



# NEWSLETTER

**Happy Friday!**

## **Year 5 Camp**

As I write we are waiting for the coach to arrive back at school with Lemur class on board, whilst Lion and Leopards returned on Wednesday. This two night camp is to a beautiful place called Magdelan Farm and the children have come home exhausted but having had a great time.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of the staff who have given their time to be with the children, caring for them and helping them to navigate the challenges and joys that these trips bring in order to build memories that will last a lifetime: Miss Edwards, Ms Hargreaves, Ms Poole, Mrs Moody, Miss Murphy, Miss Herrera, Ms Darwell and of course Mrs Mathias who was trip leader and put a huge amount of time into the preparation. I am extremely grateful to all of them for going above and beyond in this way.

If you are lucky enough to call one of our year 5 children your own, I hope they have had a fantastic time and I have no doubt they will sleep well this weekend!

## **Parents' Evening**

If you haven't already done so, please book in to see your child's teacher at parents' evening, coming up immediately after the holiday during the week beginning 15th April. If you are having problems accessing the booking, please contact the school office.

## **Southfest**

It has been another great Southfest week, with the wall of words completed at Merrywood and Key Stage 2 children picking up their paint brushes and designing the words for the second wall at Myrtle. The week started with Ben Van Praag introducing the project to the Key Stage 2 children in assembly and workshops in each class have led to some fantastic word art which Ben has now begun to outline onto the chosen wall at Myrtle ready for some of the children to paint next week. Oli T, who was due to paint in the Year 3/4 corridor has unfortunately been unwell and unable to join us and we are delighted that Ben, an experienced and excellent street artist in his own right, has agreed to stand in and is creating a piece for us based on the original suggestions the children made for Oli.

Meanwhile, Edzo is getting close to completing his masterpiece and the Pupil Leadership Team even got involved too, decorating the new dance stage with their own freestyle designs...



Unfortunately, Farrah Fortnam has not been able to return to Merrywood to work on her second mural and this will hopefully now take place during the Easter holiday or if not soon afterwards. Once it is completed we will be taking the KS2 children up to see all of the artwork at Merrywood, whilst early next week, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be visiting Myrtle with their classes to see the Myrtle artwork for themselves.

### **Southfest Open Afternoon**

As Southfest draws to a close, I wanted to draw your attention to the arrangements for the open afternoon next week.

In planning this, I want to reassure you that we have put in place a thorough risk assessment and the movement of all visitors will be fully supervised and a designated route followed.

The open afternoon will begin at 1.30 and entrances to the sites will be through the large main gate at Merrywood and the orchard gate by the carpark at Myrtle. Between 1.30 and the end of the school day, all visitors will be required to sign in at these points. After school has finished, if you would like to visit with your child, please collect them in the usual way and then keep them with you to visit the art. At Myrtle, if you usually collect from the MUGA we would like you to collect your child by the gate and then enter via the path by the carpark so that we can ensure the children are all accounted for. The open afternoon will end at 4.30.

At Merrywood we have two pieces created by Jemma Bursnell in the entrance corridor, and then the University of Bath celebration of languages in the form of our community wall of words in the hall. At Myrtle, where there were numerous blank walls, we have the pieces by Farrah Fortnam, Venessa Scott, Andy Council, Tom Hodgkinson, Ben Van Praag and Edzo, as well as the Bath University wall of words which we are anticipating will be well on the way to completion at that point.

Southfest has only been possible thanks to the generous support of the PTA and by funding this they/ you have given the children a fantastic experience over the last few weeks and have left the school with a lasting legacy. I am delighted then that members of the PTA will be with us for the open afternoon, selling refreshments and welcoming you to what I hope is a really enjoyable, relaxed and inspiring visit.

Several of the artists are planning on coming along too and it would be great to see you there to celebrate the truly unique and inspirational artwork with us if you are able to make it.

Now, here is some more sporting news from Harry Rogers...

### **Basketball Flyers Cup Finals**

Continuing on from the success of our basketballers in Term 2, our Year 6 team were invited to take part in the annual Bristol Flyers Basketball Cup in association with Bristol Sport to celebrate the success of all the talented basketball teams across the Bristol area. The team took part in a competitive league of very intense and fast-paced matches across the morning and it was a joy to watch as the children showcased exceptional basketball skills at an extremely high level for this age range. Our final result was a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish, which is a fantastic achievement out of the 19 schools who were involved in the competition. But that was not all. As a result of our team demonstrating that fantastic 'Southville spirit', we were also awarded the 'Fair Play Award' for excellent sporting behaviour and positivity towards one another and towards



other teams as well. On top of that, Ned and Leo from Team Southville were also awarded a 'golden ticket' for their fantastic basketball skills on display and were invited back for an additional coaching session with the Flyers and last but not least, our very own Freyja was awarded the MVP (most valuable player) for the entire tournament for her superb performances and clinical presence at the hoop to put the cherry on top of a fantastic basketball event for all those involved!



### **Clifton High Year 4 Football Tournament**

Our very talented Year 4 football team had a lovely little afternoon out on Monday, as they took part in a Bristol Schools Football Tournament hosted by Clifton High. The team took part in a group stage, where they secured 2 wins and a draw to earn themselves top spot in the group and therefore qualify for the semi-finals. This match was a very tight affair and unfortunately, we were on the wrong side of a 1-0 defeat, which meant we would now compete in a 3<sup>rd</sup> place play-off. Labelled as 'game of the tournament' for its number of goals and end to end franticness, the team managed to come out on top 5-3 winners and secure a bronze certificate for their efforts. A special mention to Isaac and Gilbie who both scored goals in the play-off match, which could only be described in footballing terms as 'screamers'!



### **Year 5/6 APSP Football League**

Over the past 3 weeks, our Year 5 and 6 girls have been taking part in competitive football leagues, hosted by Ashton Park Secondary School. It was great to see so many of our children getting fully into the 'footy' spirit as they played a number of matches against a wide range of schools across South Bristol. Well done to all of the 45 girls that took part over the term and it is always a pleasure to see so many of our children take part in these kind of events. Unfortunately, our competitive team missed out by 1 point in making it through to finals day, but let that take nothing away from the brilliant talent that was on display from our girls throughout. Despite not conceding a single goal in the final 2 weeks, the team just fell short on this occasion, but hopefully this event has inspired many children to continue with their footballing journeys as they go into secondary school and beyond!





Next week, our Year 4 and Year 6 competitive teams will be taking part in finals day at the Imperial Sports Ground, with the hope of walking away with a shiny set of medals to add to the collection of our ever-growing sporting success so far this year.

That's it from me. Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman