



MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR VICE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our May newsletter.

It's been another exciting month at Nova. We had a collection of moon rocks at the school for scholars and staff to look at. The Easter Bake Off Competition, which was a great success, and an update from Aquila House about what they have been doing in recent weeks. A selection of our Drama scholars recently had a visit from the Prime Theatre who conducted a series of successful workshops with them. Our Year 9 and Key Stage 4 boys' football teams have both had accomplishments, winning their semi-finals. We look forward to cheering them on and supporting them in the upcoming finals.

I have greatly enjoyed visiting classrooms to find out what our scholars are learning about and see them exhibiting scholarship across all subjects. Our Year 11 scholars have been working with drive in the run-up to exams including starting additional Period 6 and 7 lessons on Monday afternoons. This is obviously a very busy time of year for Year 11 scholars, but we know their hard work will pay off when it comes to results. Shortly we will be sharing details of our Y7-10 Best in Everyone 2 assessments which will take place in June.

I hope you enjoy reading through the newsletter and finding out more about life at Nova.

Dan Hudson
Senior Vice Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2022

Wednesday 18th —Headteacher's parent forum

Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June—Half Term

June 2022

Tuesday 14th —Open Morning

Thursday 23rd —Open Morning

Thursday 30th —Catalyst Information Evening

Thursday 16th —New Parents' Information Evening

Wednesday 22nd —Headteachers' parent forum

For more information visit









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THE BEST IN EVERYONE ASSESSMENTS



EPRAISE LEAGUE TABLE

EPRAISE TOP STUDENTS APRIL

	Total points	Attendance
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
4th		



THE WORLD AROUND US

Responses from last term:

How many festivals and celebrations do you know about?



Nova
Votes

Drive * Integrity * Scholarship * Contribution

Each week in the World Around Us, tutor groups talk through a new topic based on what is happening in the world and around school. At the end of each discussion, scholars are invited to vote based on their own opinion. Each new week starts with a discussion of the previous week's results.

The World Around Us covers a variety of topics.

Here is a list of topics and questions discussed in tutor sessions so far in term 3. Term 4 will continue with these vital discussions and student/tutor votes and comments will feature on the Big Screen's mini screens around the school.

Responses from last term:

How many festivals and celebrations do you know about?

Festivals and celebrations can increase the sense of community, we feel that as a school we don't do enough to celebrate other cultures and our main source of information comes from the internet. (10-6)

Nowruz, Chinese New Years day, Burns night, ST Patrick's day and St George's, Thanksgiving (7-6)

We have a parent and scholar who is pagan, so discussed Pagan festivals and the cross over with Pagan and British Christian traditions. We have a scholar beginning Ramadan tomorrow, Ramadan Mubarak!

Although some scholars are aware of different festivals, many weren't. We would like to find out more about these festivals and maybe incorporate some celebrations into the school calendar if possible? It would be great to understand more about different cultures and religions by joining in with their celebrations. (8-1)

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



We are proud of ...

Selin – Cygnus 5

One Year 10 scholar is aiming for international success and has set her sights on Wimbledon.

Selin's passion for tennis sees her play three or four times a week and she has achieved over 20 medals for her sport. Before moving to the UK three years ago, Selin attended a tennis academy in Turkey from the age of 7, where she combined her studies with tennis for six hours a day. She is completely dedicated to her sport and takes every opportunity to compete and improve her ranking. Selin has competed at the National Tennis Centre in London and came 2nd in the U18s competition in 2021. Selin's long term goal is to compete at Wimbledon and she is planning to join a tennis academy in Bath or London to fulfil her ambition. We'll be watching her success with pride.



“Selin is a hardworking scholar and with her fantastic attitude and positivity she’s destined to go far.”

Mr Wilkinson,
PE teacher

AQUILA HOUSE UPDATE



Aquila have had some great successes recently, with an amazing win of the university challenge last term earning us the lovely trophy photographed here with its green ribbons.

As well as winning university challenge we have had some luck in the Friday competitions too - winning the Year 8 Pictionary and coming in a very close second in last week's year 7 Giant Jenga.

Hopefully year 8 will continue their winning streak this week with giant connect four.

Miss Dominy

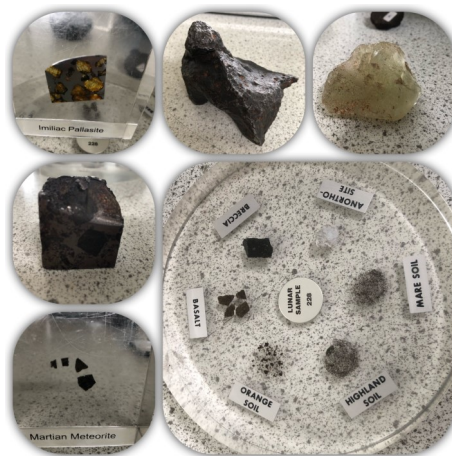
Head of Aquila House



THE MOON ARRIVES AT NOVA

Between 1969 and 1972, six manned Apollo missions successfully landed on the Moon, allowing the astronauts to collect samples and bring them back to Earth for study. Together with a range of meteorites, tektites and fossils, they are made available for schools to loan through the Science and Technology Facilities Council.

The rocks arrived at Nova last week and created a real buzz around in the science wing, with both scholars and staff being fascinated by the contents. Some of the samples have been preserved in acrylic disks and are highly valuable due to their rarity, as it's not that easy to replace surface samples from the original Apollo moon landings or samples of meteorites that have struck the Earth's surface after travelling through space. One of the meteorites was over 5,000 years old and had travelled through deep space before impacting Earth in Argentina whilst another had originated from Mars! Scholars and staff enjoyed the opportunity to find out more about these special objects and some great discussions were had.



EASTER BAKE-OFF

The annual Pegasus House Easter Bake-off took place at the end of term. There were some incredible entries from both staff and students and we really were hugely impressed by the high standards.

The job of judging the competition fell to Mr Foster, who had the difficult task of marking them all on their presentation and flavour. There were so many entries that he had a difficult time trying them all out but he really “stepped up to the plate” to carry out his job!

After tasting all the cakes, Mr Foster declared the winner of the staff category as Mrs Sweeney, and the winner in the student category was Abigail in Year 8.

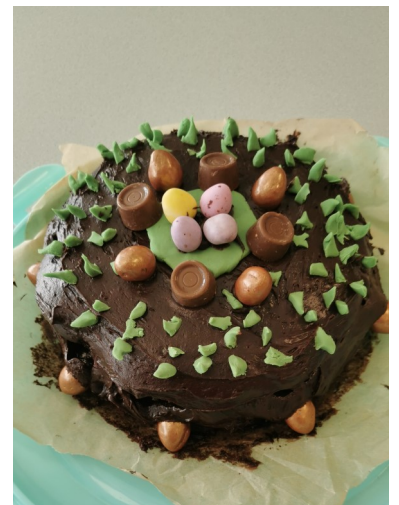
All the cakes were sliced up and sold in the atrium at lunchtime, with the proceeds donated to the Pegasus House charities. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who entered the competition or donated to charity by buying cake.



Staff entries



Student entries



“The Easter bake off was fun to watch as we were all able to see it and we could get some cakes for a charity donation, which came to £107.”

Emma, Aquila 2

LIBRARY COMPETITION

Since January the library has been running a competition to see how many books students can read over the course of two terms. To take part students had to take books out from the Library and then submit a review to Mrs Shurley once they had read each book.

We are pleased to announce the winner of the competition is Umer in year 7 who has read an incredible 17 books. Well done Umer and thank you to everyone who took part.



WANTED STUDENT LIBRARIANS

**We are recruiting for Student Librarians
in year groups 7 to 9**

Students will be required to help out twice a week during break or lunch time.

Duties will include using the computer to loan books, return books and prepare new books for borrowing. Other duties will require them to help keep the Library tidy, assist other students with books and help with events.

Training will be given.

If students are interested they need to contact Mrs Shurley via Epraise or visit the Library for more details on how to apply.

SUPERNOVA

Bring a Friend

SUPERNOVA STAR

Name: _____

Club: _____

Friend's name: _____

Thanks for bringing your friend along!

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From next week we are launching the “**Bring a friend**” scheme for Supernova.

Bring a friend to your club and you will receive this yellow card, which you can exchange for chocolate in the Head of Houses office.

This term, we have fantastic clubs on offer, the evenings are lighter, and we are returning to normal in terms of restrictions. So bring a friend to your club and let's have fun!

