

Newsletter – 10th September 2021



We're proud to announce our Stars of the week:

- [Duckling](#): Jackson and Oakley
- [Dragonfly](#): Carson and Thea
- [Otter](#): Connie and Frankie
- [Kingfisher](#): Anais, and the whole class for behaviour on their trip

And our headteacher award winners are: Miles, Ellen, Kenzie and Jacoby

A message from Mr Barton



What a fantastic first week it has been welcoming everyone back to school! For me, the most exciting part has been seeing children of different ages playing together. Of course, children have a new class and a chance to make some new friends there as well as renew friendships from previous years. Importantly, though, the children now have opportunities to play with those from other classes and even the youngest children have been able to play with the oldest ones. It has long been a huge strength of our small village school that children of all ages can play and learn together. I am so very glad that we have seen that again this week, and long may it continue! There is a *lot* of information in this week's newsletter, including various events and opportunities in the 'Community News' section. You might want to get yourself a cup of tea before reading on! The 'random word' competition is back, in which you could win a book token for your child, so watch out for it and click the link below if you spot a word that looks out of place.

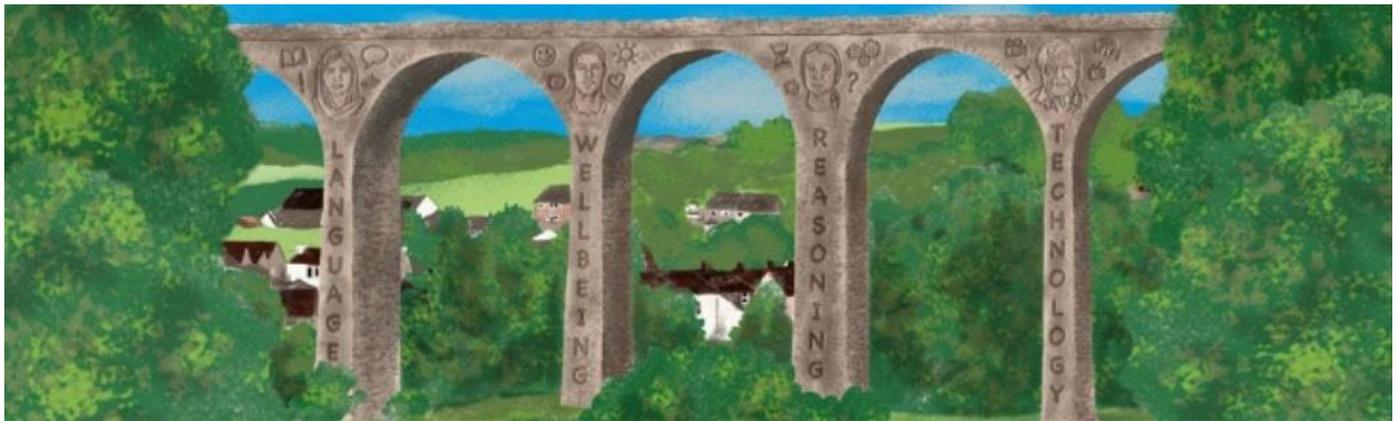
Our value of the term, fittingly, is Togetherness. Our school values are very important to us, as are the core threads that run through our curriculum. It is no co-incidence at all that 'Happiness' is our first value and that 'Wellbeing' is our first pillar of our curriculum. We were able to explore these values and cornerstones of what we teach the children about when we worked with the children to come up with four new representatives for the school houses last year. In my work for the wider Trust, I was fortunate to meet Lucy Freeguard, who is a children's author and illustrator, during the summer term. Lucy agreed to take on a commission from us and has produced the striking image (on the next page), which brings together Pensford as a place and our curriculum and house representatives.



I've used this image on our website, as you may have already noticed, and I've also incorporated it into a summary of our development plans for the year. We work hard to ensure that our teachers and

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children move the school forwards year on year, as well as carrying out the day-to-day role of educating your children to the best of our ability. School development has been very difficult during the pandemic and I wanted to share with you the key themes that we will be focusing on this year. You can see these below, underneath the image of our pillars of the curriculum.



School Development Plan 2021-22. Key points for parents and carers

- We will **work with you closely to address any disadvantage you feel your child may have**. This may include financial or emotional barriers that are stopping your child from getting the most out of school.
- We will **keep you up to date** with our **maths** teaching, and our teaching of **relationships and sex education** through the SCARF curriculum.
- We will **talk to your children regularly** about the learning they are getting from our topics.
- Children's **personal development** will be centred around language skills and cultural awareness, rooted in British and School values.

You should notice, as the year progresses, how we put an emphasis on these points through the work we do at school. If any of our parents and carers would like to discuss any of them with me then please do get in touch.

Mrs Medcraft has asked us to let you that from now on, Fridays' puddings will also include a biscuit or sponge as well as the fruit and yogurt on the menu.

As always, I hope you enjoy a very good weekend with your children, and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Warrick Barton.

Upcoming Events

Week beginning 13th September

Monday 13 th	Tuesday 14 th	Wednesday 15 th	Thursday 16 th	Friday 17 th
Training for children's lunchtime club leaders			Kingfisher swimming (week 1 of 4)	

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Week beginning 20th September

Monday 20 th	Tuesday 21 st	Wednesday 22 nd	Thursday 23 rd	Friday 24 th
			Kingfisher swimming (week 2 of 4)	

Otter author visit – books available for children aged 7+

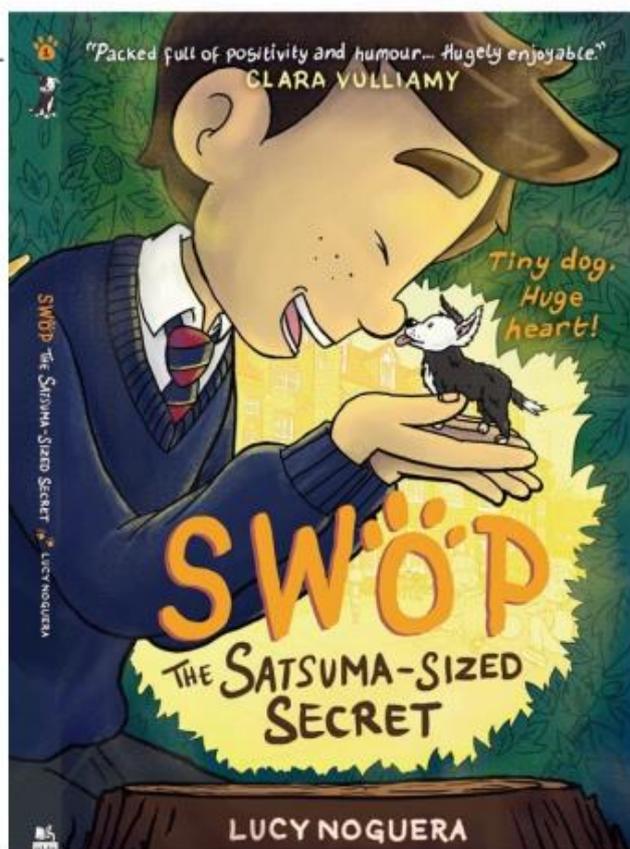
Otter class have enjoyed a Zoom author visit with Lucy Noguera today. If anyone is interested in purchasing her book, please Dojo Mr Miller. See details of the book below:

“Meet The Author” School Zoom Session & Book Sale!

What would you do if you found the world’s smallest dog?

Author Zoom Visit!
£6.99 a copy includes signed book mark & free delivery

- Suitable from the age 7+
- Accessible & fun summer read
- Black and white illustrations
- Dyslexic friendly font & layout
- Introduces Sign Language
- First in a new series!



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Good luck to Macie, who is raising money to charity. Can you help?



Hello! I'm fundraising for Bristol Animal Rescue Centre (Bristol A.R.C.). Here's my JustGiving page, if you'd like to find out more and donate:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emily-mapstone?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=emily-mapstone&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=b71f9745dc474b74b9dd76dcb8b4b12b

Free School Meals – Are you entitled to benefits for your child?

We want to make sure that cabbages all parents are aware of how to check whether you are entitled to free school meals for your child. This is particularly important because it would entitle you to other benefits at Pensford, such as free access to clubs. Below is a message from the local authority with all the details you need...

Benefit Related Free School Meals

All School Years

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, and your child attends an LA maintained school or Academy in Bath and North East Somerset, please register for benefit related free school meals.

Registrations could attract Pupil Premium funding for your child's school, £1,345 per Primary pupil and £955 per Secondary pupil.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is *only paid for 4 weeks* after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Apply online at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Email the team at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

or call 01225 394317 – please leave a message if you reach our answerphone.

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Jubilee Bank Holiday – a reminder of our term dates this year

This is just to remind parents that there will be an additional bank holiday in 2022 to celebrate the Queen's 70 year reign. Therefore, the school year is to be shortened by one day. **We will end Term 5 one day earlier than originally published**, and the half term holiday will begin on Friday 27th May 2022. The [term dates on our website](#) have been adjusted to match. (This was in the newsletter last term but we just wanted to make sure everyone had seen it).

GDPR – Privacy Notices

We are required to provide parents and carers with an annual reminder of where to find our privacy notices. These can be found at <https://www.pensfordschool.org/Data-Protection-GDPR/> and if any parent would like a paper copy, please contact the school office.

Soccer Shooters

Don't forget you can still sign up to Soccer Shooters after school club on Wednesdays via the link below!

<https://www.soccershooters.com/pensford>



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PENSFORD TENNIS CLUB AT THE
RISING SUN

DUCK RACE

SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

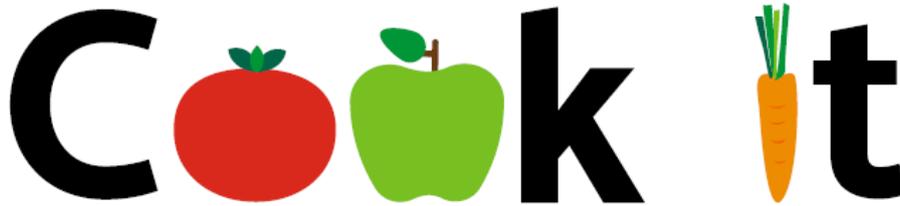


Come along to enjoy a Family Fun Afternoon from 3pm

For £1, you can 'buy a duck' in the race by [clicking here](#).

There is a separate 'Duck Decoration' competition also happening on the day. Pensford children can buy a plastic duck to keep and decorate. The decorated ducks will be on display at the event and there will be prizes for the best-dressed duck from each class! [Click here](#) for more info

Ducks for the dressing up competition cost £2 and are available from the school office (cash only for these please). Please note that proceeds from both the race and the dress-a-duck competition will go to our friends at Pensford Tennis Club.



Five

week

online course for
parents and children

**Join a virtual group cookery session with optional cook
along to discover how to make easy, healthy recipes**

- Free recipe booklet and links to our **NEW** video recipes
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Every family who completes the course receives a **£25 supermarket voucher** to put towards buying ingredients or equipment for recipes

Upcoming course start dates – Wednesday 15th September 6-7pm
(COOK IT for 9-5 working parents), Tuesday 21st September 4-5pm,
Thursday 30th September 4-5pm

Call the Community Wellbeing Hub to find out more
Tel; 0300 2470050,
Email; BATHNES.thehub@virginicare.co.uk

Every Thursday during term time at:

The Lawns

BS10 6TB

6-7pm Year 3-6

7-8pm Year 7 & Above

£5 per session payable termly.

