



NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

Reach More Parents (Weduc)

Please ensure you are using the Reach More Parents app to receive all communications from the school. Parents can choose to use either the app or the web portal (or both) to access communications from us, and the login details are the same for both. However, we recommend parents enrol on the app over the web portal so that they can enable the push notifications to ensure they don't miss anything. If you are using Reach More Parents for two or more siblings, please ensure you have all children added. We are aware that some parents have been receiving newsfeeds for one child, but not the other/s.

Year 2 Dancefest

On Tuesday morning, our Merrywood hall came alive with colour, music and dancing as our Year 2 children performed the three dances they have been working on throughout last half term to a hall full of parents and carers. And what a fantastic reception they received!

It was all in preparation for Wednesday morning, when the children travelled to Ashton Park School to take part in 'Dancefest' - a celebration of dance alongside children from St Mary Redcliffe and Ashton Gate Primary. The children performed their dances to 'Sing a Rainbow', 'Under the Sea' and 'I Just Can't Wait to be King' to an audience of over 200 children, staff and parents and they were fantastic!

We are really grateful to the Ashton Gate Sports Partnership for organising the event and for coming in to school to work with the children on the three dances since January.

Here are some of the children poised and ready for the 'Rainbow' dance:



KS2 Southville Choir

In this week's singing assembly, Julia from Handfuls of Harmony visited Myrtle and introduced the children to some of the songs for the Spring Handfuls of Harmony concert, in which a Southville Primary Choir will be taking part.

The Handfuls of Harmony concert will take place on Sunday 19th May and to prepare for this, choir practice will take place on Mondays after school from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Previously choir practice took place during lunchtime but Miss Munnings has changed this to maximise rehearsal time.

After school choir practice will take place in Honeybee class, starting from Monday 26th February and children will need to attend every rehearsal dated below:

Monday 26th February
Monday 4th March
Monday 11th March
Monday 18th March
Monday 25th March
Monday 22nd April
Monday 29th April
Monday 6th May

As a choir, we will also attend the following rehearsals:

- Wednesday 15th May: 4-5.15pm at Ashton Gate Primary School (Upton Road site)
- Sunday 19th May: (timings tbc) at Main Hall, Ashton Park Secondary School, Blackmoors Ln, Bower Ashton, Bristol BS3 2J

Handfuls of Harmony choir rehearsals have been taking place in schools across the city, as well as an adult choir made up of parents, carers, relatives and friends. Both the school and adult choirs will join together to sing at the concert on the Sunday 19th May.

If your child is interested in joining the school choir (Handfuls of Harmony), please collect and complete the letter from Miss Munnings.

Author visit for year 3, 4 and 5 - Thursday 29th February

Author / illustrator Nadia Shireen will be visiting Myrtle site on Thursday 29th February for a very special event to celebrate the publication of the third book in her fantastically funny Grimwood series, *Attack of the Stink Monster!* She will be presenting the crazy cast of Grimwood characters, sharing how to draw some of the characters and talking about what it's like to be an author / illustrator – there may even be time for a game of treebonk!

If you would like to pre-order one of the books in the Grimwood series from Storysmith bookshop please follow the link below, and Nadia will be able to sign your copy on the day of the event! Please place your order by Wednesday 21st February, and please include pupil name and class when you check out.

storysmithbooks.com/nadiasouthville



World Book Day, March 7th 2024... 'Dress up as a word'

For World Book Day this year we're inviting children to come dressed as a word! This could be as simple as wearing your pyjamas to represent the word 'sleepy', or dressing as Harry Potter for the word 'wizard'. We've included a few ideas below for inspiration and there are lots more online. Also, our school community speaks over 50 different languages so you may want to choose a word in the language that your family speak. As always, there's no obligation for children to dress up if they don't want to.

Ideas:

- Lots of different coloured clothes for 'colourful'
- Superhero outfit for 'brave/hero'
- Odd socks for 'mismatched'
- Bubble wrap for 'fragile'
- As the tiger from The Tiger Who came to Tea for 'hungry' (or 'tiger'!)
- As book character Alex Rider for the word 'spy'.
- School uniform for 'smart' or 'red'

Myrtle Book Swap - in partnership with Eco Club

The children involved in Eco Club will be hosting a Myrtle Book Swap for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Over the next few weeks, we would like children to bring in any good condition children's books they no longer need at the drop off point (next to bike shed). Eco Club will give them a book swap token for each book they drop off. On the 7th March, all KS2 children will get chance to visit the hall in school time where the books will be laid out and they can use their book swap token to pick a new book to take home.

Parents and carers - if you're having a spring clean and need to offload a box of books but really don't need your child to bring that many books back home, please just drop them off with the Eco Club and let them know you don't require that many book tokens!

Any children who don't have a book to swap will be provided with a book token so they can still choose a book to take home.

We would also like to thank local bookshop Storysmith who have kindly agreed to donate some books for this event.

Eco Club will be collecting every morning 8.45-8.55am.

PTA Quiz

Thank you in advance to the PTA for organising this evening's quiz. The staff team have been in training all week, passing around a VHS copy of the first series of Blockbusters and marching around the MUGA while Mrs Mathias shouts questions at them. It hasn't gone particularly well to be honest but it promises to be a great night all the same. Good luck to everyone taking part!

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman