

# Newsletter – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022



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

- [Duckling](#): Harry and Lucas
- [Dragonfly](#): Audrey and Imber
- [Otter](#): Bodhi and Henry C
- [Kingfisher](#): Eryn and Zack

**Maths certificates went to:** Ellen (Orange), Harry (Green), Henry C (Bronze), Audrey and Felix (Copper),

**And our headteacher award winners are:** Israh-Sue, Lexie, Burt and Seren

## A message from Mr Barton



Some of you may remember me mentioning in September that a key development I would like us to make at the school is some development of the playground at the front of the school. To that end, I have met with a couple of 'experts' recently and we are looking forward to being able to show you some possible designs for its development in the not-too-distant future.

This will link to the fact that many children have been keen to join the 'Eco-team', which I have re-launched this term. We are very much hoping to develop the front space to include some 'green' areas with increased planting and play spaces to discover. In addition to that, the poetry competition that Dylan did so well to win in the summer is now bearing fruit in terms of his prize for the school. Amy Wade of the Bristol and Avon Rivers Trust (BART) has visited this week and helped us by putting into place the 'rain planters' that Dylan won for Pensford. These will help to 'green up' our playground too so many thanks to Amy and her colleagues, and well done Dylan!

Development of this space will, of course, require some funding. Our PTA have been brilliant in arranging at short notice a Halloween event for all the children in the hall. You can find details of this, which were sent out this week, below. As a fundraiser, payment is of course voluntary. We're keen to set the ambitious target of raising £4000 this year, specifically to develop our playground for the children. Many thanks in advance to all of you who are able to contribute to this. We will be working hard to find other sources of funding too, to match-fund what we manage to raise through the PTA.

Other developments this year include more opportunities for children to take on leadership roles. As well as the Eco-team, we have now appointed our School Councillors and House Captains and Vice Captains. These are all roles that I am keen to develop further this year, involving children in some decision making and planning ways in which our school can develop and be a very enjoyable place to learn.

So watch this space for more exciting developments, and have a very good weekend.

Warrick Barton

## Upcoming Events

Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>
		Y4 cross country competition and away football match vs The Meadows (team events)	<a href="#">Forest School for Kingfisher</a> (Year 5 in the morning, Year 6 in the afternoon)  Baths schools netball tournament (team event)	Last day of term.  Halloween Party (see below)   <b>Term 2 starts on <u>Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October</u></b>

Week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> October

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>
First day of Term 2	Parents Evenings (in-person)  NO MR MILLER'S SPORTS CLUB	Parents Evenings (remote)  <i>Please contact the teacher on Dojo if you would prefer face-to-face.</i>	<a href="#">Otter Swimming</a> (week 1 of 4)  Kingfisher class tag rugby tournament @ Chew Valley (details to follow)	

## Halloween Party



The PTA are hoping to raise funds to help develop our front playground! They are asking for a £5 (voluntary) contribution which includes a pumpkin, cupcake or cookie, pumpkin carving competition and access to a Halloween party. This will be from 2-4pm in the school hall next Friday, **21<sup>st</sup> October**.

You can put in less than the suggested donation but you can also put in more! This will help us to reach the £4,000 target which will pay for some lovely new trees and a seating area in the playground.



**The pumpkins will be delivered on MONDAY for children to collect and bring back on Friday for a pumpkin carving competition. Please go to ParentPay to book/donate! A very special thanks to Liz's Logs who have pledged £300 already!**



*As well as the party, details are below of a Halloween raffle being organised by the PTA:*

*Halloween raffle draw - Friday 21/10 at school assembly.  
3 Oxford university bags also up for grabs  
£1 for 5 tickets or £5 for 30 tickets*

**For the raffle, please message Emma on 07702 825567, or email [friendsofpensfordpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofpensfordpta@gmail.com) Tickets will be sent to you via photo, with the bank details. **Thanks for your support in advance & good luck!****

Would you like to find out more about joining the PTA or being a governor at the school? Please let the office know.

## Poppies for Remembrance

As November approaches, we will be selling poppies and other items at the end of the school day to support the British Legion in their annual fundraising for veterans and families of Armed Forces members. The recommended donation is £1 per item, but please donate what you can afford.

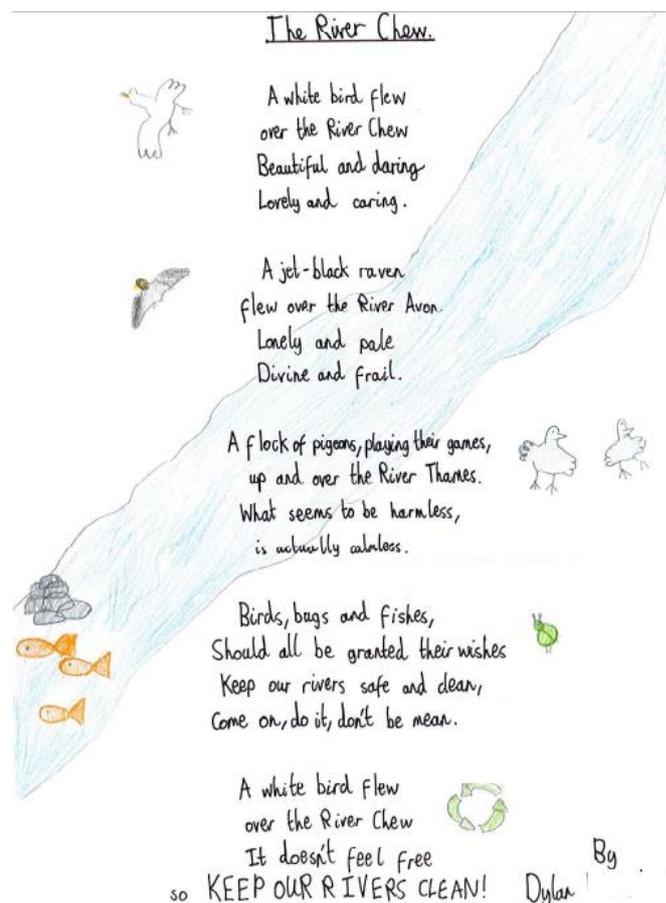
Our School Council will be in charge of sales across next week, and across the first two weeks of next term or as long as stocks last!

## Positions of Responsibility

Congratulations to all members of the Eco-Team, who successfully applied for their places. It was great to have such a high level of interest from the children and we have members across all year groups from Year 1 upwards.

In addition to the Eco Team, we have a number of other positions of responsibility in school: Reading Ambassadors, House Captains and Vice Captains, and School Council. We will be bringing you news about the activities of these groups across the year. Next week the Otter members of the Eco-team will be getting involved in helping to 'green up' our front playground by putting some plants in the newly-installed planters that you may have noticed.

These were won for the school by Dylan in Year 6 when he was placed second in a poetry competition organised by BART. Congratulations again, Dylan and thank-you for what you have won for the school! Here is Dylan's lovely poem again.



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## Sports News

Congratulations to Year 4 who enjoyed taking part in the Quad Kids athletics event organised by the BANES Schools Sports Partnership, which we buy into using our PE and Sports premium money. The team did incredibly well, being placed 4<sup>th</sup> among nearly 20 schools big and small across BANES.

Our football teams also did very well this week, being placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (by 1 point!) in their groups at the Chew Valley Tournament on Thursday. Well done everyone!



## Useful links and reminders

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.

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

## School Attendance – a reminder

The impact of the pandemic is still with us in some ways, and all schools have been given refreshed guidance on attendance by the Department for Education. This guidance comes into force this year, and puts even greater emphasis on schools working with parents to ensure very high rates of attendance now.

We have sometimes had queries from parents about when they should or shouldn't send their child to school with certain illnesses. We have a standing item in the newsletter each week (below) on absence reporting, which should be helpful. The rule of thumb is that they SHOULD attend unless they feel so unwell that they will not be able to cope in the classroom. However, there is also some guidance about

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specific illnesses, and this can be found [here on the NHS website](#). We will follow this guidance when advising parents, and it is very useful if parents are familiar with it too.

