



NEWPORT NEWS

A weekly update from NGHS

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We look forward to our students returning next week when our split lunch day/lesson timings will resume.

This week has seen a lot of time spent on preparing the site, updating risk assessments, briefing staff and ensuring we are ready for Monday/Tuesday, in particular with our testing protocols which we have been deploying since January for daughters of critical workers. Emails in/out have been plentiful; thanks for the queries which we have hopefully answered. My colleagues and I are always happy to address any concerns individually. I would particularly like to thank parents for their support with the staggered timings for return next week. I know this presents problems for a few and ask for your cooperation on this one occasion. The weather for Monday looks showery so it is important that students have a coat as they will be briefed outside for about 10 minutes by their Head of Year before testing. This briefing includes information about the changes to the site as a result of the building work. It would be a massive help if the girls could arrive no more than a few minutes before their nominated time. Anyone who does not return on Monday/Tuesday must come straight to Reception on their first day back and not go to their home room so we can organise a test for them before they enter the school officially.

Another thank you, this time to everyone for completing the testing consent. This was a huge undertaking - as stated last week, testing is not mandatory in English schools, but we have had a consent take up of over 98% among the student body and 99% of staff. Please ensure your daughter has watched [the testing video](#) prior to returning. Staff will be on hand to advise and reassure and infographics are in the testing room to show the girls what they need to do if they are still unsure!

Our pastoral team are also ready to support any students who find the return to school difficult. My key message to all pupils is **to be kind to one another**. We know some girls have been bereaved with the passing of close family members. Others may be anxious. There may also be very good reasons why someone is unable to complete Covid19 testing (**indeed anyone who has had Covid19 in the last 90 days should not undertake testing in school**) and, as normal, our behaviour policy will be used in the event of unkindness between students. I sincerely hope this will not be necessary.

Given that attendance is mandatory for all pupils from next week, we have to provide a daily attendance report to the DFE. As a state school, NGHS follows all government initiatives and procedures and we look forward to seeing all our students back in school. That said, anyone who is [displaying these Covid symptoms](#) must of course not attend school. Students who are sent home to isolate will not have this counted against their attendance figure and will join online live lessons at home. If students are unable to attend, please can parents/carers remember to contact us on each day of absence with the reason for absence via 01952 797550.



PRIMED FOR SUCCESS

BUILDING UPON A CENTURY OF NGHS EXCELLENCE



Our new science laboratory is almost complete. The doorways are being reconfigured ready for Monday to enable a new fire escape to be used in the area close to Room 22. This new lab will be usable after Easter!

Contact tracing is still a vital way of preventing the spread of Covid19, so it is essential that we are kept informed if a student is isolating because a family member has tested positive or especially if a pupil tests positive. You can use the urgent@nghs.org.uk email at the evenings/weekends. We have also been asked to share a document about school return/buses from Telford & Wrekin authority. Please [click here](#).

During the last lockdown, we loaned out a number of laptops and devices to families. These must be brought back on Monday/Tuesday and taken to the IT Technician's office to be signed back in. Thank you. Finally, a massive congratulations to all the staff involved in the *Our Miles for Your Minds* initiative - they reached Gibraltar! More on page 6.

Stay safe,

Mr M J Scott

Newport Girls' High School

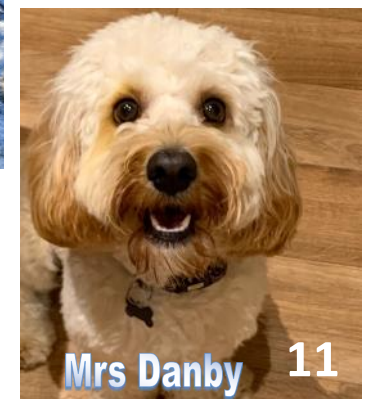
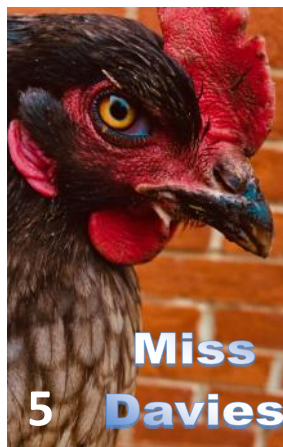
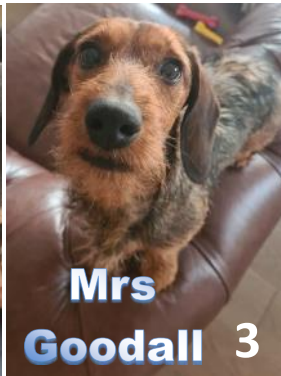
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Whose Pet Is This?



