty-one year old brother Alex with their dog Dylan. At the age of six Kelly also enjoyed swimming and trampolining however quickly realised how much she loved gymnastics. She attended Whitely Primary School; then went to Henry Cort Community College - following this she attended Itchen College.

## Career

Pursuing gymnastics - Kelly competed in many competitions - in 2014 she became English floor and British Vault Champion before going on to win Team Gold with England at the Commonwealth Games. During 2015 she represented Team GB at the first European games and after became GBR's first female World University All round Champion - a true role model for many aspiring

female athletes. After many victories she went on to be crowned British All Around Champion, British Bars Champion, she won Beam Bronze, Team Silver and helped Team GB to finish 4<sup>th</sup> place at the European Championships in Glasgow. So many amazing achievements at the age of twenty-seven.



## Injuries

While she has been earning many great awards Kelly has had some challenges along the way, in the early months of 2016 she suffered a stress fracture to her back during training, but that did not stop her from competing at the British trials for the 2016 Olympic games. Later that year in October this resilient gymnast endured an ankle injury from a floor routine resulting in five months of rehabilitation.

Due to this, she required surgery in March 2017, then finally after thirteen months Kelly Simm returned to gymnastics in the November. Unfortunately, Kelly would sustain another injury this time in her foot, causing her to withdraw from the GB squad in 2019.

•  by Amelie

## Inspiration & Goals

Normally, Kelly trains up to thirty hours a week at Dynamo School of gymnastics alongside her coaches Keith and Debbie Richardson. They have had a massive impact on her as well as being an inspiration for her.

Currently, Kelly is focusing on training while also finishing her master's degree making the most out of both. Going forward, there are many opportunities that she can not wait to explore!



## House Captains

What a fantastic job our House Captains have done this year. They have been busy in their roles and have achieved such wonderful things, such as organising and leading the Comic Relief cake sale, which raised an incredible amount of money. They have also helped to support the other children in the school during our Sports Day, they have been at every Celebration Assembly giving our awards and sharing the weekly House points, and have supported Mrs Brown and Mr Thomas with our new Eagles as well.



We couldn't be more proud of them. So, as a well done, they received a special surprise today. They were treated to a Dominos lunch with Mrs Beckett.

Well done again House Captains you have been sensational. Good luck in your new ventures next year as you move on to your new schools.



## Bling and Bring your Bike Day July 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

What a fabulous time we all had when everyone brought their bikes and scooters to school. It was amazing to see so many children enjoying themselves and navigating their way around the obstacle course! Even some of the teachers had a go riding a bike around the playgrounds.



The Young Governors are delighted to announce that as a result of your generosity £180 has been raised. Now they are looking forward to ordering a FRIENDSHIP bench. Hopefully this will arrive in time for use by Nightingale children early in the new school year. We will keep you posted.



Well done to all of you who 'blinged' up your bikes and scooters. From the wonderful, colourful and imaginative designs from dragons and mermaids to lights and tinsel it showed just how much effort went into the creations.

Thank you





# Taking our Values Beyond the School Gates

Our Nightingalers aren't just superstars in the classroom. They're also superstars outside, embodying our school values of respect, courage, compassion and friendship in everything they do.



Abigail took part in a twirling competition. She did so well that she came second and also won a medal for participating with great enthusiasm.



Duniour was awarded a trophy for playing well in the season Sunday games at BTC.



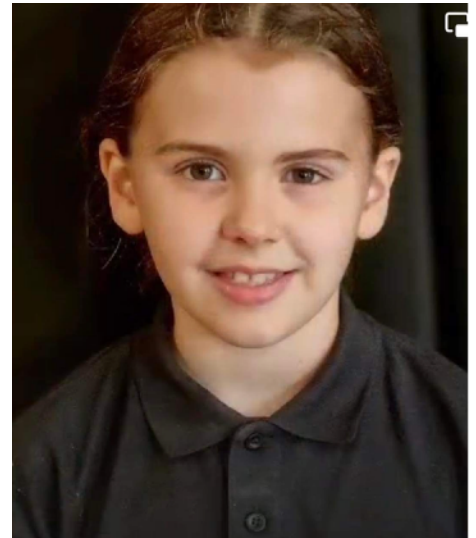
George built a raft at Cubs and used it to paddle across the water.



Jessica was a mascot for the UEFA Women's Euros 2022 game.



Charlie won a competition to have his design printed onto a hare. His hare has been placed on show in The Great Hall gift shop in Winchester.



After being given a solo with her drama group, Brooke will now be performing in the production of 'Little Shop of Horrors' at the point in Eastleigh



Charlotte has been busy fundraising for Little Princess Trust. She has had 13 inches of hair cut which she will be donating along with the £185 she has raised.

If your child has demonstrated our school values outside of school and you'd like to share with us, please let us know at [teachers@nightingale.hants.sch.uk](mailto:teachers@nightingale.hants.sch.uk)

