

# Newsletter – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022



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

- [Duckling](#): Arleigh and Harry
- [Dragonfly](#): Harry and Hudson
- [Otter](#): Jenson and Mabel
- [Kingfisher](#): Oscar and Seren

Maths certificates went to: Kenzie (Silver)

And our headteacher award winners are: Harry, Hudson, Bodhi and Josh

## Upcoming Events

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>
<a href="#">Forest School for Dragonfly class</a>  Mrs Redman will be in school to say hello to Duckling class.	Boys' 7-a-side football tournament (info sent to team)  Eco team will have a workshop (no cost, in school time)	Cross country event (info sent to team)  Dragonfly Zoom workshop with the National Archives (no cost, held in school time)  Away netball match v St John's MSN (info sent to team)	<a href="#">Otter Swimming</a> (week 3 of 4)  Four Y6 children to maths competition (info sent to team)	<b>Children in Need Day</b>  (Children can wear colourful/ spotty clothes. Please donate what you can via Parent Pay)

Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> November

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>
<a href="#">Forest School for Otter class</a>	<a href="#">Year 3/ 4 invasion festival @ Chew Valley School</a>		<a href="#">Otter Swimming</a> (week 4 of 4)  Y3/4 football tournament @Bishop Sutton (info sent to team)	

## A message from Mr Barton

Firstly, I wanted to pass on best wishes to Ivor and Emlyn and their family, as today was their last day at Pensford Primary. We wish you all the best for your house move and will miss you!

Some parents and carers may have noticed children coming home with 'Sticky Questions' recently! These are seemingly random questions designed to help children develop their rational thinking skills, and are called 'sticky questions' not only because they take a little bit of thought to answer, but also because they literally come on sticky labels so the children can bring them home.

I've introduced 'Sticky Questions' through my assemblies this term and lots of children have been keen to take them home. This is part of the 'Reasoning' Pillar of the Pensford Curriculum. You can find out more

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about these pillars [here on our website](#). I want to encourage children to develop their creative thinking about open-ended questions and I'm introducing a new certificate for the end of the week called the 'Philosopher of the Week' award. This will go to any child or children who have particularly impressed me by coming up with a high-quality written answer to the question or questions they have thought about that week. The 'Sticky Questions' are a resource we have obtained from The Philosophy Man, which is an organisation that promotes Philosophy for Schools. I hope you agree that this is an interesting and worthwhile thing for children to be engaged with. However, as I have made clear to the children, there is absolutely no obligation to do this 'extra homework' unless the children really want to.

There are different questions designed for different ages, but I said to the children on Monday that I don't mind if they want to think about any question – not necessarily the one for their class. Lots of children did take more than one 'Sticky question' home and congratulations to Molly B and Dylan B who have received the first Philosopher of the Week awards!

For anyone who is interested, here are the questions for next week:

What is the friendliest colour, and why?

Should grown-ups be told to tidy their rooms?

If you could ask anybody any question, WHO and WHAT would you ask?

When should you judge a book by its cover?

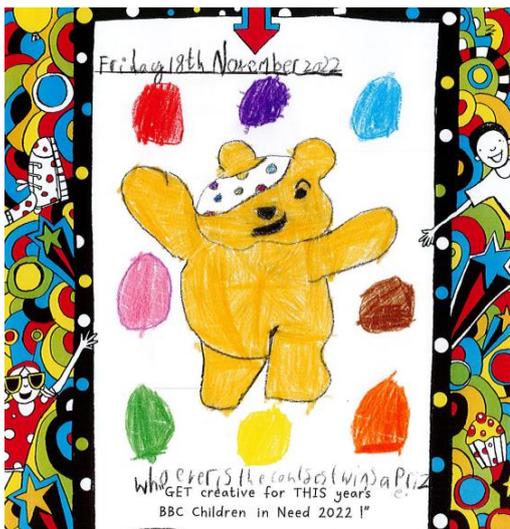
Happy philosophising, and have a very good weekend!

Warrick Barton

## Layer up/ Power down day

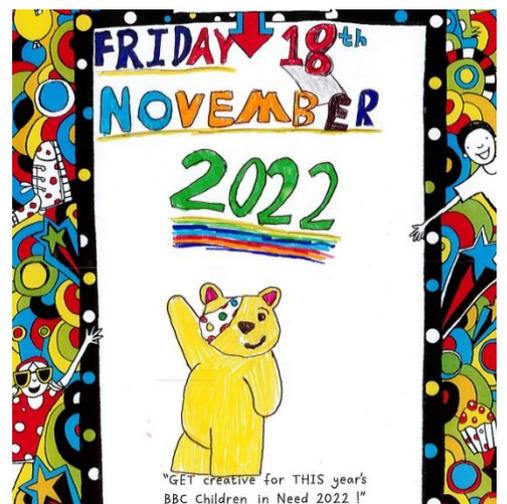
We enjoyed doing our bit for the environment and for our heating bills by dressing up warmly and keeping the radiators off today! Thanks to everyone who supported this and we hope the children enjoyed wearing their own choice of clothes in school.

### A message from the School Council: Children in Need Day on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November



Poster by Henry M

*On Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November all students will be permitted to wear spotty or colourful clothes to school. Please pay a pound donation, or what you can afford, on Parent Pay that will be given to the cause. We have chosen to support Children in Need because it helps children and our school has lots of children! (Josh, School Councillor)*



Poster by Oscar

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## Remembrance



We marked the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of this month by coming together as a school for 2 minutes' silence. Thank-you to everyone who supported the British Legion's poppy appeal this year.



## Sports news



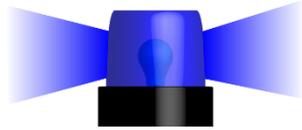
Our girls football team performed extremely well at their tournament on Thursday. As the only small school at the competition, we were so proud that they made it to the final. And that the final, against the much bigger school Moorlands, was 0-0 after normal time. And extra time. And that the penalties

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were level after the first round. They missed out on winning the competition only by a single shot in the sudden-death penalty phase. What a team! Enormous congratulations you all on your very well-deserved silver medals. And thank-you, girls, for helping us to prepare for watching England at the upcoming World Cup!

(If anyone would like tickets to see the England Lionesses play in Bristol in February, [click here.](#))

**\*\*\*Important message from the Police about Parking outside school\*\*\***



The police have informed us that there have been a high number of complaints from the bus company regarding cars parking and pausing in the bus stop. They have been monitoring the situation and are aware that it is not just parents, but also the wider community, using the bus stop but, because there have been so many complaints, **the police have informed us that they will start issuing tickets.** We are aware that it is difficult to park close to the school gate but please do try not to use the bus stop!

**New winter lunch menu**

From next week, Edwards and Ward are launching their new winter menu. This involves jacket potatoes each day as the third option, instead of sandwiches for the winter months, as well as some other tasty changes. You can click the image below to find a larger version on our [School Meals Information page](#). Note that this menu will start on Monday, on **Week 3**.

<b>MONDAY</b>  <b>TUESDAY</b>  <b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>FRIDAY</b>	Swedish Meatballs with Mash & Creamy Gravy or Quorn Swedish Meatballs with Mash & Creamy Gravy (V) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Sweetcorn, Shredded Carrots Choice of Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (V)	Choice of Pork or Chicken Sausages with Mash & Gravy or Veggie Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Garden Peas, Carrot Batons Choice of Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (V)	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie Topped with Cheesy Mash or Shepherdess Pie (Ve) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Garden Peas, Sweetcorn Choice of Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (V)	
	Mild & Sweet Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice (WG) or Mac & Cheese (V) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Cauliflower, Green Beans Jammy Dodger Flapjack (Ve) (WG)		Rainbow Vegetable & Chicken Stir-Fry or Raviolini with Tomato Sauce (Ve) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Sweetcorn & Peppers, Garden Peas St Clement's Shortbread (Ve)	Texan One Pot Beef Chilli (WG) or Cauli Mac & Cheese (V) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Super Greens Apricot Flapjack (Ve)
	Slow Roasted Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy or Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (V) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Sliced Carrots, Garden Peas Strawberry Jelly & Peas (Ve)		Slow Roasted Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy or Tomato & Cheddar Plait with Roast Potatoes (V) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Cauliflower, Sliced Carrot Strawberry Jelly & Peaches (Ve)	Slow Roasted Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy or Veggie Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (V) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Garden Peas, Sliced Carrots Strawberry Jelly & Fruit Cocktail (Ve)
	Pasta with Bolognese Sauce (WG) or French Bread Margherita Pizza (V) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Cucumber Sticks, Tomato Wedges Apple Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)		Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake (WG) or Rainbow Vegetable Stir-Fry (Ve) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Broccoli Florets, Sweetcorn Apple & Pear Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)	Arabiatta Chicken Meatballs with Pasta (WG) or French Bread Margherita Pizza with Coleslaw (V) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Cucumber Sticks, Tomato Wedges Jumbleberry Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)
	MSC Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce or Quorn Fishless Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce (Ve) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Shortbread (Ve)		MSC Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce or Quorn Fishless Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce (Ve) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V)	MSC Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce or Quorn Fishless Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce (Ve) or Jacket Potato with Choice of Filling Baked Beans, Garden Peas Chocolate Oaty Square (Ve) (WG)

