



# Southville News

**Happy Friday!**

## **Bristol Flyers Basketball Finals - Champions!**

Having won the South Bristol Competition back in November, we were invited to the regional finals and....we won!

Incredible teamwork and a lot of skill were on show, even impressing some professional basketballers who were in attendance. A special mention to Theo who won the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award!



Thank you to Mr Goddard for his relentless hard work and enthusiasm for all things sporting. Finally, a huge congratulations to our basketballers, and a thank you for representing our school so brilliantly!



### **Amateur Radio Visit**

We are delighted today to have welcomed members of the South Bristol Amateur Radio Club in partnership with Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) to work with our Year 6 children. Tying in with National Science Week, the theme for which this year is Connections, Amateur radio is an exciting way to connect with people around the world and a fantastic way to hook our children into this area of STEM. The huge mast in the corner of the MUGA has caused a great deal of interest and excitement even before the contacting and communicating began this morning, and the children have loved experiencing it in action today.

I am really grateful to Southville parent Anna Clark, who works for the RSGB, for bringing this opportunity to us and co-ordinating the team of volunteers to make it happen.

You can find out more about Amateur Radio here <https://rsgb.org/main/get-started-in-amateur-radio/what-is-amateur-radio/>



### **The Great Orchard Dig**

As I write, the Great Orchard Dig is underway! A team of parent volunteers, aided by a few children are bringing alive the plans that Mr Potter has shared with you in recent weeks. The carefully planned planting and installation of pathways will make the orchard area a much more accessible and pleasant space to use and I cannot wait to see the children enjoying it.

There has been a huge amount of preparation that has gotten us to this point today. I am really grateful to the parents who have thrown their enthusiasm, imagination and expertise into this project and Mr Thomas and Mr Staynings who have prepped the area to get it ready to dig and develop.

And of course, Mr Potter, pictured here in full flow, has led this with vision and energy (as well as dragging his own children in over the weekend to help out with the prep!). Thank you Mr Potter!

As you can see, it has been a very productive day!



### **The Merrywood Garden**

Now that Spring is on its way, we are very keen to get gardening again!

If you have any spare gardening bits and bobs that we could use, we would be very grateful.

*We would be very grateful for...*

- *Potato bags*
- *Poly tunnels*
- *Pots and trays with lids*
- *Seeds*
- *Plants, bulbs and herbs*

Thank you!

**Budding Writers!**

For the third year running, The Royal Mint Museum is running a **short story competition** for primary school pupils aged 8 to 11. For the chance to win £5000 for the school library and to have the story professionally illustrated, pupils are invited to submit a story of no more than 500 words. Please follow the link below to find more details about the theme, useful tips and how to enter. The deadline for this competition is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

<https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition/>

### **Sand-tastic play is coming!**

As you may have seen or heard, that essential sandpit ingredient of sand has now arrived on both sites! Mr Potter will be officially opening both sandpits in assembly on Monday and the children will be able to enjoy them from then on.

We will be introducing some measures for minimising the amount of sand that ends up travelling out of the sandpit but if there is a bit of sand coming home in shoes, socks, pockets and ears I apologise in advance. Please take it as proof your child is having an active, imaginative and engaging playtime experience!

### **Amazing Toyville!**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Lucy at Toyville who has donated lots of lovely toys to us as well as helping us to buy new buckets and spades for our sand pit! THANK YOU!

### **Relationships and Behaviour Policy**

Thank you to everyone who took a moment to read the draft Relationships and Behaviour Policy, and thank you to those of you who provided feedback. If you haven't yet done so, the draft policy can be found here <https://www.southville.bristol.sch.uk/media/1834/draft-relationships-and-behaviour-policy.pdf> and the survey for you to provide feedback if you wish to do so is here [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CuS7XtPZRez7K\\_XWCGwRZ-2XfEpFtNYqaLT0TGFpkK4](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CuS7XtPZRez7K_XWCGwRZ-2XfEpFtNYqaLT0TGFpkK4) . The survey will stay open until Sunday evening and after that we will set about finalising the policy ahead of its full launch after Easter.

It's all go - I love our school! Have a great weekend, Andy Bowman