



# Southville Primary School Newsletter



4th March 2022



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## Happy Friday!

**Our New Libraries Are Open!** The sun shone and there was a buzz across the school this morning as we opened our new libraries at Merrywood and Myrtle. The ceremonies were live-streamed into every classroom so that the children could join the fun and we were treated to live poetry reading with poems written by Lily, Lois and Frank on the theme 'The Magic of Books'. Lots of children had entered this half term poetry competition and most of them were able to join us as representatives of the children across the school.

We were also joined by members of the PTA, representing our parent community. Their presence was especially important because these projects would not have been possible without the fantastic fundraising effort that has gone into them. Thank you to everyone who has organised or attended an event. To raise this amount of money, particularly through the challenge of the pandemic, is an incredible feat. I would also like to thank the PTA volunteers who have given up hours and hours to sort our old and new books, move them into the new spaces and stock the shelves. Your time and enthusiasm have been invaluable - thank you!

And finally, I have to acknowledge the incredible work that our Business Manager Mrs Flaecher has done in managing this project from start to finish. From our first conversation about this last Spring, she was always aiming to be able to open the libraries in the week of World Book Day and it's fair to say she nailed it! Thank you Savi!

Lily, Lois and Frank cut the ribbons and children (and staff) have enjoyed their first visit to their new library today. The first of many visits, for many children, for many years to come!

**Early Years Disco...** Our Beginners Ball kicked off 'Disco Season' (if that's a thing) yesterday evening. The turnout was amazing, with just under 80 children coming along for fun, dancing, and that special clammy sweating that you only seem to get at discos. Thank you again to Helen and the PTA helpers who made the event such a success.

**World Book Day...** was brilliant fun! Thank you for your help with making costumes (there were some brilliant creative ideas) and thank you to the Reading Team for organising the day.

**Parents Evenings...** We are really looking forward to welcoming you back for the return of face-to-face parents evenings in the last week of this term. We will be writing very soon with more information, but there will be a 10 minute meeting slot per child, bookable online, and in addition there will be a chance for you to look at your child's books.

What a week! Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

**Job opportunities...** The school has vacancies for an SMSA and a Kitchen Assistant currently advertised on the Eteach website. If you know of anyone who might be interested in either role, please pass the information along.

SMSA (School Meals Supervising Assistant): <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-meals-supervisory-assistant-1216113>

Kitchen Assistant: <https://www.eteach.com/job/kitchen-assistant-1212293>

## Safeguarding

Throughout the school we talk with every child to help them understand that their body belongs to them. It is really important the children understand that they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

To introduce this concept to the children we love to Sing along with Pantosaurus

[Talk PANTS & Join Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC](#)

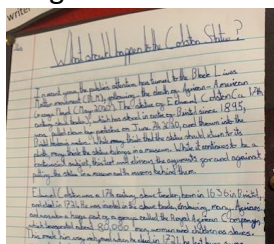
**Learning Support...** Calling all parents and carers: FREE talking books! What better time than World Book Day week to remind you that several websites offer free audio books eg. **RNIB Bookshare, Callibre Audio and Listening Books.**

<https://www.listening-books.org.uk/>

**Healthy Schools...** Please [click here](#) for a Healthy Schools newsletter with suggestions for sandwiches



**This week on Twitter...** It's been a busy week, and here are a few of the highlights. Remember you can get these and more straight to your phone by following us @southville\_prim .



The new Myrtle library...



The new Merrywood library...



**Current Covid Guidance...** Here is a summary of the current Covid guidance:

**ONGOING:** Covid symptoms (persistent cough, temperature, change to smell or taste) must be followed up with a PCR test.

**UPDATED:** A positive PCR result should lead to a 10 day\* isolation period (recommended but no longer legally required).

**UPDATED:** \*Everyone, **regardless of vaccination status**, can end the 10 day isolation period after 5 full days provided they have had two negative lateral flow results 24 hours apart on the 5th and 6th day and do not have a temperature.

**NEW:** Close contacts are no longer being identified and no longer have to test or isolate.

**NEW:** We will no longer be routinely reporting new covid cases to you. However, if absence rates are increasing in part(s) of the school we will liaise with Public Health and of course keep you informed.

From the 1st April, PCR and lateral flow testing will no longer be freely available and we will update you of any resulting changes to the above. The habits of regular handwashing, maintaining good ventilation and thorough cleaning in school will continue indefinitely.



## OPAL play

Looking through the **OPAL window** into our playground. What can you see?



## Merrywood

The children have had a great week playing with the equipment at lunchtime. We have had a number of generous plastic box donations this week that the children continue to use to transport things around the playground, even each other!!

## Myrtle

We have lift off!!!! The children have had a brilliant week building and creating using all the equipment. Another delivery of bark chippings continues to improve the back playground

## Project

We are looking to develop vertical planting systems across the sites to develop our natural environment. If you have any ideas or have practical tips on how we can do this effectively then please get in touch.

## Donations this week

We continue to need natural materials for both sites: planks, logs etc

The children also love to make dens using tarpaulins. If you have any spare ones, in good condition, around your property that you would like to donate then please deliver to Mr Potter



## School Kitchen Corner

Source: [www.thespruceeats.com](http://www.thespruceeats.com)



### **Fun fact**

Our school kitchen always adds hidden fruit and vegetables to our cakes. It's a great way of getting extra nutrition into meals.

Our chocolate shortbread with hidden beetroot is always a huge hit with the children. We make 500 portions of beetroot shortbread in a day! It's delicious and very easy to make, so go ahead and try it at home.

Here is the recipe to make the beetroot shortbread:

### **Ingredients to make 10 portions:**

1. 170g Baking butter
2. 85g Caster sugar
3. 255g Plain flour
4. 15g Low fat cocoa powder
5. 10ml Vanilla essence
6. 2tbsp lightly blended beetroot
7. 5g granulated sugar

### **Preparation:**

1. Cream the butter and sugar
2. Fold in the flour and cocoa on a low spread and add the vanilla and beetroot.
3. Use a 3" cutter, roll out the dough and place the cutter on the shortbread placed on a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake for approximately 10 minutes until lightly coloured. All cooking times depend on your ovens.
4. Sprinkle granulated sugar on top and enjoy!

Let us know how you got on with this recipe by emailing the school.



# Year Group Updates

## Nursery...

It's been a busy week back in the Seahorse class! We've been putting our medical knowledge to the test in our very own class hospital; looking after our friends and caring for the toy babies. It turns out we're a very caring lot!

Nursery Hospital walk-in appointments are available!

This week we have introduced the story The Colour Monster. It's all about a lovely monster who's rather confused with his feelings, so he and his friend sort the different emotions into different coloured jars... blue for sad, yellow for happy etc

Within Nursery we will use this story to help us visualise and name our emotions.

Next week we'll be doing lots of lovely colour monster activities!

## Names on snacks:

Please can ALL snacks have your child's name clearly written on them. The snacks get put into a large basket, ready for group times but the children get very confused over which unnamed snack is theirs, which can lead to wrong snack munching!

Named snacks will ensure the right snack gets to the right mouth! Many thanks.

## Reception...

Dear Families,

This week our focus is 'Deadly Dinosaurs'! We will be learning and writing facts about our favourite carnivore dinosaurs. Our focus book for the week is 'If I Had a Dinosaur' and we will also be reading this to the children.

Each week our children will be accessing resources from our continuous provision. Here are our specific focuses for the next week:

<u>Area of Learning</u>	<u>Week beginning 07.03.22</u>
<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zones of Regulation</li> <li>• PSHE circle times</li> </ul>
<b>Communication and Language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bucket Time - listening and attention circle time</li> <li>• Philosophy Circle Time - Were dinosaurs clever? Why? How do you know?</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PE - Dance</li> </ul>
<b>Literacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus book - If I Had a Dinosaur</li> <li>• Writing - Deadly Dinosaur fact writing</li> <li>• Phonic lesson focuses: New GPCs - <u>air</u>, <u>er</u> New tricky words - are, sure, pure Double letters - bb, <u>rr</u>, gg, dd, pp, ff, <u>tt</u></li> <li>• Reading Practice Sessions</li> </ul>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comparing numbers to 10</li> <li>• Number assessments</li> </ul>
<b>Understanding the World</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RE - Spring</li> <li>• Forest School - Jellyfish Class Friday 11th March</li> </ul>
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music - Charanga - rhythms and songs</li> <li>• PE- Dance</li> </ul>
<b><u>Characteristic of Effective Learning focus</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motivation - being involved and concentrated</li> </ul>



**Rec continued...**

### **World Book Day**

We wanted to say a huge well done and thank you to all the children and parents for some wonderful World Book Day costumes! We had a fantastic day of reading, role play and joining a live illustrating session with Axel Scheffler. We hope the children enjoyed all the activities.

### **Jellyfish Magic Marble treat**

We are pleased to announce that Jellyfish have now received all their marbles! They have chosen a pyjama party and we will be having this on the afternoon of Monday 7th March. Please can children bring in their pyjamas in a named bag and we will get changed after lunchtime. Well done Jellyfish!

### **Staffing**

Mrs Parker will be out of class Friday 11th March for a course with Mrs Holden covering.

## **Year 1...**

### **Forest School**

Badger class had lots of fun at their first Forst School session at Wraxall Piece on Wednesday! They made 'mini Forest Schools', built mud castles and enjoyed looking for minibeasts. They will have their next Forest School session on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to all parents and carers who have volunteered to come along to the three sessions.

### **Bristol Aquarium trip**

Year 1 will be visiting Bristol Aquarium next week:

Monday 7th - Butterfly

Tuesday 8th - Bear

Thursday 10th - Badger

Please ensure you have given consent for your child to attend.

### **Reading diaries**

A reminder to please have your child's reading diary in their school bag/book bag every day to ensure easy communication regarding their new Ebooks each week.

Please make contact with the school if you are having difficulties accessing the ebooks.

### **Year 2...**

Year 2 had lots of fun dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday and sharing their favourite books. It was very exciting seeing the library today too!

### **Bristol Zoo trip**

Thank you for all the parents who have volunteered for our school trip, we will be organising adults shortly and will then let you know who can join us. Flamingo class are short on helpers, so if anyone is available to help on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March please let Ms. Charnock know.

### **Amazon immersive topic**

The children have been given a rainforest animal to become **experts** on in the next couple of weeks. They will be writing a fact file on their chosen animal in class. To get a head start, we have sent home a list of websites where they can do their own research at home. This is optional; however, the extra support would be greatly appreciated as it will really support children in their writing at school.

### **Year 4...**

#### **Peter Pan Performances**

There will be two opportunities for parents to see the Year 4 performance of Peter Pan.

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm in the Myrtle Hall
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm in the Myrtle Hall

Due to the restricted capacity of the hall, tickets will be limited per family. Further details to follow.

#### **Props and scenery Project**

If you would like to help make props and scenery for our show, please sign up via the google form. Thank you so much to those families who have already done this - It is a great help.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15pf38--AL3wf3ERqFbPA3Nj\\_1O9WdTNMdMeTwGDIfiQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15pf38--AL3wf3ERqFbPA3Nj_1O9WdTNMdMeTwGDIfiQ/edit?usp=sharing)

Please continue to encourage the children to practice their lines and the songs. The script, lyrics and backing tracks are all on the google classroom.

#### **PE this term**

Kiwis - Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)  
Kangaroos – Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)  
Koalas – Friday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

### **Year 6...**

Hi Year 6 Parents / Carers

Just a reminder that the window for purchasing SAT revision books has been extended to Monday.

#### **PE this term**

PE will take place on:

- Miss Moore's group - Tuesday and Thursday
- Mr Ellershaw's group - Thursday and Friday.

Please make sure that your child attends school wearing their PE kit on these days.

# GET CAUGHT READING







### Library:

Lots of PTA reps and governors were welcomed to both Merrywood and Myrtle Sites today for the opening of both libraries. The new spaces are amazing, as is the diverse selection of new books. I was especially proud to be part of the opening of the new library building at Myrtle Site today, and would like to thank our previous two PTA Chairs Caroline Bennet-Clarke and Tarniit Khera for all their hard work in fundraising over the past several years to allow this building to be purchased.

Further thanks to all of you who gave up your Saturday or Sunday during half term to support us in stocking the libraries so these would be ready for World Book Day.



**HUGE** thank you to all the parent community for supporting your PTA as this would not be possible without you. Every donation, Christmas tree, hamper contributions, disco tickets, cakes baked etc make a real difference. I would also like to thank again the John Laing Trust for their match funding of £1500, and to Lorenzo Etherington for their donation of £3000- the two libraries now have an amazing collection of new comics!

### Discos:

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Reception Beginners Ball last night- the event could not have run without your help!

What a fantastic first disco, which was attended by nearly the whole of the Reception Year! We appreciate your support for these events.

The next discos will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> March for Y1, Y3 and Y5 – held at Myrtle Site.  
The Y2, Y4 and Y6 disco's will be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> ~March – held at Myrtle Site.

Tickets can be purchased via the PTA Events App or the website:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta>



### Volunteering:

We still need a few helpers at the **Y4** and **Y5** Discos. Please use the volunteering section on the PTA website (link above) or via the App.

### PTA App:

The PTA App can be downloaded on android and iPhone, search for 'PTA EVENTS'.

The organisation code is: **Southvilleprimarypta**

### Upcoming PTA events:

24<sup>th</sup> March- Y1, Y3, Y5 Spring Disco's

31<sup>st</sup> March- Y2, Y4, Y6 Spring Disco's

TBC - Secondhand Uniform Sale

**The next PTA meeting will be held at Myrtle Site on the 22nd March 7.30pm**

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next meeting. We will have a zoom link for you to log on at home if you do not wish to attend in person.

# Community News

## Community fundraising event

*A group of local residents are organising a fundraising event for those fleeing Ukraine.*

*The event will be held at the **South Bank Club** on Dean Lane*

***Sunday 13th March; 2-6pm***

*There will be several excellent ensembles and choirs from around Bristol, performing music with an Eastern European theme.*

*There will be a bar and soft drinks, the hall decorated with a Ukrainian theme, and the garden for extra space.*

*The charity we are raising for is the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).*

## Redcliffe Holiday Club

11th - 22nd April (exc Bank Holidays)



**For 3-8 year olds**

Activities will include:

- Arts & Crafts
- Experimental cookery
- Themed days (bugs, science, film)
- Outdoor water play
- Talent shows and more.....

Sessions & Prices

(per child, per day. £10 reduction per day for 2nd child):

9.00am-3.00pm £40.00

9.00am-5.00pm £50.00

Please provide your child with a packed lunch/tea



To make a booking, please visit our website:  
[www.redcliffenurseryschool.co.uk](http://www.redcliffenurseryschool.co.uk)

Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment

**Redcliffe Nursery School, Spencer House, Ship Lane, BS1 6RR**

**TEL: 0117 9030334**



**RISE Youth Dance.**

We are a Bristol based youth dance company offering dance opportunities to young people 6-25years.

On the 25th/26th March our annual production REACH: New Beginnings will be shared at Trinity Academy School.

It would be fantastic if you were able to help us spread the word and get as many young people there to see other young people their age performing and engaging with Dance. If you were able to put this in our schools newsletter or share the poster that would be great!

**About REACH:**

This year all RISE groups will be performing alongside each other and sharing the same stage, together, for the first time in three years. REACH: New Beginnings will be celebrating us connecting again. We spent a long time dancing from a distance, and now we are on the road to strengthening our connections, our bonds within RISE and moving as one.

Performances are taking place Friday 25th March and Saturday 26th March at Trinity Academy School, BS7 9BY.

**Ticket Link:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reach-new-beginnings-tickets-262474697887>



# NEW PILATES CLASSES



*Come and join us for Pilates on Sunday mornings at Southville Primary School, Myrtle Street. Mixed ability classes for parents at Southville primary.*

Starting on 6<sup>th</sup> March for 5 weeks. Running during term time.

These classes are based on the five core principles of Pilates and are designed to develop core control, strength, flexibility, alignment, coordination and balance.

**Please contact Sarah at [flowpilatesbristol@gmail.com](mailto:flowpilatesbristol@gmail.com) for more details and how to book!**

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# Playing Out

Want to set up a  
Play Street in Bristol?

**FREE Online Info Session**  
**Wed 9th March 7.30pm**

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

**Local Contact:**

**kate**  
**@playingout.net**

Playing Out sessions are temporary road closures to let children play safely and freely in their street. Through traffic is diverted and neighbours supervise resident car access at walking speed. Parents are fully responsible for their own children as normal.

To find out more visit [www.playingout.net](http://www.playingout.net)  
or call 0117 953 7167

# KIDS YOGA COURSE!

MONDAYS WITH RUTH

£36 | 6 WEEKS | STARTING 28 FEB



● Ages 4-7  
3.45-4.30pm

● Ages 8-11  
4.45-5.30pm

**Our Yoga for Kids Course consists of weekly 45 minute classes that are fun, playful and relaxing!**

Kids are introduced to yoga poses through fast and active play and learn to control their breath and consciously focus their mind during age appropriate relaxation exercises. We will also be doing some storytelling and going on journeys far and wide. Please do book on in advance for the term to book your spot.

**BOOK HERE: [TRIKAYOGA.CO.UK  
/PAGES/WORKSHOPS](https://www.trikayoga.co.uk/PAGES/WORKSHOPS)**

*or email: [contact@trikayoga.co.uk](mailto:contact@trikayoga.co.uk)*



**TRIKAYOGA**  
NORTH ST. STURRO





## **Saturday Engineering Club at Bloodhound Education**



Develop engineering skills by designing and building a prototype air-powered rocket car. Test your car on a variety of surfaces and modify your design to improve it before racing it on our indoor racetrack.

Explore how 3D printing (additive manufacturing) technology works and how it allows us to make things out of all sorts of materials with very little waste. Design and develop a prototype car using 3d printed parts. Experiment with different components and wheels to see how it affects performance before a group race.

### **When:**

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am – 1pm	Building air powered rocket cars
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am – 1pm	Explore 3D printing
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am – 1pm	Building air powered rocket cars
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	10.30am – 1pm	Explore 3D printing

**Who:** Children age 6+ accompanied by an adult and family groups.

**Where:** Bloodhound Education Centre at Gloucestershire Science & Technology Park, Berkeley Green, GL13 9FB

**Cost:** £15 per adult, £10 per child including all materials and a souvenir of the day. Family Tickets: £40 per family up to 3 children. Under 5's free.

To book a place please visit our website: [www.bloodhoundeducation.com](http://www.bloodhoundeducation.com)  
Contact for more information: [accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com](mailto:accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com)