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TV appearance

It is only 5 months since we rebranded our school and our popularity is increasing daily, it seems. Our Reception classes are full and we have welcomed well over 30 children across the school since September. In addition, we have had articles in the Bristol Post, the local papers and have appeared on the television only last week. Made in Bristol visited school to report on 'Buddy's Big Workout' which we are running for the NSPCC. The children learnt more about 'Childline' and both Anna and Harry, from Y6, spoke eloquently and were great ambassadors for our school. Well done to both of you. Gloucester Cricket Club supported the event and provided sporting activities for our children.

Fund Raising & Dress Up Day

We are raising money to support the NSPCC's work on Friday this week. Children are collecting sponsors and will raise money during their Physical Burst activity. They also have the opportunity to dress up as 'someone who inspires' them or simply come to school in non-uniform that day, paying £1. All funds raised on Friday 3rd February will go to support the work this wonderful charity does. Our thanks to Mr Bacon and the Well Being Council.



Harry & Anna's TV interview

Term Dates 2016 - 17

Term 4 Mon 20 Feb – Fri 7 April 2017

Term 5 Mon 24 April – Fri 26 May 2017

Term 6 Mon 5 June – Fri 21 July 2017

Inset days, School closed

Day 5 – Monday 10th July

TERM 3

Mon 30 Jan – Thurs 2 Feb – Book Fair in school 3:15 – 3:45pm

Fri 3 Feb 2017 – NSPCC fund raising. Non-uniform day and sponsored sporting event

Fri 10 Feb – Bring & Buy Sale 3:15 – 4pm, in aid of Quiet Area activities. LAST DAY OF TERM

TERM 4

Wed 22 & Thurs 23 Feb – Parents' Evenings

Mon 27 Feb – SATs meeting for Y6 parents, 3:30pm

Mon 6 March – SATs meeting for Y2 parents, 3:30pm

Thurs 30 March – Y3 & Y4 concert @ 10am and 6:30pm

Mon 3 April – Enterprise week, with Enterprise Sale on Friday 7 April



Gloucester Cricket club with some of our KS1 children.

Book Fair Travelling Books are in school this week, from Monday to Thursday. Come along to the Entrance Hall after school and see what is on offer to buy. Children have received £1 off voucher today. This is a voucher presented to school children for World Book Day and you can use it at the Book Fair. School receive commission of every book sold and with this money we will purchase books for class libraries. **The Fair is open from 3:15 – 3:45pm.**

Community Work Rob, our Learning Mentor, has been in contact with Ellie Shipman who is a Community Development Officer for Bristol City Council. She would love to get to know parents and carers and get ideas from you about developing the area. So, come and say 'hi' to her at Nova school gates some Wednesdays.

If you have an idea for your street; want to set up a coffee morning or activity group; run an event or just get to know your neighbours or what's on locally then come and chat! You can contact Ellie at ellie.shipman@bristol.gov.uk for a chat and cuppa somewhere local!

Like 'Community Development Bristol' on Facebook to find out more.



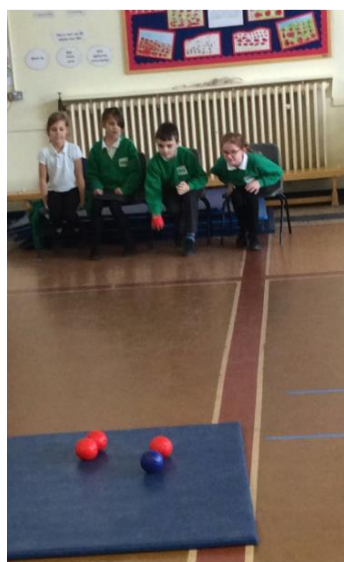
Bring and Buy Sale for our Quiet Area Over the Christmas holidays the Quiet Area shelter was built. Our thanks go to Nisbets and the PTFA for their support. We are going to purchase the seating and tables that the children will use shortly. Now it is time to begin thinking about the activities that children wish to do there and so the School Council came up with the idea of a Bring and Buy sale to raise money for the activities. We will hold the sale on Friday 10th February, after school in the dining hall. The council welcome any toys, games or books that the children would like to donate. **Send your items into school from Monday 6th February.**



Parent's Evening During the first week of Term 4 we are holding our Spring Parent Meetings where you can talk to the teacher about your child's progress, view their books and find out how to support at home. At a recent meeting of the Parent Forum we discussed our Assessment Policy and have ideas of how to share this with you. There will be further information available at the Parent's Evenings, so look out for the booking form which will arrive next week.

Sporting Activities Our football team compete in the local league which takes place each term at St Bede's for Year 5 & 6 pupils. We are currently mid table (out of 9 schools) which is very pleasing as the team is mostly Year 5 children. We have won 3 matches, drawn 1 and lost 3.

Year 4 pupils had the opportunity to take part in Boccia lessons recently. This is rather like bowls but the ball can be thrown. On Wednesday they will have the chance to learn to play Wheelchair Basketball. Look out for some photos on our school twitter account [@NovaPrimary](https://twitter.com/NovaPrimary)



And finally we have been very lucky to work with Bristol Rugby Club on a healthy lifestyles programme. As part of this, Year 3 have been learning to play Tag rugby. The children were so nervous at first but now they love the experience. Confidence is definitely growing.