Sessions delivered by Beth Evans, UKCC Level 2 Qualified Netball coach. These sessions are a perfect addition on to any club sessions you may attend or just to develop your skills further.

To register email Beth.evans123@yahoo.co.uk

or call 07476 807307

A photograph of a swimmer in a pool, wearing a red swim cap with a Union Jack and the name 'SIMMONDS', and blue goggles. The swimmer is in a freestyle stroke, with water splashing around their head. The background shows a blue pool with yellow and red lane markers.

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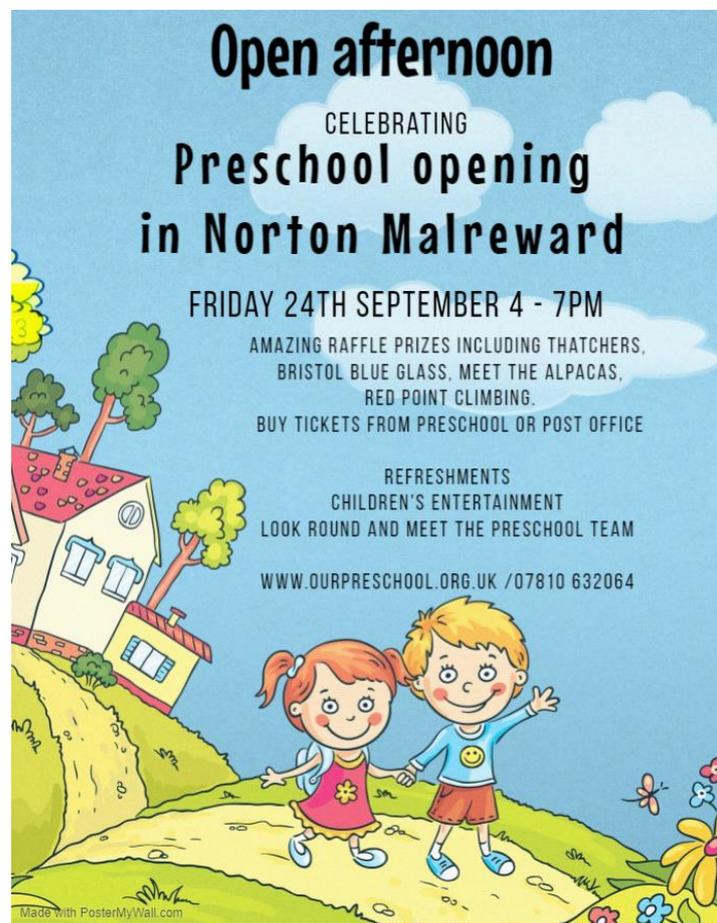
PARA SQUAD TRY OUTS
Open to swimmers Stage 5 & above
Hengrove Pool
Sunday 19th Sept
5-6pm

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

TIME TO GET YOUR GAME FACE ON
Book your place cobaquatics.enquiry@gmail.com

Swims England
Partnership

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Reminders: The content below here is just reminders of things we have previously published

An easy way to support the school

If you are shopping online you may want to use the link below. The school will then receive a small commission at no cost to you.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pensfordps/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=clipboard&utm_content=cpl

Useful links

As usual, we're leaving a couple of links that could be useful to you in our newsletter.

If you need to book or cancel a **breakfast club** place, please [click here](#), or look up Breakfast Club under the Parents tab of our website.

If you know your child will need to be **absent for school**, such as for a music exam or dentist appointment, or if under exceptional circumstances you need to request authorised holiday in term time, please [click here](#). You can also find this form under the Parents tab of the website. Note that it should NOT be used for unplanned absence (illness).

If it's easier for you to phone or email the office for these reasons, you can still do that too!

Amazon wish list. If you would like to support our school by buying any books from our Amazon Wish List, please [click here](#).

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