Please also remember that if a child is unwell in the morning, but improves later in the day then they should come into school later on. Similarly, if a child is a little under the weather first thing then do let us know and we will keep a special eye on them and contact you if they need to be collected early.

## Absence reporting

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).

In the case of illness, this is our usual reminder to please be specific when leaving a message or reporting absence due to illness to the office. Below is a list of things that do **NOT** require your child to be off from school.

- They are tired
- They have a cold / mild stomach ache
- They are feeling 'unwell' but with no specific symptoms / pain.
- They are worried about something (but do let us know, so we can support them)

We hope this link provides some help as to when to keep your child at home and when not to: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Remember that if you need to notify us of any planned absence, please do this via our [online form here](#). **Many thanks to all parents for working with us in ensuring that your child gets their full entitlement to their education by attending school as often as possible. If you do need to request a short absence for a term time holiday, be aware that this can only be granted in truly exceptional circumstances. Any such requests must be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance.**

Although the vast majority of requests cannot result in authorised absence, we very much respect parents' honesty in telling us about any term time holidays.

## Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) club

### Good-quality food at a low price

Bright Start Children's Centre Services run a weekly **Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) club** at Keynsham Children's Centre, providing local families with good-quality food at a low cost, while also reducing food waste.

It costs just £1 a year for your family to become members.

Once you've joined, you can purchase a bag of tasty food items every week worth approx. £15 for just £3.50!

To become a member, you must live in Bath & North East Somerset and have a child aged 0 - 18.



#### Where and when

Keynsham Children's Centre  
65 West View Road  
Keynsham  
BS31 2UE  
Thursdays  
1.00 – 3.00pm

#### Find out more

01225 395400  
brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk or  
Hayley\_Smith@bathnes.gov.uk

 BrightStartChildrensCentres  
[www.bathnes.gov.uk/childrens-centres](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/childrens-centres)

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# Grassroots Sports Bristol

## October Half Term Holiday Club

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We at **Grassroots Sports Bristol** in partnership with **Young Bristol** are delighted to inform you that we are going to be running a **Multi-Sports Holiday Club** at **BS14 Youth Club, Stockwood BS14 8SJ** from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

SPORT CLUB	CLUB OPEN TO	TIME	DATES	COST PER CHILD
<b>MULTI-SPORTS</b> This includes Football, Athletics, Cricket, Hockey, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Games, Arts & Crafts & Much More!	All children aged 5-12	Normal hrs: 9:00 - 3:00. Extended hrs: 08:30 - 4:30.	24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Weekly:</b> Normal Hours - £70 Extended Hours - £95 Daily: Normal Hours - £21 Extended Hours - £26

For More Info or to book a place, please contact Jeff Dickens via: Phone – 07877287072 or Email - jeffreydickens@hotmail.com. Limited Spaces Available!

To Secure your place a **50% Deposit** is required by the **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October!** You can do this by either contacting Jeff Dickens Direct or By Bank Transfer: ACC No -52293982 Sort Code 09-01-29

	Name: ..... DOB: .....
	School: .....
	Home Address: .....
	..... Postcode: .....
	Home Telephone: .....
	Mobile: .....
	Emergency no: .....
	Medical requirements: .....
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	*Payment enclosed: .....
	Parent/Guardian name: .....
	Signature: ..... Date: .....

## Booking Form

– Please hand form in on first day of club!

# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

w/c 17 October

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

## Bath Central Library

### Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 18 October

### Art in the Library - Sarah Targett, Charlotte Farmer, Jude McGuire, Kate Bernstein:

Monday - Saturday 3 - 29 October

## Keynsham Library

### Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 18 October  
10.30 - 11.00 am

## Midsomer Norton Library

### Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am 17 October

### Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 19 October

## Digital All Social Media

Black History Month, October

Family Learning Festival, 15 - 30 October

Get Online Week, 17 - 23 October

Children's Book Review 22 October  
Bathnes Libraries Blog



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