



NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

Spooktacular Fun

That appalling pun is in honour of the fact that last term ended with a bang and a boogie, courtesy of the Hallowe'en discos. It was a lovely way for the children to end the term so I wanted to say a huge thank you to Helen and the team of PTA volunteers who put so much time into organising the event, decorating the hall and making sure everything went so smoothly on the night.

We really are so lucky to have such an active and engaged PTA and with the AGM coming up on Tuesday evening (7th November) now is a great time to get involved with the fun if you haven't before.

Plant Thanks

Thank you for your kind donations of plants this week. You have generously donated plants of all shapes and sizes and they have made such a difference all through the school.

We will always be open to plant donations so please do continue to bear us in mind if you have cuttings or plants you no longer have a home for. Thank you!

Curriculum Content Surveys

I wrote to you just before the holiday with links to our curriculum surveys and we have already had some brilliant contributions. Thank you if you have added your thoughts and if you haven't yet done so the surveys will stay open for another two weeks. I am re-sharing the links and would love for you to dip into an area you have an interest in.

These surveys are not about you volunteering to come in and lead assemblies or sessions with the children. I am just unashamedly looking to pick your brain for interesting or unusual facts, people, stories, plants, animals, places and anything else that will make our new curriculum surprising, engaging and inspiring.

All ideas are welcome, so please feel free to send any of the links to family or friends who have expertise to share.

History: <https://forms.gle/BpPPZzbodDwoxJt5>

Geography: <https://forms.gle/3EGhGWsTLnv5zR8n6>

Art: <https://forms.gle/PzKE4DFDP3GKXFYTA>

Design Technology: <https://forms.gle/KQywjji5a4r1kxch59>

Science: <https://forms.gle/kmMdUYfH7NSJcjt5>

Thank you in advance for your help!

Whole School Assembly Theme

On Monday, with Hallowe'en and bonfire night both coming up, we reminded the children of some safety tips for these events. If your child is going to be enjoying a sparkler or two this weekend, ask them what "arm and bucket" means!

Hamish and Milo

We have recently invested in a resource called Hamish and Milo, a set of structured programmes of emotional wellbeing support, and are currently training staff to lead these programmes.

We need certain resources to run the sessions. We have ordered some of what we need but there are other things that you might be getting rid of from home and if you are, we would gladly take them off your hands. We are looking for:

- Buttons
- Old CDs
- Pebbles
- Ribbon
- Small world figures
- Miniature toys
- Jam jars
- Chop sticks
- Shells
- Gems
- Cardboard tube from kitchen roll
- Wooden rods
- Magazines (suitable for children)
- Small coloured stones

You have been amazing this term with the donations you have given us. Board games, OPAL resources, plants... whatever we ask for you come up trumps and it makes such a difference to what we do in school. I hope you don't mind us asking again - the intention is always that we can just reuse things that you no longer need. Please mark any donations FAO Mrs Mathias.

Thank you so much in advance.

Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

I have been contacted by Dan Morris, Metro Mayor for the West of England inviting our children to enter his annual Christmas Card Competition. The winning entry will be made into a Christmas card and sent to organisations right across the West of England and beyond.

I am attaching the entry form. If your child wishes to enter, please print the form onto A4 paper and ensure the design stays within the box on the page. There is an address on the form to return it to, and the deadline for submissions is Friday 24th November.

If you are not able to print the sheet at home, There will be a few copies available from the front desk on both sites.

Entries cannot be returned, but every child who takes part will receive a personal thank you letter from Dan Morris. Good luck!

And finally... a couple of nice pictures of rainbows from this week

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Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

[Mayor card Competition.pdf](#)