



NEWSLETTER

Happy Friday!

May Fair

Last Saturday was our May fair and what a fantastic event it was, with an amazing range of stalls, activities, refreshments and performances on offer.

Mr Potter and Mr Commander each did a stint in the sponge-soak and took several for the team in every sense!

What struck me most however was the wonderful sense of community and seeing our children (and families) together and enjoying themselves was just brilliant.

As well as being a special community event, the May Fair was a tremendously successful fundraiser too with an incredible total of £6251 raised! This may go up even further with the prospect of some match funding in the pipeline! I was stunned when I heard the total!

This is an extraordinary amount of money and I am so grateful to Helen Beach, Liz Newton, Sonia Adams and Charlotte Todd-Brady for all of their hard work to organise the fair, as well as the PTA team who helped by running stalls, setting up and clearing away. If you came along and supported the event thank you so much for helping to make this the huge success it was.

Finally I would like to thank Bristol Beer Factory for their donation of beer under their Brew to Give Scheme, and Handfuls of Harmony and Acting Out Drama Club for their super performances during the afternoon.



Relationships and Sex Education

In our PSHE and Science over the next term we will be covering our 'Changing Me' objectives. It covers **statutory** Relationships and Health Education work around the changes that happen to our bodies as we grow and feelings that surround these changes.

To see what each year group will be covering in these sessions, please follow this link to the appendix document of our school's PSHE policy which shows the specific statutory objectives in purple that the year groups will be covering:

<https://www.southville.bristol.sch.uk/media/1380/appendix-2-jigsaw-3-11-and-statutory-relationships-and-health-education-map.pdf> . Please note that the objectives in purple are statutory and children can not be withdrawn from the lessons.

We feel it will be helpful for you to know this so that you can support your child in their learning as they may have questions that they would like to raise with you.

The green objectives on this document are often taught through PSHE and are the non-statutory objectives. If you wish your child to be withdrawn from the non-statutory parts of the lesson then please talk with your class teacher in the first instance so they can share with you the resources. If you still would like your child to be withdrawn then please write to me and make it clear which aspects of the non-statutory programme you do not wish your child to participate in.

Should you wish to see a selection of the resources that we are likely to use, there will be an opportunity to drop into your child's class after school before the sessions are taught. This drop-in session will be for 30 mins after school, at Merrywood on Tuesday 4th June and at Myrtle on Thursday 6th June.

Choir performance - Handfuls of Harmony

Following weeks of dedicated practice, our choir showcased their talents at Ashton Park school, delivering a stellar performance for Handfuls of Harmony. The children impressed the audience with their confidence and flawless execution. Special thanks to Julia Turner for her support during after school rehearsals and to parents for their help with transport and support. Miss Munnings



I would like to add my thanks to Miss Munnings for organising this and preparing the choir to get ready for this fantastic opportunity!

Eco Club Bake Sale

Eco Club were overjoyed to see such a great turnout at their bake sale. They would like to thank everyone that came to support them in raising money to buy a recycling system for the playground. With your help, Eco Club managed to raise a whopping £372.17!

A special mention to the amazing group of Y6's who contributed over £100 to the cause- thank you so much!

Eco Club look forward to sharing the improvements they make to our school environment soon.

Year 4 Celebration of Sport

On Tuesday, a number of Year 4 children took part in the Celebration of Sport Festival, hosted by Bristol Sport. The children took part in a wide range of sports throughout the morning, which included gymnastics, dodgeball, basketball, tag rugby and football to name just a few. The memory that I am sure all of the children will take with them was the fact that this event was held at Ashton Gate Football Stadium on and around the actual pitch! The festival hosted over 400 children across the day and hopefully encouraged some of our very own Southville children to further pursue the sports they experienced as they move on into Year 5. Well done to all those that were involved and it was so pleasing to see how well the children were behaved walking to and from as well as how they conducted themselves within the activities throughout the day- an absolute credit to the school!



Year 6 Football Finals at Ashton Gate Football Stadium

Due to the great success of our Year 6 football team in the Ashton Park football leagues during terms 3 and 4, this meant that we qualified for the Bristol Schools Finals Day

which was held at Ashton Gate Football Stadium. This was a fantastic opportunity for our children to experience playing in a real-life stadium as well as testing their football skills against the very best schools across South Bristol.

The team comfortably qualified through the group stages thanks to goals galore coming from Jack F, which meant Southville made it to the semi-finals. This was a tightly fought affair with the final score finishing 0-0, meaning only one thing... the dreaded penalties! Unfortunately, Southville were on the wrong side of a 3-2 defeat but a massive well done to those children who showed the courage to step up to the spot in what will always be one of the most intense and high-pressure sporting situations anyone can be in. Well done to the Year 6 boys on their success over the years at Southville and hopefully they take with them this experience that will last a lifetime!



Year 6 Netball- away day!

Last week, our netball team got to experience visiting another primary school as Southville organised a friendly netball match against St. Mary Redcliffe CofE Primary School. This was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to gain more competitive match experience with the added bonus of playing as an away team with a very large home crowd following! SMRC let off an all mighty roar from their spectators as they scored the opening points, but this spurred the team on to put all their skills to good use and

showcase why they have been so successful this year. The final score finished 14-10 to Southville with Freyja W managing to score 12 and Lois L with the rest. Well done girls and I have been informed that the rematch is pending, so watch this space!



Y6 Girls Cricket Festival

HOWZAT!!! Last Friday, the sun reappeared and even sun cream was needed (apologies to my neck for lack of application) as our Year 6 Girls made their way down to Bedminster Cricket Ground for the Ashton Park Girls Cricket Festival. It was a fantastic event which gave over 200 girls the opportunity to apply their skills they've been learning in P.E into matches against other schools in the local area. Wickets were tumbling, catches were being taken in the deep and boundaries were being taken in all corners of the ground as the team quickly learnt that the best way to score runs was to just whack it! Well done to all those involved and a lovely little day out for the girls, who had just completed their SATs on the previous day.

After half term, our Y5/6 cricket leagues will continue on from this term, where are 3 teams will look to replicate the success of the girls at the same venue. Dates for the final 2 weeks will be Tuesday 4th June and Tuesday 11th June (3.45pm-5.30pm).



Thank you to Mr Rogers for the sports updates above and for another great term of Southville sporting ventures!

Kick Boxing Expert!

Lucas in Year 6 has, since 2019, been competing in Kick boxing competitions held by WAKO, the worldwide governing body of Kick boxing. He travels the country to compete and has been regularly achieving podiums and building up quite an impressive medal collection.

This week I have received some very exciting news: Lucas has been selected to represent Great Britain in the World Championship in Budapest, Hungary taking place August 24th to September 1st!

Being selected for the squad is an incredible achievement and I know you will join me in wishing Lucas lots of luck for the Championships. Whatever happens next, he will make memories to last a lifetime! Congratulations Lucas!

What a busy term! From Doug Allan's visit, to completing Southfest, to musical and sporting achievements and the May Fair... it has been a really enjoyable and rewarding term and the children have been brilliant! Have a lovely break, Andy Bowman