



# NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

## Myrtle Francophone Days

This week our Myrtle children have enjoyed two Francophone days, celebrating French speaking around the world. This year, Madame Turvey arranged for the children to learn African dance in French taught by Omar from Senegal in West Africa. The children's listening and understanding was brilliant. Everyone had a go, and the dancing was amazing!



## Author Visit for year 3 & 4

Thanks to our ongoing partnership with Storysmith Bookshop, children's author Iona Rangeley will be visiting year 3 and 4 on Thursday 29th June to celebrate the publication of the second book in her delightfully warm and funny *Einstein the Penguin* series. If you'd like to order copies of one or both books ahead of the visit you can do so using the link below. Please place your orders by **Wednesday 21st June**. Orders will be taken by Storysmith bookshop, and delivered to the school on the day of the event. There will be an opportunity for copies to be signed by Iona on the day. Please make sure to include your child's name and class in the notes field when purchasing.

Also, a big thank you to Storysmith for gifting our school library a copy of both books for everyone to access!

<https://storysmithbooks.com/rangleysouthville>

## Eco Club Report

*We had another great session at Eco Club this week. We made our bee hotel (with bamboo, recycled tins, and a hand-built frame) to attract solitary bees, like leaf cutter and mason bees, and hung it on the orchard fence. It has a growing sedum roof which we planted up - separating the rosettes to make more of a mat. The group checked on the bird feeders and made sure they were dry and filled up. And they planted sunflower seeds to nurture at home, which they will hopefully plant at school at some point.*



### **We are looking for parent volunteers!**

We are looking for keen parent volunteers to help run our KS1 Eco Club, following its successful launch this week. It takes place on Mondays at lunchtime between **12.00 - 12.30**. All the current helpers are Year 2 parents who will transition to Myrtle in September, and we would love to keep it going into the next academic year up at Merrywood. Thank you again to all the parents who currently help out - you are doing an amazing job inspiring our children!

### **This Week's Assembly Theme**

This week, Mr Potter led assemblies on both sites all about the impact of our words and the importance of choosing them carefully. He explored how our words impact upon others, either positively or negatively, and how what we say also tells other people a lot about the person we are.

They finished with the following: "Be careful with your words. Once they are said, they can only be forgiven, not forgotten".

### **Sing Up with Pride!**

As you may be aware, June is Pride Month, with Bristol Pride Day taking place on Saturday 8th July.

As last year, we will be using the songs from National Sing-Up Day as a focal point to come together for our own pride-themed celebration on the afternoon of July 12th. Year 1 and 2 children will walk down to Myrtle immediately after lunch and we will sing together before enjoying an (almost) whole school playtime.

Tying in with our values of Connection (understand your story) and Courage (know your superpower), between the songs we will be talking about being proud of who we are, how we look and who we love and the children are invited and encouraged to wear rainbow colours for the day.

### **Maths Challengers**

Well done to the Year 6 team who took part in the 'Maths Challenge Day' at Clifton College this week. They came third out of thirteen schools which is a superb achievement! Most importantly, they all had a lot of fun and represented their school impeccably.



### **Cricket Superstars**

Our Year 6 cricketers took part in the Ashton Park Sports Partnership Cricket Event this week and put on a great performance. So great in fact that on Tuesday they will be taking part in the Regional Finals in Bridgewater! Watch this space for a full report on a brilliant couple of weeks of cricket!

### **Kitchen Standards Award**

Yesterday an inspection was carried out of our Merrywood kitchen by Bristol City Council's Food Safety Officer. I am delighted to share with you that we were awarded a 5\* rating for "Food Safety and Hygiene standards". Thank you to Kerri and her amazing team for doing a brilliant job across both sites.

### **Next Year's Classes**

There is lots of thought and planning going into the children's transition into their new classes. Year 2 visits to Myrtle are already underway, and we are introducing information books for all year groups this year which you will receive on 'Shuffle Up Day' on Tuesday 11th July. We are also putting the final touches to the staffing plan and we will share who your child's new teacher will be on 6th July, or sooner if we are able to.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman