

#### Happy Friday!

Welcome back! This term has been chocked full with lots of learning, new clubs, new libraries and fantastic outdoor play and learning on both sites not to mention the trickier features of unprecedented staff and pupil illness and of course Eunice! But the most striking feature for me has been the joy of welcoming you back into school. Discos, classroom visits and in-person parents evenings have all made a welcome return and Year 2 and Year 4 were also able to hold events to share their learning with you. Year 2's Amazon Exhibition was fabulous last week — the children spoke with real enthusiasm and knowledge about the animals they had researched to present. And this week the year 4 production of Peter Pan (part of their Imaginary Worlds topic) was superb. From the singing to the acting to the scene shifting, the children were absolute stars and deservedly received a standing ovation at the end of their performance yesterday. Please see a full review on page 3!

It has capped off a very busy, happy and productive term and I would like to thank all of the staff who have kept the school feeling familiarly happy for the children despite significant ongoing pandemic-related challenges. It has taken a great deal of resilience and creativity at times and I couldn't be prouder of our team.

**Charity...** The fundraising bug is spreading and, inspired by recent fundraising activities, Harry (Kiwis) and Eliza (Flamingos) decided to host a pop-up Lego and Book shop in their front garden. Not only did this involve selling, counting money and setting up the stall, but also hours and hours spent putting the Lego kits together. Altogether they raised a fantastic £282 for the Ukraine Humanitarian appeal. A brilliant effort!

**Mr Rogers...** This week, we have welcomed Mrs Loughran back to Southville following her maternity leave. It has been great to have her back and she will be teaching Lions class after the holiday. Sadly though, it means we have said farewell to Mr Rogers today. The children describe him as calm, kind and funny and on top of that he has been a really positive and committed member of staff who it has been a pleasure to have had at Southville. I know you will join me in wishing him the very best for the future.

**Magic and Yoga...** Last week we launched three new clubs starting after the holiday — Lego, Magic and Yoga and chill. Unfortunately, they're not for teachers or parents, but they are available to book for the children now! You can find details on our website here.

**Ramadan Mubarak...** To all members of our school family who are celebrating, we wish you a happy and peaceful Ramadan.

Have a lovely holiday, a **Happy Easter** if you are celebrating, and I look forward to seeing you again for the summer term!

Andy Bowman

**Extra attachments...** Please can we draw your attention to some important additional attachments with the newsletter this week, namely details for next term's Acting Out drama club, and also information about Bristol's Clean Air Zone.

#### Special Educational Needs and Disabilities consultation...

The government published the SEND Review: Right support, right place, right time, on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022. This sets out our proposals for a SEND and alternative provision system that offers children and young people the opportunity to thrive, with access to the right support, in the right place, and at the right time, so they can fulfil their potential and lead happy, healthy and productive adult lives.

This consultation is open to anyone with an interest in the SEND and AP systems and can be accessed here

https://consult.education.gov.uk/send-review-division/send-review-2022/consultation/subpage.2022-02-02.7538639008/



# Click here for next term's menu

### School Kitchen Corner



#### Cold lunch and salad option is back!

We are delighted to offer a cold lunch and a salad option from Term 5 onwards. This would be in addition to the hot lunch and jacket potato that we normally offer.

We have worked hard to ensure all health and safety standards are met in order to offer the salad and cold lunch options so that children can have a variety of options that are safe to eat in the current climate.

Please check out our new menus for Term 5 on our website.

#### Free-range eggs

We use over 400 eggs a month so free range is extremely important to us at Southville school.

As you may have heard in the news, as of last week, eggs that are laid by chickens that are usually designated as free range will not be labelled or sold as

Free Range until further notice. Reason for this is stated below:

All Free-Range Hens have been kept indoors for the last 15 weeks for their welfare, due to outbreaks of Avian Flu in the UK. The egg marketing laws permit the birds to be housed for their welfare for a maximum of 16 weeks and still be classified as Free-Range. This 16-week period expires on 20th March 2022.

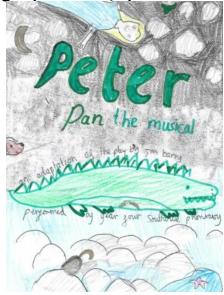
As the birds will continue to be housed after this date, it now means that any eggs laid after the 20th of March 2022, must be called 'Barn Eggs'.

A review of Year 4's Peter Pan by Steve Wright (Bristol 24/7)

The Year 4 production of Peter Pan was a joy from start to finish. Creating a 90-minute show with roles for 90 kids is no mean feat, and huge credit goes to Mrs Thwaites and the rest of the team, as well as (of course) all these brilliant children.

The show was split into three parts, allowing each class their moment on the big stage. Koalas kicked off with Peter's dramatic entry into the Darling children's bedroom, and the breathtaking journey through the night skies to Never Land.

Kangaroos took up the story with the entrance of those scheming pirates and the capture of Tiger Lily. They also introduced us to two colourful sets of Never Land locals, the Wild Warriors and the Mermaids.



Last but not least, Kiwis rounded off the tale with the capture of the Lost Boys, the battle with the Pirates, and the triumphant and emotional return to the Darling household.

The whole story was superbly told, with bags of energy, drama and wit. Songs were performed with great gusto, humour was found everywhere, and everyone got completely immersed in their roles.

There were many standout moments. For example, we had three splendidly swashbuckling Captain Hooks – Lucia for the Koalas, Willow for Kangaroos, and Max for Kiwis. In fact, the latter's comic chemistry with his first mate Mr Smee (Dylan) deserves to be seen on an even bigger stage.

Ellie (Koalas) was an excellent, sassy Tinkerbell. We also had four very fine narrators: Ivy for Koalas, Gwen and Amina for Kiwis, and Tommy for Kangaroos – the latter clutching a BBC microphone, roving-reporter style. And the quintet of Kangaroos who played the Mermaids sang and sashayed with grace and charm.

All three Peter Pans – Bridey (Koalas), Arya (Kangaroos) and Vincent (Kiwis) – had real stage presence. You could imagine willingly following any of these charismatic leaders to the ends of the earth.

A great show needs more than a great cast, however, and every aspect of this Peter Pan hit the spot. For example, we were treated to some beautifully made props. The huge cardboard models of Big Ben and Tower Bridge, floating past far below as Peter and the Darling children soared over twilit London, were an inspired touch. We also got a beautifully made 'Wendy house', assembled jigsaw-style in Act One, and a very convincing pirate ship prow.

A great script, too, with plenty of one-liners that drew roars of mirth from the crowd. A personal favourite: "Oh my gosh, these creatures that live in the depths. They're SO SHALLOW!"

And the songs! Opener 'Don't Look Down' was a rousing call to adventure, while the Mermaids' 'Look At Me' had a jazzy glamour all of its own. Every song was a delight to hear.

The logistics of getting large groups of performers on and off stage were handled seamlessly. Everyone was well drilled, knew where they had to be, and got there without disturbing the flow of the (superbly told) story. The stage crew did a fine job of the various scene changes, shifting things around quickly and professionally.

A truly awesome effort from cast, crew, teachers and prop makers. Huge congrats to everyone involved.

#### **OPAL** play

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



#### **Storage Sheds!**

Thank you for your donations – we have some versatile and unusual loose parts for the children to use in their play now. Donations continue to be welcome so please do keep them coming!

Over the holiday we have new sheds arriving for each site so that the play equipment can be stored and accessed more easily and this will broaden the items we can offer the children even further!

Mr Potter

#### **Southville Food Larder**

#### **Easter Holiday Food Parcels:**

Thank you to everyone who donated to our school food larder, either with a financial contribution or from my long shopping list I sent out.

We have again been able to provide much needed food parcels for families, to help give a little extra over the school holiday.

Anyone who needs foods Please email paula.mathias@bristol-schools.uk

# **Year Group Updates**

#### Nursery...

It's been a lovely varied week of fun in Seahorse Class this week. We have been reading super stories, singing new songs, pasta sorting, painting, building and puzzles. There has been a lot of lot of brilliant imaginative play; which has been so much fun!

We are hoping to build up a collection of small yogurt pots - so if you could bring in a few next term, that would be great.

We hope you all have a super Easter break with your families, and we look forward to seeing your smiley faces on your return!

#### Reception...

We hope all of our Reception families have a lovely two week break!

Next term we'll be exploring the cultures and traditions of two different countries. There will be opportunities to do cooking, explore music and make artwork inspired by the focus places. In the first week back we will be focusing on Bristol and our local area.

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

Area of Learning	Week beginning 25.04.22
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	<ul> <li>Zones of Regulation</li> <li>Make friends, make friends, never ever break friends! Part 1 - I know how to make friends to stop myself from feeling lonely</li> </ul>
Communication and Language	<ul><li>Star Boxes show and tell</li><li>Philosophy question - Do we need cars?</li></ul>
Physical Development	PE - Gymnastics
Literacy	<ul> <li>Focus book - Goram and Ghyston The Bristol Giants</li> <li>Writing - What I got up to in the Easter Holidays</li> <li>Phonics focus - Reviewing Phase 3</li> <li>Reading Practice Sessions</li> <li>Handwriting - letter formation</li> </ul>
Mathematics	Building numbers beyond 10
Understanding the World	RE - 'Celebrating our journey through life' Bristol and local geography Creating maps of the local area Programming BeeBot technology to move around a map Forest School - Friday 29th April - Starfish Class
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul> <li>Music - singing (Charanga scheme)</li> <li>Bristol inspired art - graffiti</li> <li>Reconstructing the Clifton Suspension Bridge</li> </ul>

#### **Bristol artefacts**

In the first week back, we will be learning about the wonderful city we live in. If you have any artefacts/ books related to Bristol which your child would like to show the class, we would love to see them!

#### Year 1...

What another fantastic term! The children have wowed us again with all their learning! We were so lucky to have such amazing parent speakers coming in this term.

**Down on the Farm...** Our topic next term is: Down on the farm. As we will be doing some planting on the first day back, please could the children come to school wearing **old clothes on Monday 25**<sup>th</sup> **April.** We would also appreciate any donations of **small plant pots** if you have any spare. If you have any expertise in this area and would like to share it with the Year 1 children, please do get in touch with your child's teacher.

**Trip to the Farm...** We will also be visiting Windmill HIII city farm on the following dates:

Badgers: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May; Bears: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May; Butterflies: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

For further information please see the separate letter sent. If you can you help with this activity please email us at: <a href="mailto:merrywood.southvillep@bristol-schools.uk">merrywood.southvillep@bristol-schools.uk</a>. Please note as transport and entry to the farm is free of charge, the charge for this trip is to cover the cost of the workshops.

#### P.E.

After half term, we are lucky to have Bristol Sport coming in to teach the children P.E. The children's P.E. days will be:

Badgers: Tuesday and Wednesday / Butterflies: Tuesday and Wednesday / Bears: Monday and Tuesday

Please can you make sure that your child can tie/fasten their own trainers? Thank you.

#### Year 2...

<u>Next Term</u> we will be starting a new, exciting topic called 'Food Heroes' in term 5. As part of our hook day on the first day back, we will be dressing up as a favourite food! Feel free to be as creative as you'd like with the costumes!

We will also be having a picnic on the same day, so please could you send a healthy snack with your child. Due to allergies, please avoid nuts and kiwis.

**KS1 SATs Information...** We will be sending a letter out soon with all the relevant information. We will also upload some helpful activities on google classroom if you'd like to complete them over the Easter holidays with your child.

#### P.E Days

<u>Foxes:</u> **Monday** and **Thursday** <u>Falcons:</u> **Tuesday** and **Thursday** <u>Flamingos:</u> **Thursday** and **Friday** 

**Maths...** This week and the first week back from our Easter holiday, we will be studying time. In year two, the children are required to tell the time to the nearest quarter of an hour and if possible, to the nearest five minutes using an analogue clock. We have found that time is best taught across school and home. During the school holidays it would be fantastic if you could work with your child to practise this skill. For example, during the day, draw their attention to the times they get up, have breakfast, have lunch, go to bed etc. Ask them to tell the time for you. Start with easier times, such as o'clock, then half past, quarter to and quarter past, before finally moving onto the nearest 5 minutes.

If your child has a birthday coming up, a great idea for a present would be an analogue watch. There are some lovely ones on Amazon and in Argos. Please do not buy digital watches (or ones with alarms!), as children will not be learning 24hour time until year 4.

**Year 3...** Well done for another fantastic term year 3! We have been very impressed with how you've approached our Light topic; enjoying science investigations and continuing to wow us with your poetry writing and storytelling.

**PE days for term 5...** Heron Class - Tuesday and Wednesday; Honeybee - Monday and Thursday; Hedgehog - Tuesday and Wednesday

#### Monday 25th April - WOW day

Could children please come into school wearing their PE kits. Part of the WOW day will involve a fun circuits lesson to kick off our Healthy Me topic.

**The School Library...** This week the year 3 children have been able to check out a book from our new library. They can borrow one book at a time, for two weeks, with the option to renew it by bringing it again and scanning it. Our library days are:

Herons – Wednesday; Honeybees – Friday; Hedgehogs - Friday

Have a wonderful spring break and we look forward to seeing you next term for our exciting new topic, 'Healthy Me!'.

**Year 4...** Next term's topic will be the Anglo Saxons! If you have any free time over the holidays why not do some research and amaze us with your knowledge in our first week back!

