



# NEWSLETTER

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## **FORWARD**

It certainly has been a challenging few terms but despite the pandemic and severe weather closures, we are carrying on regardless.

Our admin team are busy streamlining systems so everything is in one place, our children are participating research projects, eco activities and music performances, our parents are able to engage in workshops and meetings, trips are being planned again, we are receiving visits from important people, our staff are able to celebrate outstanding safeguarding practices and we are able to participate, as a whole school community, in events to raise awareness of mental health by dressing to express ourselves!

**New Staff** – We are pleased to welcome some new faces to the May Park Team: Miss Cottrell – LSA in Y4, Miss Ahktar – LSA in reception, Miss Prytherch & Mrs Mukit - care assistants in reception, Miss Johnson & Miss SH Farah – care assistants in nursery.

**Goodbyes** – Best wishes to Ms Day, Miss Morgan and Miss Corrick.

**Announcements** – Mrs Gray will be leaving Cardiff class to go on maternity leave after Easter, however, we will be welcoming back Mrs Kirby to take over.

**Welcome back** – Miss Endelman who returned in Nairobi class and Miss O'Hagan who is supporting SEND interventions.

**Ms Spence**



## MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS)



We are introducing a new app based way to communicate with parents and to make online payments. It is called **'MyChild at School (MCAS)'** It works with our inschool systems and will allow you to receive live updates and information about your child's attendance and achievements, as well as letters, reports, signing up for clubs and much more.



We will introduce MCAS gradually across the different year groups and we will send home instructions with your child on how to set up the system and to use it. In the coming months, we will be phasing out our systems, such as ParentPay and Class Dojo, with the aim of everything being accessible through MCAS.

One of the first payment items we will move across is Supernovas, our after school wrap around provision. You will be able to pay and book your session within MCAS without the need to contact the office. From 18<sup>th</sup> February, Supernovas will no longer be active on ParentPay. This is so we can transfer any balances across to the new system. Supernovas will become live on MCAS from 19<sup>th</sup> February 2022. If you use Supernovas and you have not yet received an email inviting you to set up your account, or you have any questions please contact a member of the Admin Team.



## MUSIC UPDATE

**Children from year 1 - 6** performed on the last day of term 2, outside. Parents were invited to watch the performances from 3:10pm, and the children sang the songs which they had been learning. The atmosphere was amazing.

**Year 2** took part in the Bristol Beacon Christmas Carol singing at Trinity. They spent the first few weeks of term practising the songs, which they then sang along with the other Bristol schools at the event. This was streamed live for the parents to watch. The year 2 children had a lovely time and enjoyed singing with the other schools.



**Term 3:** Year 5 have started learning the Ukulele with Miss Sturge and Mr Fey.

**Term 4:** The children who have been having additional music lessons in school will be invited to perform for parents and family. They will be joined by the children of choir and other performing arts clubs. Watch this space for more information.



**PLEASE HELP!** If you have any instruments, or know anyone who does, that you are willing to donate to the school, they will be gratefully received. We are in need of tuned instruments and keyboards, but any percussion would also be amazing.

**Ms Sturge**





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## WINTER FAYRE

Thank you to the PTA for organising such a wonderful winter fayre. Every one had a great time!





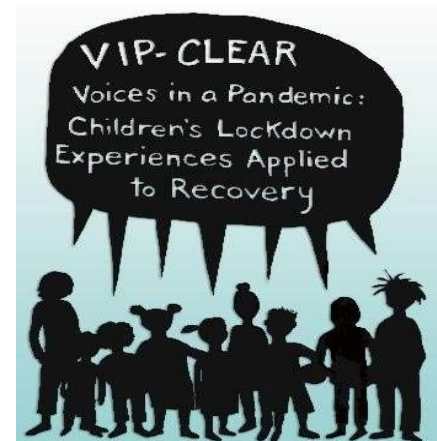
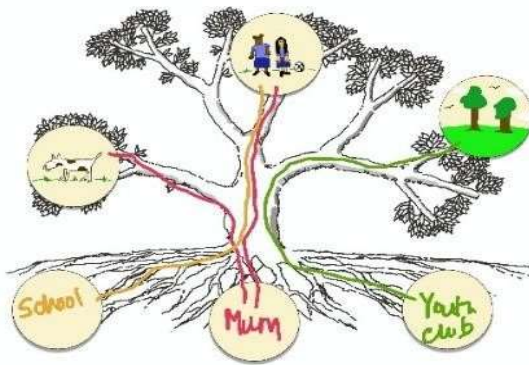
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## VIP CLEAR

**UWE Bristol** | University of the West of England

This term, the VIP team have really enjoyed working with our pupils on their final activity which asked children to think about their hopes and ambitions for the future – using a picture of a tree to frame their thinking.



These workshops have seen children identify not only what they are looking forward to but also identify how these ambitions might be achieved. Some of the ideas the children have talked about include:

### Personal hopes

e.g. improving writing and learning to swim

### Local hopes

e.g. going on school trips and spending time with family

### National and international hopes

e.g. reducing the impact of climate change and supporting Black Lives Matter campaign

## Whats next?

In term 3 they will be preparing ways of communicating the themes from the project to the wider school community. To find out more visit [www.vip-clear.org](http://www.vip-clear.org)



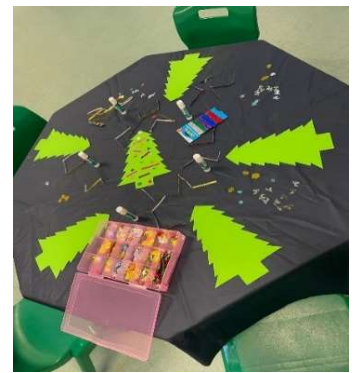


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## PARENT WORKSHOP

Parent Workshops run on a Wednesday morning, from 9:00-10:00, in the Orchard Hall. Parents have enjoyed coming to these to get to know some of the other parents and spending quality time with their child doing fun activities with a different theme each week. It has grown from 8 families enjoying this to 16 families at Christmas workshop. I'm looking forward to holding them again in the New Year and I am busy planning the themes – **Sonia**



## PARENT COMMENTS

'We absolutely LOVE parent workshop! It would be great to do some more outdoor workshops, but guess that will come with better weather. More sensory play with water would be great 😊 or maybe gardening or cooking.'

'The children really enjoy coming to meet their parents and doing something together in school. They especially enjoy themed workshops, getting messy and doing stuff we couldn't normally do.'

'I think Parent Workshop is a really great idea. It is so nice to feel included in the school and to be able to be with our children for a little while to see how they play and to see other parents. Very nice.'





## YEAR 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 have been collecting their crisp packets which will be made into space blankets to help the homeless. We collected 150 packets which is enough to make one space blanket. **Mr Fey**

## UWE RESEARCH

A team of researchers from UWE, Bristol have been working with pupils in year 6 to explore experiences of racism and their impact on wellbeing. This work, funded by the national charity *Emerging Minds*, will help inform trainee teacher programmes to better prepare future teachers in how to sensitively, and appropriately, talk about race and racism.

The children involved added important voices to this work and the team would like to thank the school, staff and pupils for their support of this important research. To find out more, please contact Dr Verity Jones, [Verity6jones@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Verity6jones@uwe.ac.uk)

## Y6 SATS MEETING

There will be two Year 6 parents SATS meetings on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 9am and 3pm**. You can attend in person or on Teams. Please contact the office for more information.







## RECEPTION VISITS

We are excited that for the first time in what seems like forever we have planned two educational visits for reception this year:



- Court Farm on Thursday 19th May 2022 – Payment Deadline 29th April 2022

Slimbridge on Thursday 16th June 2022 - Payment Deadline 9th June 2022



We need to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£9.00 for Court Farm and £17 for Slimbridge in order for the visits to take place.** If we do not receive enough donations, unfortunately the visit may not be able to take place.

The visits need to be paid for through your MCAS account and can be paid in installments if you wish. You should have received an email with instructions on how to set up your account. If you haven't or you have any questions, please contact the Admin Team.



## A VISIT FROM THE HIGH SHERIFF OF BRISTOL

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Romanian pupils at May Park Primary were privileged to receive a visit from the High Sheriff of Bristol. She was greeted with a welcome speech in Romanian, followed by a presentation that the children had independently planned, including: a traditional Christian song, hand-drawn Romanian flags, an explanation of the differences between British and Romanian customs and the potential impact of a language barrier. It was a perfect opportunity for the group to celebrate and showcase their culture.



Each week, the group meet with Mrs Kildea and Hayley Bickford (PCSO) to focus on key life skills in a fun way, for example, listening, concentrating and sharing through games. They support each other with major transitions, like going to secondary school, and discuss what it means to be a responsible citizen by making valuable contributions to society. The visit came about due to a donation the group received from the High Sheriff to fund enhanced experiences. As part of their 'thank you' letter, they invited her into school and she graciously accepted.

Mrs Kildea, who leads on Safeguarding at the school, said, "The group were delighted to host such an important person and felt proud to be Romanian"



## MAY PARK SAFEGUARDING

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February we had an **EAT Safeguarding Review** across the whole school. I am very happy to report that we have been rated one of the best safeguarding practices across the Trust! Please can we give a big shout out to the 'Value Ambassadors' who made a tremendous contribution to the day by creating a 'Keeping Safe' Powerpoint presentation and delivering it to Catorina Mangham (EAT Safeguarding Lead). Thank you!



## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

During 7<sup>th</sup> - 11th February, the school took part in Children's Mental Health Week. Classes received lessons on resilience, kindness and gratitude. Wednesday was the Now and Beyond Festival when KS1 and Narnia had taster lessons in Yoga from Vicky Hall [childreninspiredbyyoga.com/](http://childreninspiredbyyoga.com/). KS2 had a talk from Flo Sharman, a mental health campaigner. The week ended with **Dress to Express** on Friday where pupils and staff used clothing and colour to express how they were feeling. On Friday, two Governors, Alan Gould (Chair) and Rachel Wilder spent time with the children talking about wellbeing and completing an art activity, thinking about wellness in their bodies.

Ms Parton







## JADE'S SHADE

Jade McBeam was a pupil at May Park Primary who sadly passed away at the age of 7. The school created a memorial to her called 'Jade's Shade'. This January marked the 21 year anniversary of Jade's death and mum, Sandra, asked to visit the school to bring flowers. She was grateful to meet with staff who knew Jade and the family and to hear of the new hope garden which supports bereaved pupils.



## NOTICE BOARD

**School Meals** - Please remember that we cannot accept hot packed lunches of any kind. Packed lunches should be brought to school with your child first thing in the morning – 9:30am at the latest. If you are unable to do that for any reason, you can purchase a hot meal from the school for £2.34.

**Lost property** – Please ensure that you name your child's clothing and check that your child has not brought home another child's items by mistake. We have had a few children that have lost hats and gloves that have their names in them.



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## MORNING STARS BREAKFAST CLUB

Morning Stars Breakfast Club is open every morning from 7.45-8.30am. 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. The cost is £2.50.



## 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.



For more information or to add to your MCAS account, call the main office or visit the website:  
[maypark.bristol.sch.uk/clubs](http://maypark.bristol.sch.uk/clubs)



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## LETTINGS

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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