**FRESH HEALTHY TASTY**

**WE USE LOCALLY SOURCED INGREDIENTS WHEN AVAILABLE AND IN SEASON**

*Smile food that makes you happy*

(V) Suitable for Vegetarians

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## School Disco: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December



With enormous thanks to the PTA, and to The Rising Sun pub for sponsoring it, we are proud to announce the first Pensford School Disco in many years will take place on **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Here are the key things you need to know...tickets will be available on ParentPay early next week...

**WHERE:** In the school hall – decorated for the occasion

**WHEN:** 4:30-5:30pm for Duckling and Dragonfly children

6:00-7:30pm for Otter and Kingfisher children

*Tickets will cost £5 (or what you can afford) available on ParentPay with all proceeds going to fund our exciting [Playground Development Project](#)*

### *Children will get:*

- *a fun disco, with DJ and ex-pupil Jack Walsh on the decks!*
  - *a hotdog or burger (veggie or meat)*
  - *a drink and packet of crisps*
  - *a cupcake (for Duckling and Dragonfly) OR*
  - *a glow stick (for Otter and Kingfisher)*
- *The older classes can bring a small amount of cash to buy items such as tattoos, sweets and more glow sticks etc and we hope to provide face painting and Christmas art activities for the younger children*

*Parents can either drop their children off OR stay and help. We will need helpers, so if you can do this please contact Emma Rehbein on 07702825567*

*For parents who drop off – why not visit the Rising Sun for an hour or so? They have kindly provided the DJ, drinks and crisps.*

## 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](#).

## 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).

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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.



Pensford Primary School

Edwards & Ward are recruiting for a Cook to work at Pensford Primary School.

Duties involve food preparation, serving and general cleaning. Full training and support given.

This would be an idea role for someone wanting to return to work that needs flexible hours alongside their family.

This is a permanent position, working Monday to Friday, up to 27.5 hours per week, during school hours, term time only.

Rate of pay:

Up to £12.00 per hour, depending on experience.

For more information

Please contact Liz Wilton on 07973 815898

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# 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.



### Find out more

01225 395400

[brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk) or

[Hayley\\_Smith@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Hayley_Smith@bathnes.gov.uk)

 [BrightStartChildrensCentres](https://www.facebook.com/BrightStartChildrensCentres)

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

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### Where and when

Keynsham Children's Centre

65 West View Road

Keynsham

BS31 2UE

Thursdays

1.00 – 3.00pm



# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## w/c 14 November

### Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

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

### Bath Central Library

**Art in the Library - Ukrainian Art, Posters from Ukrainian Artists**

Monday - Saturday 2 Nov - 16 Dec

**Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In**

Mon - Sat During opening hours

**Storytime Sessions, Family Fun \*\***

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 15 Nov

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun \*\***

Wednesday 11.00 - 11.30 am 16 Nov

**Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs**

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

**Tree of Deforestation - Made by Year 4s at Widcombe C of E Junior School**

Mon - Sat During opening hours

### Keynsham Library

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun \*\***

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 15 Nov  
10.30 - 11.00 am

**Storytime Sessions & Craft, Family Fun \*\***

Thursdays 11.00 - 12.00pm 17 Nov

### Midsomer Norton Library

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun \*\***

Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am 14 Nov

**Storytime Sessions, Family Fun \*\***

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 16 Nov

### Digital All Social Media

**Men's Health Month - November, 1 - 30 November**

**Children's Book Review  
19 November  
Bathnes Libraries Blog**

**\*\*World Nursery Rhyme Week - Dress up as your favourite Nursery Rhyme character for Storytime and Bounce & Rhyme!**

Mon - Thurs 14 - 17 Nov



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