



NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

Sports Days

On Tuesday our **Key Stage 2 Sports Day** took place, with years 3 and 4 in the morning and 5 and 6 in the afternoon. The atmosphere was great (thank you so much if you came along to support), the sun shone (a bit) and the children loved it!



I would like to thank Sonia and the PTA helpers for providing and serving refreshments for the children, our work experience students who helped with the group activities and our Year 6 helpers who were absolutely brilliant in the morning, guiding, coaching and encouraging the younger children expertly.

A lot of organisation went into making the day a success and, with help to set up and pack away from Mrs Mathias, Mr Potter and Mr Commander, Mr Rogers did a fantastic job of planning, co-ordinating and running the day. Thank you Mr Rogers!

On Wednesday we were all set up for the **Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day** when we were faced with persistent rain in the morning and a forecast for it to continue into the afternoon. By lunchtime the grass was too wet to safely go ahead and we were left with no choice but to cancel. Of course, by 3.30 the sun was shining again which gave a slightly distorted view of just how grotty the weather had been for the first four hours of the day!

The downside of not having our own field to use is that it is very difficult to book an alternative date so instead the teachers will aim to fit in a playground sports event between now and the end of term so the children get a chance to do some of the events they missed on Wednesday.

Sing Up with Pride

On Friday of next week (12th July), to coincide with Bristol Pride, we will be holding our own celebration of love and individuality. Children are invited to wear rainbow colours for the day and we will be walking the year 1 and 2 children down to Myrtle in the morning for our annual Sing Up event.

During the event I will talk to the children about the importance of being proud of who we are, how we look and who we love, and we will sing a selection of songs that the children have been practicing. These chances to come together as (almost) a whole school are so valuable and after the singing, all of the children will go outside for a playtime together before years 1 and 2 walk back up to Merrywood for about 11 o'clock.

Mobile Phone Reminder

If your child has a mobile phone for their journey to and from school, I would be grateful if you would remind them that phones are not to be used after they enter the school site. We are having to remind different children most mornings. Thank you for your help.

Engineer Needed!

Year 5 (2024-2025) are looking for structural engineers to come in and talk to our children about how to build structures such as bridges and skyscrapers.

We are hoping that this will help the children develop an understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures and aid their understanding of mechanical systems [for example, gears, pulleys and levers].

If you, or someone you know, would be able to help we would be really grateful if you could drop us a line via the office.

Many thanks,

Year 5

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Last week we were visited by Bristol Libraries to tell the children all about the Summer reading Challenge 2024. They asked us to share this information with you:

We're so excited to reveal that the theme for this year's #SummerReadingChallenge is Marvellous Makers! Developed in partnership with [Create](#) a leading charity bringing the creative arts to those who need it most, this year's Challenge aims to fire up children's imaginations and unleash storytelling and creativity through the power of reading.

The annual Challenge is delivered in partnership with public libraries, and it's free to take part. From June to September, children taking part in 'Marvellous Makers' can

discover new stories and explore their creativity – from junk modelling to craft to drawing and painting.

How to take part

Children can join at the library from Saturday 6th July.

To take part in the library, simply pick up a free folder, collect stickers and then read at least 6 library books. At the end the reward is a brilliant Summer Reading Challenge medal!

Children & families can also take part online.

To take part online go to summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/ where children create their own profile with the assistance of an adult. Children are encouraged to read library books, digital eBooks and listen to eAudio books. With fun digital activities, digital badges & a downloadable certificate when they finish.

Find us on Twitter @BristolLibrary, Instagram BristolLibraries and Facebook Bristol Libraries.

Mrs Charnock

Last week I wrote to let you know that we will be sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Charnock at the end of the year. I also mentioned that I would be sharing a little more of her future plans and so today I wanted to share with you that one of Mrs Charnock's (aka Amy Woodcock) future plans is offering private tutoring. Her details are here:



Amy Woodcock

Primary School Tutoring

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[tutoring.by.amy.2024](https://www.facebook.com/tutoring.by.amy.2024)



- Primary school teacher
- 14+ years of teaching
- SEND and SEMH specialist
- Maths and English tutoring
- Emotional literacy and confidence building
- 1:1 Sessions available from £30 an hour
- Enquire for group sessions

This is not a formal endorsement or partnership, however if you or someone you know is looking for a tutor please do get in touch with Amy through the details in the image. As we know, she is a very experienced, skillful and caring teacher.

Lucas Fundraiser

A few weeks ago I was delighted to be able to share that our very own Lucas Ball has been selected to represent GB at the Youth World Kickboxing Championships in Hungary.

This is a fantastic achievement and promises to be an amazing experience and he is now actively raising money to help fund the trip, including completing a mini triathlon on August the 18th.

If you would like to sponsor him, his Go Fund Me page is here:

<https://gofund.me/68beb7fb>

Doug Allan

You will remember that in the Spring term, Doug Allan (International wildfire photographer and new found friend of the school) generously gave two days of his time to talk to the children about his many adventures.

He was extremely inspiring and so I wanted to share that Doug will be at St George's, Bristol, on 28th October with a new show, looking back on his 35 year career and sharing the highs and lows.

Tickets are available here <https://www.stgeorgesbristol.co.uk/whats-on/doug-allan/>

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman