



Upcoming Events

- 11/03 – Girl's Football
St Marychurch (H)
- 12/03 – Yr 5/6 Football
Priory (H)
- 15/03 – Open Classroom (Yr6)
- 20/03 – Book Fair arrives
- 25/03 – Bikeability
- 25/03 – Parent's Evening
- 27/03 – Parent's Evening
- 28/03 – Yr 5/6 Football
St Marychurch (A)
- 01,03,04 April - The Lion King
- 03/04 – Book Fair Leaves
- 04/04 – Yr 3 Kents Cavern
- 05/04 – Yr 3 Kents Cavern
- 05/04 – END OF TERM**
- SUMMER TERM:**
- 23/04 – BACK TO SCHOOL**
- 29/04 to 03/05 –
Yr 4 Bristol Residential
- 13/05 to 17/05 –
Yr 3 Pixies Holt Residential
- 24/05 – FOSV May Fair

School Clubs

- Mon:** Yr 5/6 Girl's Football
- Tues:** Yr 5/6 Boy's Football
Yr 5/6 Netball Club
STEM Club
- Weds:** No clubs
- Thurs:** Yr 3/4 Boy's Football
Homework Club (KS2)
The Lion King
- Fri:** Yr 2 Football Club

Deputy Headteacher News

Over the last few weeks, I have seen things going on around the school that make me realise just what a special place this is - and how fortunate I am to work here.

Over the Half-Term Holidays, the Main Hall has started to transform into "Pride Rock" - in readiness for our annual extravaganza, this year: Lion King Jr. Mr Flintham, Mr Elmer and Mr Bradbury have been hard at work with rehearsals, while Miss Houghton and Mrs Mitchell are working on scenery, props and all the other "behind the scenes" things. The children in the show are getting really excited and I know it will be as spectacular as always. If you would like to come and watch, please ask for details in the School Office.

I have also had a number of occasions this week with teachers who are running our residential visits, as they are finalising plans. As you know, we offer Year 3 children the chance to go to Pixies' Holt on Dartmoor; Year 4 a couple of days in "God's Favourite City" - Bristol; Year 5 a sporting week at Ashbury Manor and Year 6 a full week in France - this year coinciding with the 75th Anniversary of D-Day on 6th June. I wonder how many other schools offer such fantastic opportunities.

On Tuesday this week, I took two Quiz Club Teams to the regional Heat in Bristol. They were asked some really tricky questions - and the children knew many answers to questions that the parents would have struggled with. Our A Team did amazingly well - and finished a considerable distance ahead of their competitors. They will now go to the Regional Final, and if they win that, will progress to the National Final in the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square.

We have also seen our Athletics Squad travel to Plymouth for the County Indoor Athletics Championships. Competing against the very best teams from across Devon, they came a very creditable 4th - missing out on a medal by just a few points.

The football teams have also been busy recently. The Year 5/6 Boys' Team are currently top of their league and progressing in several cups. Two weeks ago I stood in for Mr Briant and took the squad to Oxford representing TUFUFC in the South-West Regional Finals. The boys won 5, drew 2 and lost just once and now go on to the Southern Final - apparently just 3 games away from playing at Wembley and the Year 3/4 Boys' Team are also top of their league. The Year 5/6 Girls' are currently mid-table. They are keeping loads of clean sheets - having conceded just 2 goals all season - but are finding scoring themselves just as tricky!!!

The children in our school are so lucky to have the chance to take part in so many things - and as a school we are so proud of the way they embrace every opportunity, showing dedication, commitment, competitiveness and fair play. I would like to thank them - and the staff who give up so much time to make these things happen.

Mr Kingston, Deputy Headteacher

Behaviour in school:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children for their hard work and excellent behaviour over the last few weeks since we reinforced our approach to this in school. We have asked the children (and staff) to do things differently which isn't always easy but they have responded superbly, feeding back what they have found to be improvements as well as things they would like to change in future which we are now looking at.

Their thoughtful and responsible attitude to the changes has been an example to us all. Well done! **Mrs Keller**

Netball Team

On Monday we took two teams to a Netball Tournament at Paignton Community and Sport's College. Both teams were an absolute credit to our school as they displayed excellent sportsmanship and determination throughout all 11 matches!

The A team were particularly successful, winning the tournament and progressing to The Devon Winter Games on March 28th and the B team performed really well coming in 12th overall. You all made us extremely proud!

We'd also like to say a special thank you to Tamsin Tully for helping us at the event and throughout the term!

Mrs Waller and Mrs Bryan

Rainbows

As hopefully you have seen in previous newsletters we run the Rainbows programme in school to help children who are grieving a loss through a death, divorce, separation or any other painful transition in their lives. It provides a safe setting in which children can talk through their feelings with peers, who are experiencing similar situations.

Who is it for? In school we run groups for children from Reception through to year 6 and children are grouped according to their age and need but at the moment we have some spaces in our groups for children in **Years 5 and 6**. The groups have proved to be incredibly helpful for the children who have attended them so far so if your child is going through or has experienced something like this which they may benefit from talking about please contact the School Office or your child's class teacher.

Doodle Maths - update

We've got some amazing streaks going on Doodle Maths at the moment with some children making it over the 100 mark during the Half Term break – well done to all of the children who've been using Doodle Maths regularly, using the app often is proven to increase children's ability to solve maths problems and we are really starting to see the benefit of this in their work in school.

The best streaks in classes so far are: Bella in 1J (112), Noah in 1V (103), Jacob in 1W (108), Tamarra in 2F (111), Freya in 2F (105), Victor in 2M (109), and Russell in 3J (112).

Well done on your amazing work! **Mrs Aplin**

World Book Day

The children had a brilliant World Book Day yesterday – there were some fantastic costumes on show (by children and members of staff) and the children got involved with lots of fun activities around school.

We also had the Extreme Reading competition which we had lots of great entries for, the winners were: Little Valley: Mila, Nursery: Emeline, Reception: Jaxen (RJ), Year 1: Joseph (1V), Year 2: Jasmine (2M), Year 3: Ryan (3L), Year 4: Chloe (4SB), Year 5: Owen (5N), Year 6: Louis (6A).

Thank you for all of your hard work getting costumes together – it was an excellent day that the children all thoroughly enjoyed. There are far too many pictures to include here so we are hoping to get a gallery on the website where you can see the magnificent range of outfits we saw yesterday. **Mr Witchell**

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