



NEWSLETTER

TERM 5 & 6, 2021/2022





FORWARD

As another memorable academic year draws to a close, pupils at May Park have been reflecting, celebrating...And finding inventive ways to stay cool!

The children were looking forward to a restful Summer break after a busy term packed with a diverse range of vibrant learning activities: Singing, dancing and acting in the Summer Extravaganza of Fairytale; an inspiring, curiosity-filled visit to Pitt Rivers and the National History Museum; an active, sunny day at Lord's cricket ground; and a fabulous picnic organised by the children in celebration of Roma culture...Not to mention Year 6 camp...Phew!

As our children were preparing to break up for the Summer, the heatwave certainly posed a few challenges, but we were so impressed with the resilience, adaptability and initiative they have shown. Pupils from Belfast class enjoyed cooling off (whilst practising counting in 5s and 10s) by fishing for numicon, whilst children from Paris class inventively repurposed drawers as foot baths to help them learn in comfort during the hottest day of the year so far..! Year 4 also enjoyed a lovely session reading outside in the sunshine with our principal, Ms Spence.

The end of term provided an opportunity for children to sit back and reflect on the experiences they've encountered at May Park so far, and we've thoroughly enjoyed reading their responses. "I like being at May Park because there are many events and activities" shared one child, and a pupil from Year 3 said: "There is a wood in May Park where you can do forest school...And you get to eat marshmallows!".

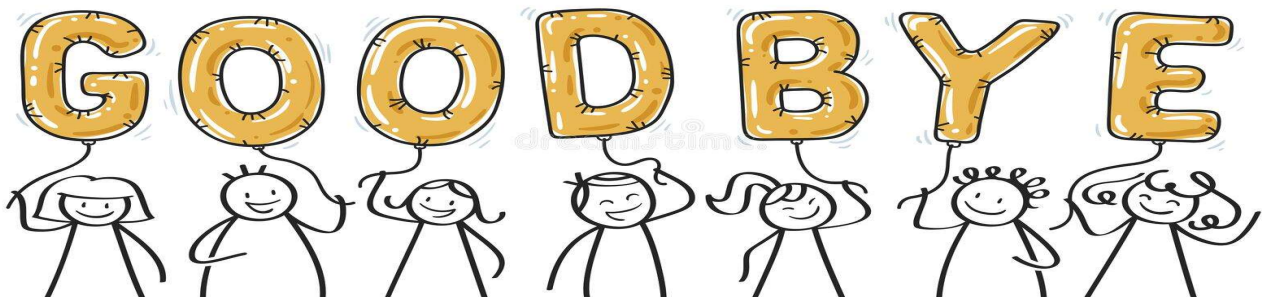
Thank you to all of our wonderful children and staff for another vibrant year at May Park Primary School. We'd also like to take this opportunity to wish local children and parents a restful Summer break. If you'd like to keep up to date with all that's happening at May Park, you can follow us on Twitter @MayParkPri.





STAFFING NEWS

This term we welcome lots of new babies!! Mrs Gray and baby Arthur.... Ms Richards and baby Effy... and Mrs Young and baby Alaya ... Congratulations all!



We also say goodbye to the following staff:

Teachers - Miss Drever, Miss Gibson, Ms Gardner, Miss Richards, Miss Miles, Ms Mitchell and Miss Johansson.

Support Staff - Miss Cottrell (LSA), Miss Sh Farah (CA) and Mrs Walker (from the office).

We wish them all the best in their new adventures!



ALL THINGS MUSICAL

The Key Stage One Dance Club had a fantastic time performing at the Stages Dance Gala on 11th June. They performed a theatrical piece of dance to the song "Naughty" from Matilda the musical. I was amazed at how confident they were performing on stage in front of a large audience! Well done Dance Club!



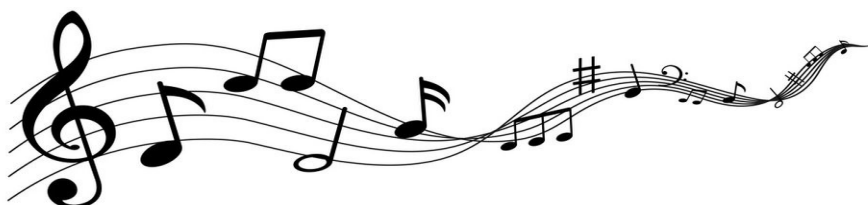
AND IN OTHER MUSICAL NEWS

Year 6 have been busy learning to play the toot and dood over the past 10 weeks, thanks to their wonderful teacher from Bristol Beacon. It has been challenging but all the children have made progress in their wind instrument playing.

Year 4 have started their stomp sessions from Bristol Beacon this term. They are enjoying exploring stomp rhythms and sequences using household items such as brooms and bins.



Year 3 have been learning how to play the recorder this term. Miss Sturge and Ms Endelman have been really impressed with the speed at which the children have been picking up the notes and technique. The children have also been exploring staff notation through playing the recorder and are becoming more confident in their sight reading of music.



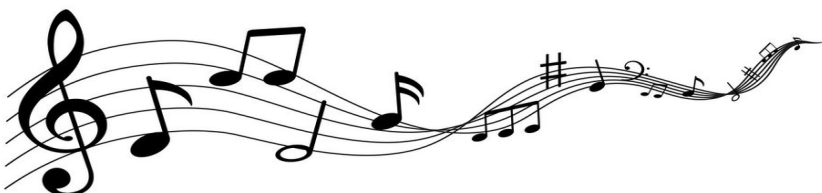


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MAY PARK SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA:

It's back! This year KS1 took to the outdoor stage on Wednesday 13th July with their production of The Billy Goats Gruff and KS2 performed 'All Gruffed Up!'