Sorry to repeat this message, but please make sure that your child has their reading record and book in school every Thursday for our Drop Everything and Read session. If your child has lost their reading record please order a new one from the office. Many thanks.

Have a fabulous break everyone. The Year 4 Team

**Year 5...** Year 5 have had a great final week, focusing on Science and building machines to meet the 'Not Squashed Tomato Challenge'.

This week Year 5 have been retelling the French story they have been learning this term about a greedy boy. They also used the opportunity to practise lots of food vocabulary and make up their own versions of the story. Watch the children telling their stories on Google Classroom. Madame Turvey.

We will continue to swim in term 5, but this has moved from Wednesday afternoon to Monday mornings. Your class teacher has sent you an email, with timings and requesting walkers. This will start on the first day back, so please remember to bring in swimming things first thing.

Enjoy the break and Happy Easter.

**Year 6...** We are aware that many of the children are revising for next term's SATS and so we will not be setting homework over the holidays. Please remind your child to revise as they wish, but also that they are on holiday and to take the time to relax and enjoy themselves.

The Y6 Leavers Team are working behind the scenes to put together your child's yearbook. Please return your completed form, along with photos by the **END OF TODAY** to meet the printing deadline! These can be emailed to: <a href="mailto:Southvillepleavers@yahoo.com">Southvillepleavers@yahoo.com</a>.

Have a great Easter and see you next term, the Year 6 Team.

### **PTA News**





I am very pleased to report, the PTA raised a **HUGE £1785 profit** from all of the recent discos. Thank you to all of your support in purchasing tickets and volunteering.

We are in full swing for organising the May Fair, thank you to all of the classes who have chosen a stall, and are sorting out volunteering rotas. Without stalls, there wouldn't be a fair for our children to enjoy. Please be mindful that we are aiming as close to a zero waste fair as possible; lets help to reduce, reuse and recycle everything we can.



#### Raffle Tickets:

Thank you to Natalie Sanfilippo who filled nearly 600 envelopes with raffle tickets which should have come home with your child this week. These will also be available for purchase on the day.



#### **Private Stalls:**

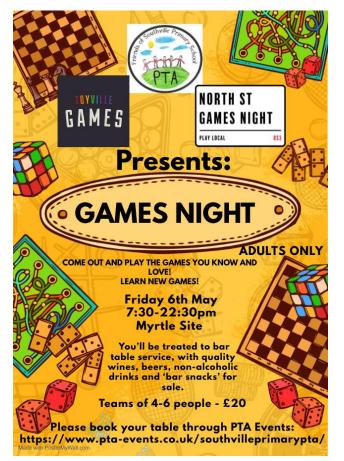
Should you wish to have your own stall at the Fair, please email me <a href="mailto:southvilleprimarypta@gmail.com">southvilleprimarypta@gmail.com</a> with details before booking your stall. Bookings for private stalls are live on PTA events for purchase. Thank you to those who have already come forward and booked your stall!

#### **Donations:**

Lots of you have been asking when and where we will be taking donations for various stalls.

Please take these to the offices at either site, where we will regularly collect them for storage.

Please see overleaf for details of donations required.





#### Games Night:

We have met with Toyville Games and North Street Games Library this morning and can excitedly confirm the games night will go ahead on the 6th May at Myrtle Site. Come and enjoy a selection of nostalgic, and new games, a mini quiz, table service from your PTA bar serving quality beers and wine, along with bar snacks.

There are a limited number of tables we can offer, so book quickly to avoid disappointment as these sell quickly. Tables can be made up of between 4-6 people, we can join you with others should you not be able to form a whole table. Tables are £20 each and can be booked from 6pm tonight via PTA Events: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta/

<u>Volunteers:</u> We will need volunteers to run the bar for the Games Night. Please volunteer via PTA events- thank you!

#### Y6 Parents:

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These can be emailed to: Southvillepleavers@yahoo.com.

Next Meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – 7:30pm Myrte Site

## **Community News**





HOP ALONG TO OUR FREE DROP IN CRAFT SESSION

BEDMINSTER LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL 11am -12 noon

EASTER FUN FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-8 YEARS

> CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED FOR THIS EGG-CITING EVENT







**Bristol Libraries** 



For 3-8 year olds

Redcliffe Holiday Club



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







To make a booking, please visit our website:

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Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment

Redcliffe Nursery School, Spencer House, Ship Lane, BS1 6RR TEL: 0117 9030334



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.

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#### Bristol Early Years Speech and Language Therapy Team





Thursday, 28 April 2022 10am Tuesday, 24 May 2022 10am Tuesday, 14 June 2022 10am Tuesday, 5 July 2022 1pm



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