Mr Griffiths
Head of Music

Supernova Term 5

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
BOXING CLUB MR T. BARKHAM KS BEGINNERS 15:00-15:45 Gym/Sports Hall	KS3 BOOK CLUB MRS SHURLEY LIBRARY 15:40 – 16:40	HREOD HARMONY KS 3 VOCAL GROUP MRS GRIFFITHS GA8 15:40 -16:30	GUITAR CLUB MR SILVESTER GA10 15:40 – 16:45
	CHOIR MRS GRIFFITHS GA8 YEAR 7 15:40-16:45	ORCHESTRA MR GRIFFITHS GA10 15:40-16:30	KS3 BAND CLUB MR GRIFFITHS YEAR 9 GA8 15:40-16:30
	CREATIVE WRITING CLUB MS T WEEKS Fd2, 15:40-16.30	ATHLETICS MR WILKINSON, MR STEVENS, MRS MASON AND MS PARSONS 15:35-16:30	DRAMA CLUB MR MULLINGS GA1 15:40 – 16:30
	YEAR 7 AND 8 CRICKET AST MR. STEVENS 15:35-16:30	FREEQUALITY CLUB MS PREECE 15:40 – 16:30	
	GIRLS ROUNDEERS MRS MASON AND MS PARSONS ALL YEARS 15:35-16:30	YEAR 9 HISTORY FILM CLUB WEDNESDAY MISS E BURMAN FE3 15:35-16:30	
		MEDIA CLUB MS V. EVANS YEAR 10 AND 11 SB9 15:40-16:30	

THE PLACE WE CALL HOME

POETRY COMPETITION

**WRITE A POEM BASED ON THE THEME
YOU HAVE BEEN STUDYING IN
ENGLISH**

Y7 - WAR AND CONFLICT

Y8 - SOCIAL JUSTICE

Y9 - RELATIONSHIPS AND IDENTITY

SEND ENTRIES TO MISS UNSWORTH

BY MONDAY 6TH JUNE

SEND NEWS SPLASH

ISSUE ONE HUNDRED AND
EIGHTEEN
25TH APRIL 2022

SENCo Clinics

SENCo Clinics are designated slots for SENCo's with the EHCP coordinators to discuss queries you may have. The coordinator will give you a Microsoft Teams call or phone call, depending on which one you prefer, to discuss the query you have. We recommend if you want to speak about more than 1 child or young person (CYP), to book one slot per child.

When do they run?

North, South and Preparation for Adulthood (PFA) hub SENCO Clinics run every Wednesday, 3-5pm. These are for CYP with EHCP's – it doesn't matter if you do not know which hub your educational setting falls into, once you provide the correct information to us, we can work this out and book you in accordingly! Click on the link '[Meet the SEND Service](#)' to see what hub your educational setting falls under if you know who your EHCP Coordinator is.

Assessment hub SENCO Clinics run every fortnight 3-5pm and are designated slot with an EHCP Coordinator in the assessment hub. This is done on a rotational basis and there to provide advice and support relating to statutory assessments. The assessment hub SENCO Clinic have the following dates left of the academic year:

- 04/05/2022
- 18/05/2022
- 01/06/2022
- 15/06/2022
- 29/06/2022
- 13/07/2022
- 27/07/2022
- 10/08/2022

How do I book in and what information does the SEND Service need to book you into a SENCO Clinic?

Email: SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk with the subject "SENCO CLINIC" to ensure it can be identified and actioned as soon as possible. We need the following information below to allow the EHCP Coordinator to prepare before the meeting and provide you with the best support possible.

- Name and best contact number (if you prefer a TEAMS call please state this)
- Educational setting you are from
- Child/young person(s) you wish to discuss
- What you wish to discuss/reason for SENCO clinic
- Your preferred time or availability for the SENCO clinic slot(s)

Once we have this information we can book you in with the correct EHCP Coordinator, this is also the same criteria we need for assessment hub SENCO clinics.



Swindon SEND Families Voice win big at the Swindon Pride Awards 2022

Congratulations to Swindon SEND Families Voice for winning at the 2022 Swindon Pride Awards.

The awards, first made in 2008, recognise people and teams who go above and beyond to make their community a better place.

Swindon Communities Together Consultation

Tuesday 26th April is the final day of consultation.

Please have your say on Swindon Borough Council's plans to transform our family centres and other community facilities into Family Hubs. Complete our [Swindon Communities Together survey](#).

The Big Haydon Wick Jubilee Lunch

Thursday 2nd June, 12.00pm - 5.00pm at King George V Field



It's Competition Time!

Fancy Dress Competition, with amazing prizes to be won for the following categories:

- Best King or Queen Fancy dress (youth)
 - Best Royal Family (family)
- The Best Dressed Queen Elizabeth (adults)



A reminder that we are now using Epraise for all communication to parents.

Please REMOVE the School Gateway app and DOWNLOAD the Epraise app, and contact us if you need any help. Thank you.

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way to communicate with us.**



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We look forward to hearing from you!

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



HEADTEACHER'S PARENT FORUM

WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY

6PM



Open Mornings

Tuesday 14th June 2022
Thursday 23rd June 2022
9-11am

Catalyst STEM Stream

Open Morning

Thursday 23rd June 2022
11am-12pm

register online at www.novahreodacademy.org.uk

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