This was a hard competition! Congratulations to our winners:

Key Stage 3 - top scorer: **L Clayton** (Y7)

Key Stage 4 - top scorer: **C Smith** (Y11)

Sixth Form - top scorer: **O Needham** (Y12)

Staff - top scorer: **Miss Davies**

LOCKDOWN FRENCH

Last week, Year 8 French students learnt about adjective endings and when they are and aren't changed. Our example was *l'eau est froide* and *l'eau, c'est froid*, both are correct, but why? Ask one of our year 8s to explain and they may ask you for a glass of water!

Mrs T Fujii



International Francophonie Day

samedi 20 mars

'French around the world' Competition

Year 10 & 12



Create a short, visually engaging presentation including 10 interesting facts about the French-speaking world.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zw9rcdm/revision/1>

<http://observatoire.francophonie.org/qui-parle-francais-dans-le-monde/>

<https://www.espacefrancais.com/la-francophonie/>

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- Presentations should be composed in **French**.
- Your presentation should focus on the **diversity, status and history** of French as a global language.
- Judges will be looking for **originality and creativity**, as well as **accuracy** of language and content.

Aston University
BIRMINGHAM UK

The winner's prize: £40

Book Voucher

Please email to Mrs Branson

by Friday 19th March

FRENCH POP VIDEO COMPETITION 2021

Can you sing or rap in French, and make a video clip for your song? Pupils in British primary and secondary schools across the 4 nations are invited to submit a video clip of an original song in French and get a chance to win books, tablets, and attend a live music concert with the Institut français. Teachers can submit their students' videos by 31/03. Sign up now: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/french-pop-video-competition-2021-uk-wide-registration-132523706975>



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This year's theme is:

Choose To Challenge

2/3 of the world's working hours are worked by women



Yet women only earn

1/10

of the world's income



Take part in our IWD activities:

- Create a piece that reflects this year's theme in whatever medium you choose. It could be a collage, painting or even a cake
- Make a cartoon strip, featuring a female protagonist that has to overcome adversity
- Or create a sculpture using recycled materials based on a woman who inspires you

Please send a picture of your entry to headgirteam@nghs.org.uk by the 15th March, all entries will receive 10 house points



Next Monday is International Women's Day. More information in school next week!

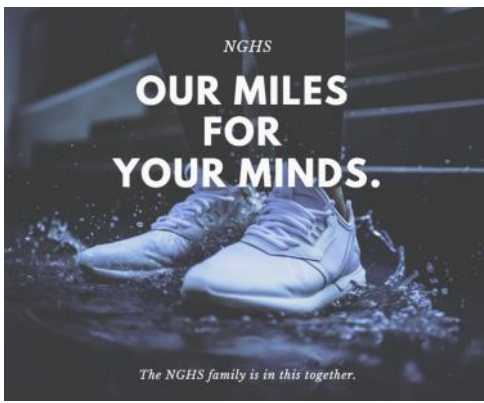


THANK YOU FRIDAY

Congratulations to this fortnight's winners...

To: Student	From: Teacher
H Bone (8A)	Mrs H Furnival
M Bowen (12N)	Mr D Postle
L Clayton (7A)	Mrs J Chandler
M Danby (12N)	Mr D Postle
G Farge (12N)	Mrs K Gill
G Fernandes (7A)	Mrs T Fujii
A Girn (11X)	Mrs K Gill
S Griffith (A7)	Mrs K Gill
E Grove (7S)	Mrs K Gill
C Hamilton (R7)	Mrs L Payne
E Hassall (8A)	Mrs K Gill
L Hicklin (8A)	Mrs J Chandler Mrs K Gill
A Humphries (12G)	Mrs K Gill
E Hutchinson (12N)	Mr D Postle
V Jayasuriya (10Y)	Mrs L Payne
A Jones (9S)	Mrs J Chandler
A Jones (12N)	Mrs K Griffin

To: Student	From: Teacher
C Knight (9A)	Mrs K Gill
D Kynaston (R7)	Mrs K Gill
G Martin (A7)	Mrs K Gill
E Micklewright (A7)	Mrs K Gill
J Mooney (10X)	Mrs K Gill
R Morgan (12N)	Mrs K Griffin
O Needham (12N)	Mr D Postle
J Payne (9R)	Mrs T Fujii
E Raymond-Martin (10Y)	Mrs K Gill
P Rigby-Colclough (9A)	Mrs J Chandler
E Rowley (R7)	Mrs H Furnival
T Smith (11Y)	Ms J Capaldi
C Smith-Murphy (R7)	Mrs L Payne
E Spencer (11X)	Mrs K Gill
C Thomas (A7)	Mrs K Gill
C Ward (12S)	Mrs L Payne
C Worthington (12N)	Mr D Postle



Challenge Complete



• WE REACHED •

Gibraltar!

AND STARTED OUR JOURNEY HOME AND REACHED BAPAUME FRANCE

PLEASE CAN I SAY A BIG

THANK YOU

To all of the staff who took part in the OUR miles for YOUR minds challenge. We had 24 members of staff who accumulated this astonishing amount of miles and even more importantly and incredible amount of money for MIND. We made it to Gibraltar, and we almost made it home again!

It was humbling to be a part of an incredibly dedicated team, who went out in all weathers at all times of the day, with their focus solely on our students and showing them how much their mental health matters to us.

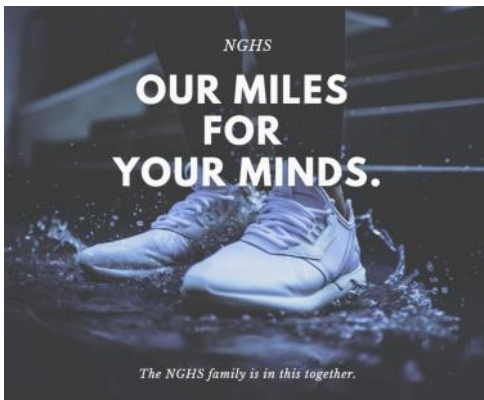
We have encouraged each other and laughed with each other through this journey and I am extremely proud of us all. We really are a wonderful family here at NGHS.



When Mrs Martin asked if I would like to participate in the 'Our Miles for Your Minds' challenge, it was a definite YES from me! There were a few reasons for this; firstly, Mind is such a fantastic, important charity, who do amazing work. Secondly, I have wanted to get back into running for a long time now but never really had the motivation (until now). And thirdly, I have always loved to walk, as I find it is a great way to process all the thoughts/worries/lists of things to do etc... that are usually going around and around in my head, as well as obviously being good for your fitness. However, I wouldn't usually walk every day, especially if it was raining or freezing cold. This challenge, coupled with my gorgeous little fur baby companion (Nellie), has made me get out at least twice a day, every day, whatever the weather - and I feel all the better for it, both in body and mind! I wanted to say a big thank you to Mrs Martin for organising the whole event and rallying the troops. Well done to our amazing NGHS staff who have all gone above and beyond, and thank you to everyone who has donated to this fantastic charity!!



Mrs Bailey



Challenge Complete

Walking has always been a passion of mine, mostly because I just love being outdoors but also because it is a coping mechanism I use for the daily stresses in life. There are 2 things that I always turn to when I'm struggling and I'm adamant they will sort out any problem I have, a cup of tea and a good walk.

When Mrs Martin emailed to ask if anyone would like to join the February charity challenge for Mind, I jumped at the chance. Any reason to get out the house and enjoy some fresh air. We as staff are fully aware of how challenging this lockdown has been for some students and of course the staff and so what better way to try to show you how much you and your mental health all mean to us. The added bonus for me has been how much this has positively impacted my own mental health. It has given me a chance to clear my head after a full day sat at a computer screen, a chance to gather my thoughts of things that have been bugging me and not forgetting the stories and conversations I have shared with my daughter along the way. Emily and my fur baby Finn have joined me for many of my 111 miles and together we have adventured all around the beautiful Gnosall.

I pledged to complete 50 miles this February and after week 1 I decided that I was determined to double that pledge if I could. My Fitbit has been dishing out badge after badge and I'm feeling rather chuffed with myself. The British weather hasn't dampened my spirits and as a whole I can honestly say I have felt so much better for it. The teamwork from everyone has been nothing short of sensational and I am so proud to have been part of TeamNGHS and to help raise vital funds for a very worthy charity.



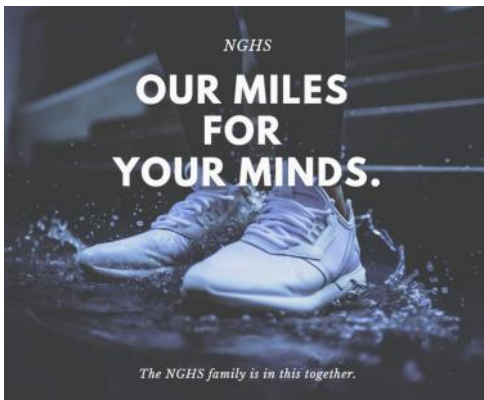
Mrs Worthington

I feel very privileged to have been able to take part in the challenge and to be able to support MIND and raise awareness of the importance of mental health. I have always been a keen walker and was missing my usual walks in the hills and countryside due to restrictions. However, this challenge enabled me to really appreciate walking in my local area and discovering new places right on my doorstep. I have found walking really helps clear my mind and helps me relax. I managed to walk and cycle 100 miles in the rain, wind, snow and sun but it has all been so worth it and has really shown the team spirit at NGHS.



Mrs Wallace





Challenge Complete

Many of you will know that I love walking! 2 years ago I walked the West Highland Way (96 miles through Scotland) to raise money for the cancer suite at my local hospital, a cause that is really close to my heart. When Mrs. Martin mentioned the NGHS challenge for Mind, I saw another golden opportunity to get the walking boots on again and raise money for another important cause. Mental health has always been really important to us at NGHS, but never more so than over the last 12 months. Anything we can do to support the work of Mind at such a difficult time can only be a good thing! We have all struggled at times over the last year, but I have to say that getting some fresh air and taking the time to take in my surroundings is one thing that has really helped me get through these difficult times. I have absolutely loved making the most of the spectacular scenery I have on my doorstep...it has made me realise you don't have to drive for miles to see some amazing sights...they really are on the doorstep. I achieved my target of walking 50 miles, and in the process took in the sights of the Wyre Forest, and local nature reserves which are literally a 10 minute walk away. At the beginning of the month the snow and ice helped to make everything super scenic as well (even if it was freezing!) Probably the best thing about the experience was taking a little break to admire the wildlife too...I managed to spot fallow deer and loads of different bird species, some of which aren't particularly common...it's amazing what you can see when you take some time to pause and reflect. The amount of money we've raised for Mind is just phenomenal, and I am really proud to work with such a committed group of colleagues...well done TeamNGHS!!



Mr Pimm



CONGRATULATIONS!

Huge congratulations to all our teaching and non-teaching colleagues who took part in this amazing fundraiser. I'm very proud to learn of your achievements and thank Mrs Martin for her hard work coordinating this initiative.

Mr Scott





NGHS PASTORAL TEAM - WHO'S WHO?

At NGHS, the safety of students, staff and visitors is our top priority.

Students can speak to ANY member of staff about their concerns, but there are certain colleagues with additional training to support you in pastoral and safeguarding matters.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Miss H Clarke
Assistant Head & Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr M J Scott
Headteacher
& Deputy DSL



Mrs F Davenport
Pastoral & Safeguarding
Administrator & DDSL



Mrs K Danby
Y7-10 Wellbeing
Officer & DDSL

PASTORAL LEADERS



Mrs K Griffin
Head of Sixth Form



Mrs D Martin
Y11-13
Wellbeing Officer



Miss S Tomkinson
Head of Year 11



Mrs H Goodall
Head of Year 10



Mrs A Seys
Head of Year 9



Ms J Capaldi
Head of Years 7&8

Questions to ask your child in lockdown **YOUNG MINDS**

What could help you to complete your school work at home? Where would you like to work at home?

Is there anything you want to talk about?

When was the last time you were very happy?

What makes you feel calm?

How can you keep in touch with friends and family at the moment? e.g. Facetime, Whatsapp

What things would you like to do in the future?

What difficulties are you facing now?

What can I do to help?

Where is a place you feel safe?

Would it be helpful if we planned each day together?

Do you have any worries about the coronavirus?

Where in our home do you feel like you can have your own space?

What have you enjoyed about today?

What are you worried about when you lie in bed and can't sleep?

Can you think of anything fun that we can do at home?

How do you feel about things changing?

How do you feel about staying at home?

Click on the image to get more assistance and information

To urgently contact a member of the senior leadership team outside school hours, please use urgent@nghs.org.uk
Please include your phone number and name of your daughter