



NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, 2021/2022





A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's the time of year when we are beginning to welcome new families who have selected May Park as their school of choice for September 2022. Each child will receive a special message from us and we are hosting an additional open morning on **Thursday 28th April**, between **9am-11am**. To register, please follow the link:

<https://www.maypark.bristol.sch.uk/welcome/open-events>

Nursery places also available for September 2022.

Curriculum newsletters are out! They are ordinarily available on the school website, under the LEARNING - CURRICULUM YEAR GROUPS tabs. However, parents have requested them more directly, so we will also add them to Class Dojo.

Our **library** is continuing to grow and develop with the welcome addition of pupil librarians to our support team, following a robust shortlisting and interviewing process. Also, the holy month of Ramadan gave us an opportunity to purchase some lovely new books that celebrate Muslim culture and explore Islam, as well as donations of pre-loved books for others to enjoy.

We are humbled to receive a generous £2,000 donation from Ken and Ruth Campbell who have supported our Breakfast club provision for many years. They feel that it's needed more than ever. A heart-felt thank you to them and to everyone who has donated to enable others to go on trips, supported our PTA fundraising activities and bought a red nose for Comic Relief, raising over £600.

Eid ul Fitr will begin on Monday and finish on Tuesday. Unfortunately, we are only able to authorise one day of absence, according to the attendance rules set by the government.

Other important and exciting things to mention for this term: we are supporting our Y2 and Y6 pupils with their SATS assessments and we have French students visiting, giving more of our children the opportunity to learn another language.

Ms Spence



STAFFING NEWS

We would like to welcome back Miss Drever after a bereavement. She will be joining Rome class in Y2 for the rest of the year and Mrs Mitchell will remain with Kingston class in Y4. We wish Miss Richards well with the birth of her baby and her future plans.

We would like to also welcome Gill Knight as School Site Supervisor. She will be working with Mr Omar, our caretaker, Miss Williams and the cleaning team to ensure that the school is clean and in tip-top shape. For all her recent support during the pandemic, Glen Cleaning awarded her a Local Hero Award for, “exceptional supervisory skills and going above and beyond on a daily basis”. Please say hello if you see them and let us know how the school is looking!



THANKS TO ALL OUR LOCAL HEROES



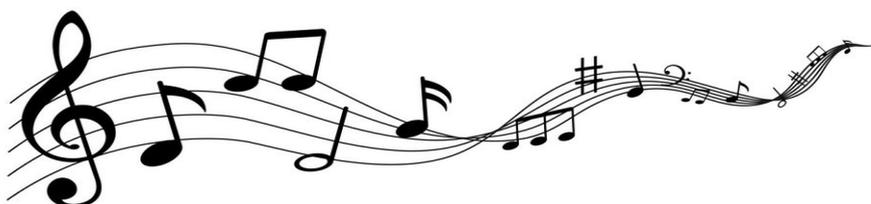
We also welcome Miss Fisher and say goodbye and good luck to Ms Islam from our SMSA team.

ALL THINGS MUSICAL

Last term, Year 6 have enjoyed starting to learn the 'toot' and 'dood' in their Bristol Beacon sessions. They are building up to performing at the end of their 10 week block of learning. Watch this space for more information.

Year 4 are looking forward to starting their Stomp sessions this term. They will have 10 weeks of Bristol Beacon teaching them stomp rhythms, beats and different percussive techniques - all using household items.

Year 3 will be learning how to play the recorder this term with Miss Sturge and Ms Endelman. They will learn the basic techniques of playing, how to read basic notation and start to learn different tunes on the recorder.





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At the end of term 4, children from choir, KS1 dance and KS2 dance joined with the children who have been having instrumental lessons to perform in the Spring Concert. Choir performed a Lion King Medley, 'You Will Be Found', from the musical Dear Evan Hansen and then sang, 'Naughty' from Matilda the Musical, whilst KS1 dance group danced the routine. KS2 dance performed a routine to 'Revolting Children' from Matilda the Musical. We had a range of instruments showcased by the children who have been having lessons including: piano, guitar, drums and violin. The concert was a great success.





On the last day of term, parents and carers were invited into school to walk around and hear all the children from year 1-6 singing the songs which they had been learning this term. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please follow this link: <https://ukbristolbeacon.speedadmin.dk/account/signin?&ReturnUrl=%2F&> and click new student. From there, you will be able to sign up your child for the instruments on offer which include: voice, piano, keyboard, guitar, electric guitar, drums, violin, trumpet and saxophone.

YEAR 5 TREE PLANTING

'When we planted trees, Mr Fey's friend - John - came to teach us how to plant trees. First, we put the shovel in the dirt and put all his weight on it. Then, he wiggled the shovel so that the dirt would come out. And next, he saw if the tree's roots would fit in the hole. After that, he put all the soil back so that it grows properly. Lastly, he got a green pole that would protect any insects or animals aiming near it. Rihaam and I planted all the trees once, so 5 trees altogether, and we named them.' By Ashi



Thank you to the One Tree Per Child Project and volunteers from Nomensa who supported our children on the day.



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Per Child**
Bristol





AWESOME ALONSO!

Alonso Dawson from Ottawa Class (Y4) has done something amazing. After hearing about the terrible war in Ukraine, he decided to do something to help. He wanted to help his Ukrainian neighbours' relatives and the other people there in need because of the terrible events there. He decided to do a sponsored bike ride and rode more than 13 miles! Not only that, but Alonso had been hard at work getting sponsors from as many people as possible. ***This great chap raised a whopping £600+!*** How good is that? He should feel very proud of his achievement. His parents did a great job of supporting him too. What a guy! Mr Ford



RECEPTION VISITS

A reminder that 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 go ahead.

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.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The Your Holiday Hub (YHH) programme provides activities that:

Help build children and young people's confidence and social skills through play, sport, adventure, and friendship.

Aim to help Bristol's children and young people make good memories over the Easter, summer and winter school holidays.

YHH activities include: Sport, Drama & Cookery – follow the link for more information

[Find a holiday activity in your area - bristol.gov.uk](http://bristol.gov.uk)





NEW FACES @ MPP

Meet our New Mental Health Practitioner, Remick. She will be here every Tuesday to speak with staff and children.

Meet our new Chef Manager, Rafael Rivera Lopez. He is originally from Spain and his favourite food is cottage pie. He has been working with Edwards & Ward for 5 years and has previous experience across many areas of the hospitality industry. He clearly has a passion for food and believes in the motto on his apron: Smile - Food that makes you happy 😊

A new menu will be shared on Class Dojo this week.



Meet Your Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)...

Remick

Hi I'm Remick from the Mental Health Support Team. I'll be working at your school each week, say hello next time you see me!



What is MHST?

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is here to help your school to develop ways to look after the mental health of its students, staff, parents and carers.

Our EMHPs do this by supporting your school to understand what you need, providing staff training and offering lessons on well-being. Our EMHPs are also trained to give 1-1 support to students on anxiety, low mood and other struggles with wellbeing.

Our logo is an otter because, like otters, we work as part of a team and we use tools! Some of our favourite tools are self-care, challenging negative thoughts, problem-solving and managing worries. We want to share these tools with you so that you can look after your own wellbeing and build your resilience.

If you would like to know more then chat to me or ...



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NOTICE BOARD

Ladies Only Badminton -
All welcome - See Poster

Clubs - Please sign your child up using your My Child at School (MCAS) account. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. For more information or support, please contact the admin team.

Polling Day - 5th May. A letter has been issued regarding arrangements for the day.

Living with Covid Risk Assessment and FAQs for parents has been added to our website.

Piano donation - The school have been kindly donated a piano, however, we require transport to bring it from Bedminster. **Please let the office know if you are able to help.**

Price
£2

LADIES ONLY
BADMINTON
Thursday Evenings
Time: 6:30 - 7:30

LOCATION: MAY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, EASTVILLE, BS5 6LE

PLEASE CONTACT UMM MARIYA FOR MORE DETAILS: 07481076735

SCHOOL NUMBER: 01179030075



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

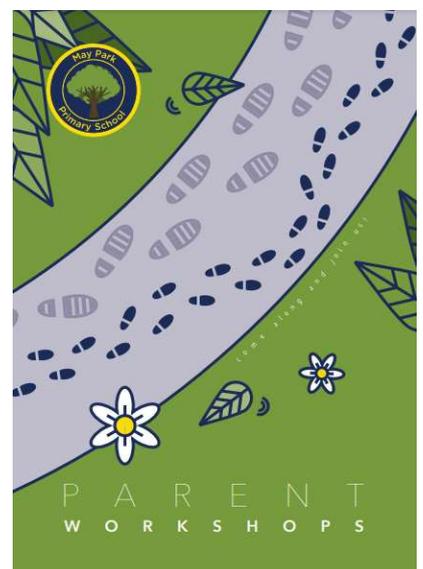
Supernovas is our afterschool care provision that runs from 3.30pm - 6pm. A range of activities are available, including gardening, cooking, art activities and Forest School. For more information or to add to your MCAS account, call the main office or visit the website: maypark.bristol.sch.uk/clubs



PARENT WORKSHOP

Last term, parents enjoyed a painting session with Miss Robertson. See some pictures proudly displayed below.

Unfortunately sessions have been suspended for term 5 so we can support Y2 with SATS preparation. However, we look forward to welcoming families back in term 6.





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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