

Newsletter – 4th November 2022

	<p>We're proud to announce our Stars of the week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duckling: Lucas and Thomas • Dragonfly: Emma and Harvey • Otter: Evie and Layton • Kingfisher: Chloe, and the Whole Class for the rugby tournament <p>Maths certificates went to: Miles and Jimmy (red), Eddie (blue), Isabelle M (copper)</p> <p>And our headteacher award winners are: Ivor, Izzy, Lillian and Frankie</p>
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Upcoming Events

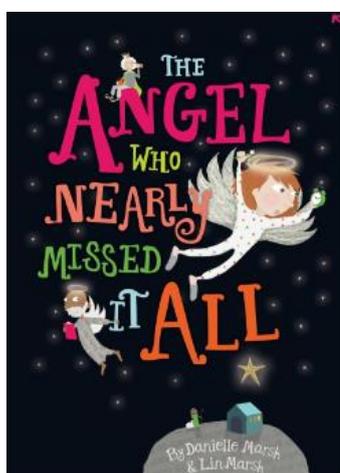
Week beginning 7th November

Monday 7 th	Tuesday 8 th	Wednesday 9 th	Thursday 10 th	Friday 11 th
			Otter Swimming (week 2 of 4) Girls' 7-a-side football tournament (info sent to team)	Layer Up/ Power Down day (see message below from the Eco Team)

Week beginning 14th November

Monday 14 th	Tuesday 15 th	Wednesday 16 th	Thursday 17 th	Friday 18 th
Forest School for Dragonfly 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)	Otter Swimming (week 3 of 4) Four Y6 children to maths competition (info sent to team)	Children in Need Day (See message below from the School Council and please donate what you can via Parent Pay)

A message from Mr Barton



With Halloween behind us, and bonfire night just ahead, this is perhaps a good time to remind everyone of the date for our Nativity performances this year. **These will be at 2pm and then again at 6pm on Tuesday, 13th December.** We have chosen the performance for 2022, which will be called 'The Angel Who Nearly Missed it All'. We've started to learn the songs already and the children will be excited to perform to you in All Saints Church, Publow.

It's been good to start the term with the opportunity for teachers to meet with parents about how your child's first term has been, at our parents' evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. I hope parents and carers found these meetings useful and informative, but don't forget that you can keep communicating with us

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

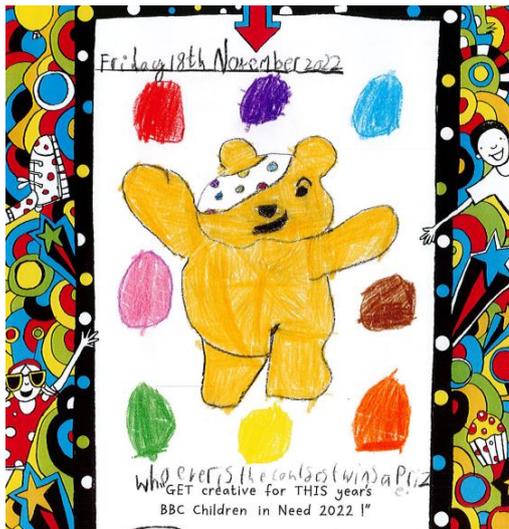
through Dojo or in the playground if you have any questions about how your child is getting on.

As you can see in the 'upcoming events' section above, we have some interesting events on the horizon for football, environmental education, history and maths. I look forward to being able to tell you more about these as they happen. Meanwhile, I want to hand over to the Eco Team and School Council to tell you about events happening on the next two Fridays of term:

A message from the Eco Team: Layer Up/ Power Down day on Friday, 11th November

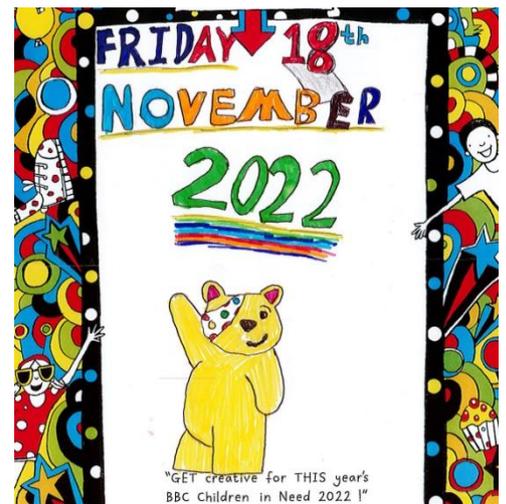
Friday, 11th November will be a 'Layer Up Power Down' day. This is to show the importance of saving energy. Saving energy helps our planet and also saves us money. We will not be having the heating on at all that day, and we will be using electricity as little as possible. So please come to school dressed warmly for the day. You don't need to wear your uniform but dress warmly! Thank-you from the Eco Team.

A message from the School Council: Children in Need Day on Friday, 18th November



Poster by Henry M

On Friday, 18th 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

Thank-you for reading these messages from our teams, and have a good weekend!

Warrick Barton

Playground Development

Pensford Primary School // Shade & Imaginative Play Ideas

Adding trees and vegetation to a playground improves wellbeing & biodiversity, increases shade, cools the air and absorbs harmful air pollutants. With this in mind we propose adding large planters with seating on all sides and planted with standard sized trees for instant impact. Tall shades provide a sense of enclosure and shade, whilst a new hoist increases play value.



We want to say thank-you again to everyone who supported the PTA Halloween Fundraising event. As we informed you in the last newsletter, we raised well over £600, which is a great start towards our £4000 target for this year to develop our front playground.

You can find out more about our fundraising and see a bigger image of the inspiration sheet pictured below, by clicking on it. We hope you think the plans look as exciting as we do!

Our next step along the fundraising route is to hold a Christmas Disco! Details will follow, but please put the early evening of Friday 2nd December in your diary!

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Poppies for Remembrance

As a reminder, these will be on sale next week each day after school ahead of Remembrance Day on Friday, when we will observe a 2-minute silence. Please note that children should NOT bring money into school if they are being collected by an adult and that these items are for sale at the end of the day only. Many thanks.

Sports news

Kingfisher class enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of teamwork and co-operation as every member of the class participated in a touch rugby tournament. All 3 teams did well, with the 'B' team coming top of their group and the 'A' team a very close second. Most importantly, though, the whole class represented the school superbly well and we are very proud of them.

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).

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

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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.



Where and when

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

Find out more

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