



NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

Whole School Assembly Theme

This week we welcomed street artist Oli T in to talk to the children in assembly. He talked about his fascination with typeface and how he likes his art to leave the viewer with a positive feeling (and maybe a song playing in their head!). He showed lots of examples of his work on walls, t-shirts, stickers and even skateboards.



During Southfest he will be creating some wall art for us in the corridor at Myrtle and he asked the children for ideas of positive words and phrases to incorporate.

On Monday the build-up to Southfest continues as we welcome Jemma Bursnell in to talk to the children.

Beginners' Ball

Thank you to the Reception children and parents/ carers who came along to the Beginners' Ball yesterday evening. Glad rags were worn and, despite a little hesitancy at first from some, there were a lot of shapes thrown, and fun had.

Thank you to the members of the PTA who worked to plan, prepare and making it happen on the day. I would also like to mention the older children who came along to help with serving snacks to the children. It was a really sociable and very happy event.

Fantastic Footballers

A massive well done to the 6 teams (45 children!) who have been taking part in the Year 5 & 6 football leagues, hosted by the Ashton Park Schools Partnership. All of our teams should be immensely proud of the attitude and togetherness they have shown over the past 3 weeks. It was a joy to see the number of smiles on children's faces as they battled it out against a wide range of other Bristol schools in the area. A special mention to our Southville A team, who have been invited back to take part in the APSP finals with this date yet to be confirmed.

Please note, yesterday was the final session for Years 5 and 6. An extra date was added on just in case bad weather caused a cancellation, but fortunately we managed to get through all 3 weeks unscathed- despite a couple of fingers and toes nearly falling off in the cold last Thursday!

Please could all kit that has been borrowed be washed and returned to Puffins Class by the end of next week, so that it is ready for our Y3/4 teams, which commences on Thursday 8th February.

Thank you, Mr. Rogers.

Student Teachers

We are proud to be a school that invests in people who are coming in to the profession and this year we have been lucky to have three excellent student teachers working with us. Miss Jahan, Miss Lekkou and Miss Mason have been with us in Years 1, 2 and 4 respectively and they have slotted into their year group teams brilliantly. Sadly, today their placements are coming to an end and we are saying goodbye. They will be greatly missed by staff and children and we wish each of them the very best of luck for the rest of their training and their future careers.

Teacher of the Week!

Some of you may have noticed a familiar face in last week's The Week Junior. Our very own Miss Spooner was the official Teacher of the Week! Miss Spooner was nominated by Margot in her class and is described, among other things, as 'always happy and smiling'. That's definitely the Miss Spooner we all know too!

against one another." Shaan and Roshan



Teacher OF THE WEEK

Teacher's name: **Miss Spooner**

School: **Southville Primary School, Bristol, England**

"Miss Spooner is a teacher in training and she is doing very well. She always greets us in the morning and never gets angry at us. She is always happy and smiling. She makes fun games to help us learn. When we come into the classroom in the morning she puts relaxing music on to calm us down. Keep it up!"

Margot

If we pick your teacher as Teacher of the Week, we'll send your school three free issues of *The Week Junior*. Send your nominations, along with a picture of your teacher and your school's full name and address, to hello@theweekjunior.co.uk

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Congratulations to Miss Spooner and well done to Margot for kindly taking the time to nominate her.

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

OPAL update from Mr Potter

We continue to drive improvements across both sites for our children's playtimes. The OPAL team continue to do an amazing job on a daily basis to ready the playground for the children to enjoy.

Lets Dance!!!

On our Myrtle site the dance floor project gathers pace. The bespoke space will become a nightclub on a daily basis with the children demonstrating their silky moves to some 'sick' beats (not sure what sick means but the children assure me it is good!!!)

The PTA continue to support our project and will be funding the sound system for the area. They will also be funding the sound system for the Merrywood playground as well. We have already seen this term how the children love to bust out a move or two on the playground.

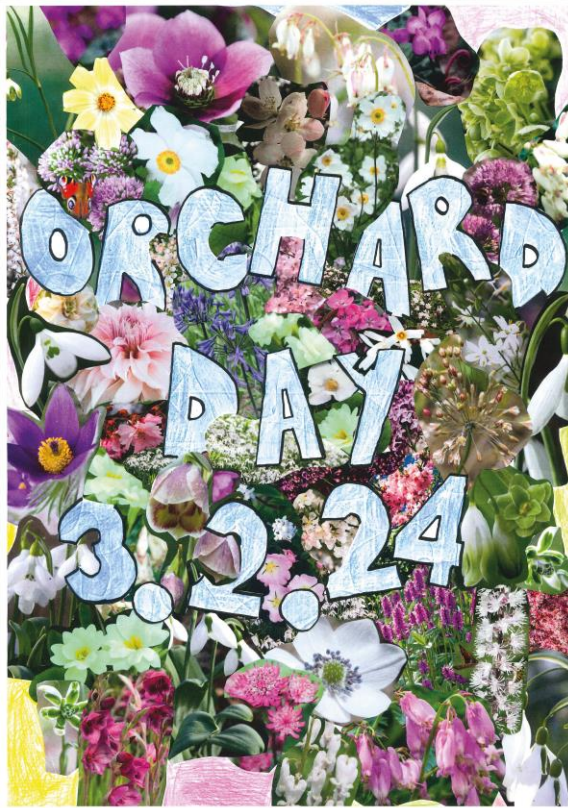


Donations

If you have any glitter balls hanging around in your house that you don't want or some multicoloured battery powered flashing lights, then we'd love to have them for this space.

EARLY SPRING ORCHARD DAY - SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

Come and join us to prepare the Myrtle orchard for spring on Saturday 3rd February!
Adults and children welcome!



We'll be making play structures from hazel, building fences and dead hedges, making furniture from pallets, weeding, mowing/strimming and planting.

We're hoping to have an Orchard Day once each term. If you are interested in coming along (even if not this time!), please send Rachel Seaton-Lucas a WhatsApp on 07900 826 868 and she'll add you to the Orchard group.

Lets build!!

Across the site we continue to ask for quality, hard wearing pallets for general construction projects.

Pallet play spaces

We would like to make some some pallet play spaces across both sites.



Pallet seating and tables

We will also be constructing some pallet seating and tables in both the playgrounds and the quiet spaces across the sites.



We always love to include our school community in everything we do. If you have skills in making and can provide us with time and energy to help on our projects then it would be great to have a chat and to get you involved.

Many thanks for your continued support in developing our play spaces for our children.

Mr Potter