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Your child/children could be eligible for free, well-balanced school meals

If you are on a low income or one of the following Benefits:

- *Income Support*
- *Income based Job Seekers Allowance*
- *Child Tax Credit only (with a family income of less than £16,190 and no Working Tax Credits)*
- *National Asylum Seekers Support*
- *Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit*
- *Employments and Support Allowance – Income Related only*

Ring 01604 236656 to request a paper application form or visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to apply online or text "FSM" followed by your full name, address, date of birth, National Insurance Number, your child's name and school to 60622.

For more information about the free school meals service, please contact Free School Meals, Northamptonshire County Council, John Dryden House, 8-10 The Lakes, Northampton, NN4 7DD, tel: 01604 236656 or you can email freeschoolmeals@northampton.gov.uk

All discussions and/or information you provide will remain in the strictest of confidence. You do not have to provide evidence of your benefits to apply for Free School Meals, we can check your status for you.

Plus just registering your eligibility, your child's school may get an extra £430 a year funding!

Scholastic Book Fair!



The Main School library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair event from the 9th until the 16th February.

The Book Fair will enable students to browse and purchase the latest book titles at low prices! With over 200 top children's titles from over fifty publishers, carefully chosen to reflect all tastes and abilities. With books starting from only £2.99 plus exclusive titles that you won't see in the shops or at any other fairs, there's sure to be a book for everyone!

News from the Rewards Room!



After feedback from students, the Rewards Room now has a full-sized pool table! We hope that this new edition to activities available will encourage the older students to take part in the rewards system.

If you have 20 rewards stickers or more, book a session in the Rewards Room by speaking to Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Ackerley or Mrs. Patel in the Rewards room at lunchtimes.

Childcare in Northampton

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Northamptonshire County Council wants to know what you think of the availability, quality and accessibility of childcare in your area. Please fill out the questionnaire from the homepage of our website, www.northamptonshire.gov.uk to have your say and help us provide the services you need. All participants will be entered into a prize draw to win an **M&S voucher worth £50** for taking part! The information you provide will be used to help the council develop a new strategic action plan for child care provision across the county.

Thank you for your time.

Congratulations Rebecca Herring!

As you will have read in the last edition of the newsletter, Rebecca Herring from 7JJ had qualified to represent the district of South

Country championships on a windy morning at Abington probably still in bed, Rebecca performed incredibly well, finishing in 9th position. Her contribution to the South 13 girls competition. Her and she has now been



selected to run for Northamptonshire against other Schools in the Anglian region on Saturday 5th February. Congratulations Rebecca and we wish you the best of luck in the next round of this competition.

Mrs. C. Tuplin and the P.E. dept

Learning Gateway Update

Hardware, software and staffing challenges along with a change of strategy from national government have all worked together to put back our opening of our on-line reporting system. The school still remains committed to developing the system but we feel that it is vital for any errors with the system to be minimised before we launch it with students and parents.

Mr. Kennewell



Come and join us for a morning of Latin and Ballroom dancing

Strictly Fun Dancing Taster Workshop

Free, fun taster workshop for students, parents, grandparents, carers and over 50s

Saturday 5th February 2011

11am-1pm at Hartwell Primary School,

School Lane, Hartwell, Northampton. NN7 2HL

For beginners and those who want to practice and improve on the basic steps

To request a booking form, please contact **Karen Roberts (07919400838)** or email kroberts@roadeschool.northants.sch.uk – places limited so booking essential

Dancers are Top Class



AFTER their first training sessions, schools taking part in a Strictly Come Dancing competition in aid of the **Chronicle & Echo's** charity appeal are already feeling the benefits of learning to dance. Following the success of the Strictly Chron Dancing competition in November, dance school partners Step by Step have launched an initiative to get the county's children dancing.

Training started last Monday and each of the 14 schools involved has now had at least one training session, which Step by Step teacher Viv Rhymes said had been well-received. She said: "It's going really well. All the schools have had their first session and they've gone brilliantly. We're really pleased."

Mrs. Rhymes said the lessons were already starting to challenge many pupils' misconceptions about dancing. She said: "After one of the lessons where I taught some year five and six pupils the jive and the waltz a lot of them, especially the boys, said they had really shocked themselves by having such a good time. They said it was nothing like they had thought it would be and they really enjoyed it.

"This is why we wanted to hold this event, to make dance more accessible to children and to make them realise it is something they can do competitively, as much as they can a sport like rugby or football."

The Northampton Inter-Schools 'Strictly' event, organised in conjunction with the **South Northants and Daventry School Sports Partnership**, will see two classes from each school benefit from six weeks of tuition from Step by Step founder and international dance champion, Andrzej Mialkowski, and his dance partner Julie Galea, as well as Mrs. Rhymes.

Teachers will then choose teams of pupils to enter the competition, which will take place at Roade School Sports College on Saturday, March 5, with ticket sales benefiting the Chron and Macmillan Cancer Support's appeal to raise £1.55 million for a new haematology unit at Northampton General Hospital.

Published on the Chronicle & Echo website and also in the newspaper 20th/21st January 2011

http://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news/opinions/columnists/michael-ellis/ancers_are_top_class_1_2327467

A message from **welfare**

A reminder to all year 10 students, your Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination is due on Monday 7 February. Please ensure you have brought back your completed consent forms by Wednesday 2 February.



Hairspray

Wednesday 9th February – 7pm

Thursday 10th February – 7pm

Friday 11th February – 6pm

TICKETS TO BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

For more information, please contact Mr. R. Swales or Ms. H. Ingham on 01604 862125

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

7th February – Year 10 Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination

9th–16th February – Scholastic Book Fair in the main library

9th–11th February – School productions of Hairspray

Do you need help with your homework?

Then come along to **HOMEWORK CLUB**
At Roade Library

Every Tuesday afternoon

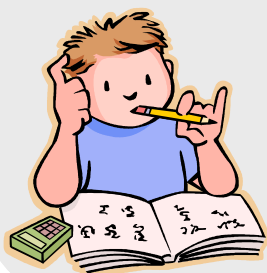
Between 3.30 – 5.00pm (Term Time only)

For 8 – 11 year olds

Help from trained staff

Absolutely Free

Drop – in sessions



Wildlife Club

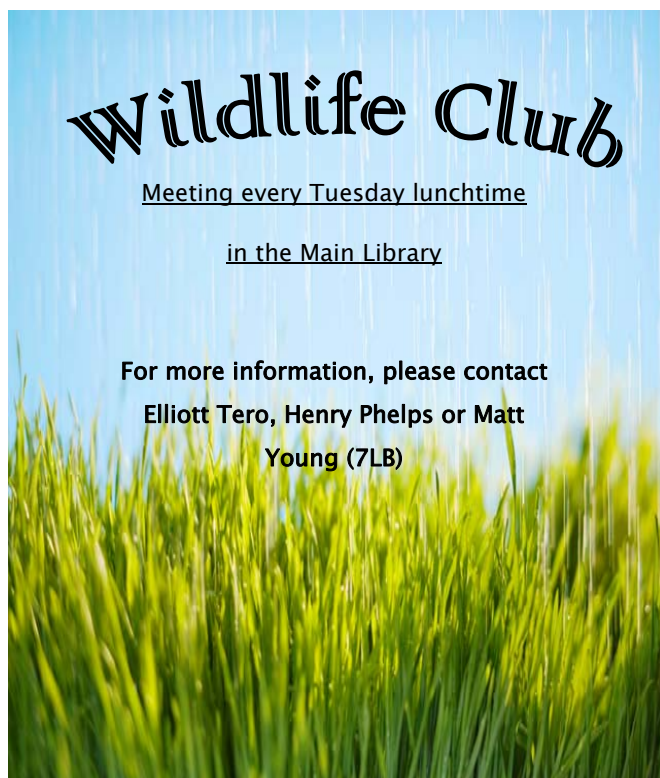
Meeting every Tuesday lunchtime

in the Main Library

For more information, please contact

Elliott Tero, Henry Phelps or Matt

Young (7LB)



Quiz in the Library



Before the Christmas holiday, Miss Finney and her team of student librarians hosted a quiz for all years to take part in. The event went very smoothly with many students from all years joining in the fun.

With questions based around Christmas as well as general knowledge, students answered in teams with the only regulation being that teams needed to be made up of four students with one member of staff!

It was an enjoyable lunchtime with much hilarity and laughter.

A big thank you to Mrs. Lea, who took to the microphone as compare and Mrs. Hudson, for helping with marking the papers. Congratulations to the winning team, 'Da Hevs' made up of a few Sixth Formers with English teacher, Mr. Heather.

We hope to make the Christmas Quiz an annual event due to its popularity! Well done to everyone who took part.

Phones for Heroes



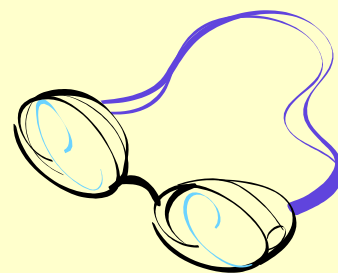
The Phones for Heroes appeal has been set up with the aim of supporting the charity Help for Heroes. In the UK, millions of unwanted mobile phones lie forgotten and unused in offices and homes around the country.

We hope through the Phones for Heroes appeal to encourage people to dig out these unwanted phones and donate them. Funds are generated by collecting donated mobile phones and refurbishing and reselling them where possible. For every reusable and recycled phone Help for Heroes receives 60% of the proceeds after allowing for collection, delivery and ancillary expenses.

The funds generated by the appeal go directly to Help for Heroes to aid the tremendous work being done to provide practical, direct support to our servicemen and women injured in the service of their country.

By donating your unwanted mobile phone you are not only helping heroes but also the environment. The Phones for Heroes appeal reuses as many mobile phones as possible in developing countries all over the world. Reuse of products is an essential part of the recycling process. Any mobile phones which are not reusable are recycled in the most environmentally friendly way. Even the postal bags used to collect the phones are recyclable!

Term Time Swimming Lessons



for children aged 3 upwards

Weekdays and Weekend lessons available



Beginners through to Advanced

The Willison Centre, Roade School Sports College, Stratford Roade, Roade, Northants. NN7 2LP.

For more information, telephone 01604 864581 or

email willisoncentre@roadeschool.northants.sch.uk

Year 9 students enter Art Competition

Sixty Year 9 students have submitted artwork to the Northamptonshire Probation Service as part of a creative arts competition. The students produced an excellent body of work in a range of media, exploring their perceptions of crime. The winning entry will receive a prize in the form of vouchers to the value of £125 and the winning school will be notified by post no later than 31st March 2011. Good luck to all entrants!

Contact us!

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01604 864042 before 9am or email

attendance@roadschool.northants.sch.uk



If you have any general comments or
feedback, please contact us at

comments@roadschool.northants.sch.uk

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862125 with your email details

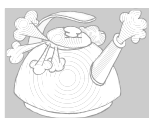
Keep up-to-date with all the latest news on the Road School website:

www.roadschool.northants.sch.uk

PARENT PIT STOP

EVERY **THURSDAY 15:30—17:00**

HELD IN THE REWARDS ROOM, THROUGH THE MAIN SCHOOL
LIBRARY



Drop in for a drink and a chat

We are here to offer support and a listening ear for parents,
grandparents and carers of students at Road School Sports
College

Contact:

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D. Norton— dnorton@roadschool.northants.sch.uk

R. Patel— rpatel@roadschool.northants.sch.uk

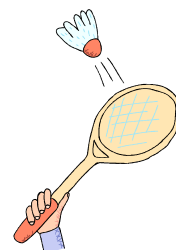
Tel: 01604 862125 (ext: 145)

BREAKFAST CLUB

Term 3

Monday - Friday

8.00 – 8.25 a.m.



Badminton & Basketball

All years welcome!

This is for students who get into school early and would like
to play sport before school starts

First come first serve basis

All students must:

Register their names with a leader

Remove shoes and socks or bring indoor trainers.

Remove ties and blazers before playing

Please note:

No food is to be eaten within the Redmond hall and all
equipment must be put away by 8.25 a.m.