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Newsletter 32:

Science Week!

This week has been full of scintillating sporty science! Each of our classes has been exploring the science behind different sports. This has ranged from investigating aerodynamics in cycling to testing friction in running shoes. All of our children have taken part and enjoyed learning about science in the world around us. We have also had visitors from Bristol University, the MAD science assembly team and a fantastic display from some of our very own talented sportspeople. Please ask your children about what they have been learning this week – maybe we have some budding scientists in the making!



Roll Up, Roll Up! Raffle Tickets go on sale next week!

On the evening of the circus we will be drawing the winners of our raffle. We already have some pretty impressive prizes lined up including:

- 2 adult tickets to Noah's Ark Farm
- 2 adult tickets to Bristol Zoo
- 2 free meals at Frydays
- 1 boys haircut at Scammells Barber Shop
- A selection of beauty products from The Make Up Box
- 45 minute dance session for you and 3 friends from Karen Davis
- Bottle of prosecco

Tickets will be £2 each and will be on sale from the office from Wednesday 24th May and in the playground after school on some afternoons next term. If you know of any more companies who might donate a prize, we would much appreciate that too! You do not need to be at the circus to win.

We are also looking for a company to sponsor the event, with the opportunity to advertise with banners etc. If your workplace might be interested, then please see Mrs Osborne.

Unauthorised Absence

There has been a dramatic increase in the amount of term time holiday request forms coming into school. Attendance is a key focus of ours as we know the huge impact it has on children's learning, confidence and motivation at school. Please support us by not booking holidays during term time – these will not be authorised by the headteacher.

New Classes

We are already thinking about September to ensure a smooth transition for all of our children. If you have any historical concerns about your child's class for September or any serious reasons why they need special consideration, please send a letter to Mrs Osborne before half term. We will consider all letters but will not guarantee to meet all requests. Please do not send us friendship lists as we will be asking children in class over the next week who they would like to be in a class with. Class lists will be sent home on June 21st.

Diary Dates

May

Tues 23rd - Year 5 Cake Sale
Wed 24th – Orienteering Day
Thurs 25th – Friends Film Night postponed
Fri 26th - End of Term 5 Dress down day for Crohn's and Colitis UK charity

June

Mon 5th - Inset Day
Thurs 8th - Friends Film Night
Thurs 15th - Friends Father's Day Trays
Thurs 15th - Circus 6pm
Fri 16th – Wind band concert 7.30pm
Wed 21st – Sports day
Mon 26th – Red Cross visit for Y6
Mon 26th – Dog awareness workshops

Dates correct at time of publication – dates will be updated every week on the newsletter.

'AWARD-WINNING TUITION'

There is a morning Taekwondo club every Monday at 8.00am run by an 'internationally recognised award winning coach'.

There are currently spaces, so please contact school reception for an application form if you're interested.

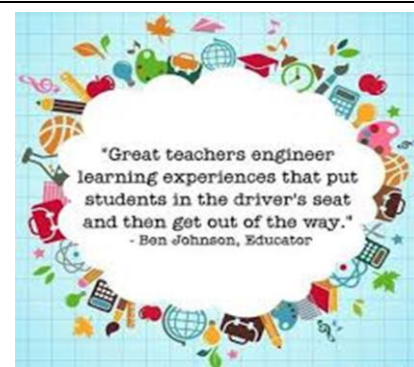


House Cup



This week Pegasus won the house cup!

A child from each class was also awarded a certificate for their achievements during science week.



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Carnival Capers

Drop in for
**Fun, crafts & activities
hats, masks and more!**

Downend Library
10:00 – 11:30am Thursday 1 June

Especially suitable for ages 4 to 9
Under fives must please be accompanied by an adult

Active Libraries South Gloucestershire Council

Circus Tickets Update

WOW! Thank you so much for all of our community who have bought a ticket to Happy's Circus! We have now sold over 460 tickets so if you haven't yet bought yours, but would like to, please make sure you send in the slip and money as soon as possible. When they're gone, they're gone!

Year 5 Cake Sale

Year 5 are holding a joint cake sale on Tuesday 23rd May. Please can you support this event by sending in any donations to school on the morning of the 23rd. Cakes will be on sale after school – come and treat yourselves!

Year 5 Supporting the Homeless

We are delighted to announce that we will be doing an assembly on the homeless on Monday 22nd May and we will be holding a fundraiser for the Salvation Army on the first Friday back in Term 6. We feel very honoured to have such an amazing chance to talk to the school about something that matters a lot to us. Talking to the school will help us spread the word about this big cause. Homelessness is a reality and something we can do a lot to help with. Thank you to our amazing school for being so supportive, another big thank you is to our fabulous headteacher Mrs Osborne – we wouldn't be able to do this without her kindness and support. **From Megan and Sophia (Year 5)**

Crohn's and Colitis UK Dress Down Day and assembly

One of our families, the Elkingtons, have been working with us over the last few weeks to help run an event to raise awareness for Crohn's and Colitis which is a hidden illness affecting many people. They have organised for the charity to run a service on world inflammatory bowel disease day (Friday 19th May) to explain the illness to the school and answer their questions. Bristol TV and the Bristol Post have also expressed an interest in covering the event and have asked for a picture of us all in purple on dress down day.

So how can we help?

1 – Dress down Friday, for the end of this term, will be a dress in PURPLE day with all donations (suggested £1) going to Crohn's and Colitis UK.

2 – Consider sponsoring the Elkington family who are completing 5K with all proceeds again going to the charity.

If you would like to find out more about the work Crohn's and Colitis UK do and what the illness is, then please visit their website at <https://www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk/>

We always appreciate your suggestions for fundraising as we feel it is a vital aspect of us serving our local community as a Christian school.



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FUN

ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

CIRCUS

CCJ Welcome

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

Thursday 15th June 2017

Doors Open at 5pm
Starts 6pm -8pm
Refreshments Available

CIRCUS