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A BUG'S LIFE

Y1 were lucky to have a visit from some creepy crawlies...







GRT PICNIC

A big shout out to all involved with the GRT Picnic, especially the parents who cooked the food, Morrison's for their donations, PCSO Hayley Bickford, Empire Fighting Chance, Ian Bowen (Bristol City Council GRT Co-ordinator) but most of all - the children who sang, danced and enjoyed!

Arthur: Me and Samy went to the picnic, we did boxing and we had some Romanian food, we sang Romanian songs drank and ate cake.

Samy: We made Romanian food and gave it out at the picnic. PCSO Hayley brought lots of Police stuff. We ate biscuits and we sang songs. I enjoyed it!





COCOA FARMER MEETS MAY PARK STUDENTS

After the students learnt about Fairtrade and the life of farmers, the students got surprised by meeting a cocoa farmer - who harvests the beans herself. She explained many troubles: how she dealt with weather changes; sick family members and other obstacles.



The teacher (Ms. Brown) received an email from Bristol City Council asking if her class was interested in talking to a Fairtrade worker.

Hearing this, the class was delighted and thrilled at the same time. Because she was still in South America, she couldn't visit. Instead, it was remote.

The year 6 students had questions for the farmer who answered them with full detail. They saw what a cocoa pod looked like and were fascinated that it was soon to be delicious chocolate. **By Sadia and Kim**

DEBATE CLUB

Pupils from Y4-6 have enjoyed lunchtime debate club sessions this term, debating motions from: the school should have a swimming pool, to: should everyone become vegetarian! They learned how to plan and order ideas, and how to deliver their arguments convincingly in a formal debate. Most impressively, was how they listened to each other's points and were able to counter them effectively. Well done to all who attended. **Miss Livingstone**





BRISTOL MAYOR VISITS MAYPARK (As published in the Fishponds Voice)

May Park Primary School were delighted to welcome Bristol Mayor Marvin Rees on May 13th.

The Mayor was invited to take part in a French lesson with Year 5, with activities hosted by a visiting teacher from Bordeaux University as part of the Bristol Bordeaux 'Mini Assistant' scheme.

It was a fantastic opportunity for children to meet the Mayor, and to learn from his journey and experiences - and, of course, to practise their French!



At May Park, we are dedicated to nurturing curiosity. We are thrilled that Bristol's Mayor embodied this value by joining in with the lesson. Bon travail!

In addition to this we are also currently undergoing a classroom rebrand at May Park, which reimagines rooms as cities near, far, and around the world. This project forms part of the school's vision for children to broaden their horizons as they 'travel' up through school, beginning close to home in Nursery's 'Easton' or 'Eastville' class, all the way to 'Rome', 'Berlin', or 'Paris' in Year 2, and venturing to 'New Delhi', 'Tokyo' and 'Beijing' in Year 6. We are excited to see how our pupils respond!



Year 1 Visit to Westonbirt

The Year 1 children had an amazing time at Westonbirt.



Reception

Reception and Nursery are very excited to play on their new bikes that have kindly been donated by Olifu and Dani House. Children will get lots of use out of these over the next few years and they will be great to develop gross motor skills. We are very grateful for the support.



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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The Your Holiday Hub (YHH) programme provides activities that: 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 the Easter, summer and winter school holidays.

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



Help

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Some Great New books have arrived in the Library this term!

New Authors in childrens' Detective/Crime/Mystery genre. Some are for more capable readers but all are thrillers!



Samsung Triple Camera
Shot with my Galaxy A41





Diversity Books Grant



Ms Spence applied for this wonderful grant and we got it! So excited. Over 60 new titles from authors of colour (over £1000 worth of books). We all look forward to seeing how we embrace these texts into our curriculum!

May Park needs you! Help us win £1,000 of National Book Tokens and a membership to the School Library Association to help rebuild the library and encourage reading for pleasure - plus you could win £100 for yourself!

Please can you click on the link and nominate our school?

<http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



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All welcome - See Poster

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



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Price
£2

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



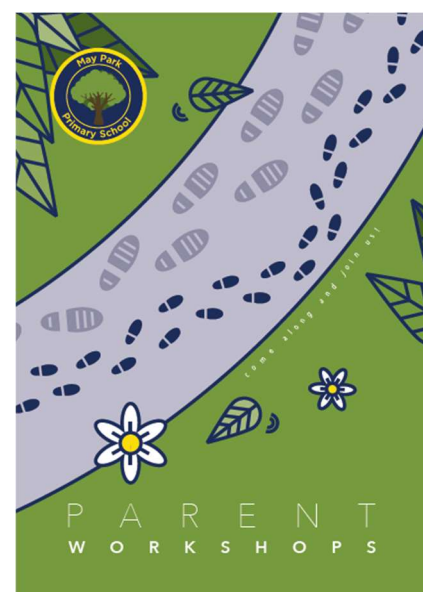
SUPERNOVAS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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



PARENT WORKSHOP

Parent Workshop will return in September with lots of planned activities to explore with your child (nursery or reception), in a safe and nurturing environment.





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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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