



NEWSLETTER

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FORWARD

The joy of a more 'normal' school term has been evident all through October. We have loved having our community back together in person, welcoming KS1 parents/carers back on site and being able to celebrate through a wide range of events. Term 1 has been all about charity, community-building and challenge!

At the start of the month, our PTA hosted a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and raised £66.66 and a second-hand uniform sale that raised £168.85. We also invited our students to raise money by wearing jeans into school for the day; thanks to so many of our students getting involved, they raised a whopping £308.11 for the Jeans for Genes charity.

Community-wise, our Open Mornings for families to come and visit the school have also started in the last month and we have been welcoming many of you into our school with the reception picnic and Rock the Tots hosting a 'Stay 'n' Play' session (both pictured below). Their music, storytelling and bubbles were the perfect antidote to any lockdown blues our visitors may have been feeling! More music news has come in the form of Bristol Beacon nominating our school to become a Music Mark School in recognition of our commitment to providing high-quality music education for all our pupils. We are also proud to have supported some of our pupils through completion of the Bikeability Level 2 Cycle Training. Perhaps our most surprising and heart-warming event within our school community this last month though, was when our year 6 pupils planned a surprise party one lunchtime to thank the school staff that work with them, and show just how much they are appreciated. We are delighted with the hard work and kindness that is persistently shown by our pupils.



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Finally: challenges. Despite starting the year with a major electrical fault and alongside a busy term, we have continued our drive to encourage a love for reading for all of our children. We started the month with our celebrations of Black History Month with Ms Spence gifting her Year 6 reading group each their own copy of Marcus Rashford's book, 'You Are A Champion'. Despite the challenge for a Liverpool FC fan to willingly read the book of a footballing rival, they overcame it! The School Leadership Team have unanimously joined the UKLA Teacher Reading Group as well, further marking our dedication to reading for pleasure. Pupils in KS2 have also joined in with Bristol Waste's #WasteNothing Schools' Challenge to help reduce waste and make Bristol an even better place to live, whilst continuing our school's commitment to sustainability.

As the autumn draws in, we are looking forward to even more community building, overcoming exciting challenges, and supporting charities!





PARKING BUDDIES

This term, we have welcomed our new parking buddies, with their very clear message - **Show you care, park elsewhere.**

They have helped the area around the front of the school (East Park) to be safer for our children, however, there are still concerns that the problem has been displaced elsewhere.

We would like to remind parents/carers that parking on double yellow lines is **illegal**. Also, that we have a 5 minute walking map in place, that was created by previous pupils.





GROWING HOPE

We are going to be running the Winston's Wish Growing Hope Project at May Park. Our garden will be situated just next to the carpark so you can have a look at our progress over the coming weeks and months.

Winston's Wish is a childhood bereavement charity. The idea behind the Growing Hope Project is that it supports bereaved primary school children by bringing them together to experience the therapeutic benefits of gardening throughout the year. Growing Hope offers a nourishing space which feeds both the emotional and physical well-being of bereaved children, enabling them to meet other children who have experienced bereavement and are able to process feelings of grief in a gentle way.

We would appreciate any donations in the form of plants, compost and any unwanted gardening equipment that you may have at home.

If you feel that your child would benefit from being part of the project due to a family bereavement or you would like some more information, please contact **Miss Sandiford**.



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FOREST SCHOOL

A selection of pictures from Forest School this term.

A nest with a bird inside, made by Anayah and Maida from Nairobi Class.



A tree person.



Den building.

A foxy friend

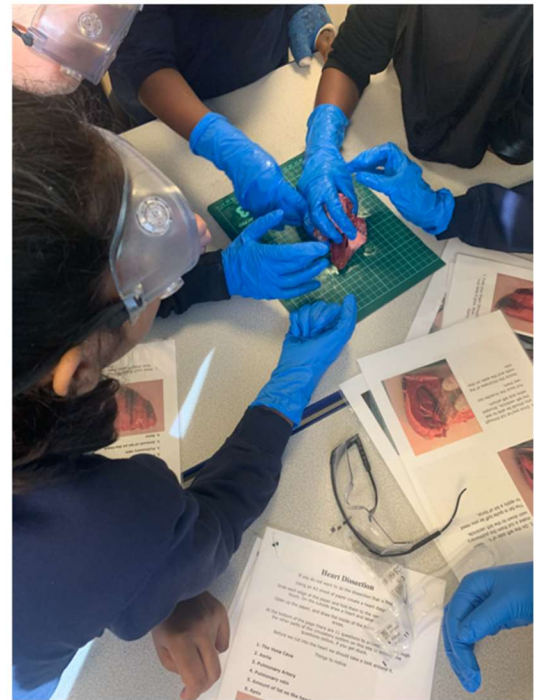




Y6 ENQUIRY

This term Year 6 have been doing the Enquiry: How Are Lives Saved?

We were lucky to have visits from the Fairfield High School Science Technicians who led sessions on how to perform CPR and a Heart Dissection. As scientists, we learnt about the circulatory system and how the heart works. We also carried out an investigation into how exercise affects our heart rate.

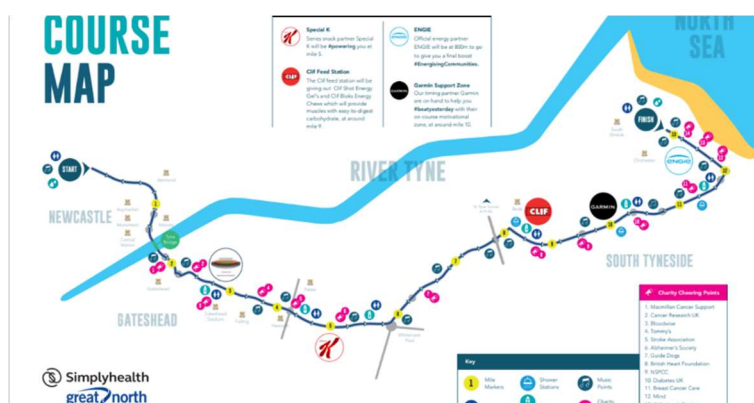
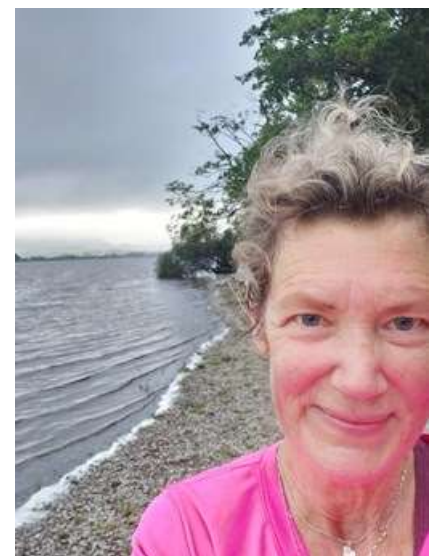


GREAT NORTH RUN – 12 SEP 2021

Our wonderful Mrs Connor Lloyd (pictured below) ran the Great North Run on 12th September to raise money to buy bikes for reception children.

Her aim was to raise £1000, with the possibility of purchasing approximately 4 bikes, however, she far exceeded her target due to your kind donations.

In true May Park style, she was resilient and perserved to the end, raising £1,500. Well done 😊





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TRANSLATORS WANTED

We are hugely grateful to those who translate our messages on Class Dojo. If you are able to speak different languages, and are able to volunteer your time to support the school, we would love to hear from you. We have opportunities to translate our marketing materials for all families to access. If you would like to be considered, please contact the main office, stating which languages you are able to offer.

5 STAR HYGIENE

Congratulations to our kitchen partners, Edwards and Ward, who secured a 5 star hygiene rating after a spot check from The Food Standards Agency.

Well done to Kaz and the team.





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MORNING STARS BREAKFAST CLUB

Morning Stars Breakfast Club is open every morning from 7.45-8.30. We offer toast, bagels, juice and a selection of cereals.

Children can play tabletop games, Lego, role play, Bey Blades and spend time in the woods and on the MUGA. Children are supervised by our caring, friendly staff.



SUPERNOVAS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Supernovas is our afterschool care provision that runs from 3.30pm - 6pm. A range of activities are available, including gardening, cooking, art activities and Forest School.

We are gauging interest from families who may wish to send their children to Supernovas on Fridays. Please follow the link and complete the online form if this may be helpful:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pL64lYeN6E6E77cZGYWgykB8Aio9g29GhWPaGkHQ5RIURThWU1FWT1RLVUhiWk4wVLZTVDNYNk5YOS4u>



For more information or to book, call the main office or visit the website:
maypark.bristol.sch.uk/clubs



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Thanks to **Bizzy Kids** for providing an essential childcare provision this half term and the **ACE Programme**, in partnership with Gloucestershire Cricket Board, for offering free sports sessions as part of black history month. Look out for more opportunities like this in future school holidays.

4FourtheFuture will be resuming their winter letting for football coaching on Monday 1st November - every Monday and Wednesday, between 5.30pm - 6.30pm. **Please contact them directly to book a space.**



We have a large site, offering a variety of facilities to let, including: 2 x halls, MUGA, woods, meeting rooms etc. If you would like more information regarding availability and pricing, please contact the main office.





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