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Nova Stars Triumph Again

Our final concert of the school year was outstanding! Our Year 5 children were excellent but our Year 6 leavers were amazing. The play, Pirates of the Curry Bean, was so well suited to their talents. The lines were delivered with understanding and panache (the audience spent a lot of time chuckling at the humour); the songs were sung with feeling; the scenery and props, made by the children, were fantastic; and there was no doubt that all enjoyed being on the stage and were so very confident.

We were very proud of each and every one of them, remembering their journeys through our school and the transformations that have occurred during their time here. I will say again, their secondary schools are very lucky to be receiving such a wonderful group of children. All the very, very best Banksy class. You are our first year of Nova Superstars and my last Year 6. You are very special.

Thank you also to the staff behind this production – to Mrs Leonard, Mr Walker and Mrs Harris and to Mrs Dunn, Mrs Whittaker and of course Miss Catchpole.

Mrs Whittaker only has a few weeks left before her baby is due but wanted to see the year out with this great bunch of children. We'll let you know the name and weight as soon as possible.



Dates for your diary

Wed 19th July – Y6 Leavers Ceremony for parents/carers and other relatives, 2:15pm

Thurs 20th July – Nova's Got Talent afternoon

Fri 21st July – Final day of the school year

Bristol Term Dates for 2017 – 2018

Term 1 Mon 4th Sept to Fri 20th Oct 2017

Term 2 Mon 30th Oct to Fri 15th Dec 2017

Term 3 Tues 2nd Jan to Fri 9th Feb 2018

Term 4 Mon 19th Feb to Fri 23rd March 2018

Term 5 Mon 9th April to Fri 25th May 2018

Term 6 Mon 4th June to Tues 24th July 2018

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September 2017

Monday 30th October 2017

Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Monday 19th February 2018

Inset day 5 to be decided

Friday 8th September – Welcome Back Barbecue after school

Thank you for your donations after the concert.

Pirates of the Curry Bean
raised **£108.80** for the
Childrens' Hospice South West.



Summer Fair, a brilliant success

Well done and thank you to our PTFA for all the hard work you put in organising the Summer Fair. The day was a resounding success and a large number of our school community turned out to enjoy the climbing wall, games, the school dance club and barbecue. The 'Petting Farm' animals were a great joy to many, as were the donkey rides. The event raised an amazing £1069. Well done to all and we love the T-shirts – you are so easy to find.

I would like to make a special mention of the raffle which was organised by Lorraine. She writes to many companies asking for donations which is how we get the incredible 'event prizes'. I would also like to thank Mrs West (chair of the PTFA) and her husband of CWT for their generosity in donating 2 bikes for the raffle. Those of you who were there on the day saw that the first ticket drawn from the drum had two year 3 children's name on it. They shared that prize, I even commented 'one child having the front wheel and one child having the back wheel'!! I then drew another ticket and the second bike was won by a child in Year 1. After the event it became apparent that the bike won by the year 1 child was far too big for her, so Mrs West and her husband very kindly bought a 3rd bike the correct size for the Year 1 winner. They then decided to donate the 'spare bike' to the family who had shared the 1st prize. We would like to stress that all the prizes for the raffle were donated and were not paid for in any way from proceeds from the ticket sales or the fayre itself.

So I know you would all like to join with me in thanking these parents and friends of the school for all they do. They are already thinking about ideas for next year, including our first event of the school year – **a Welcome Back Barbecue, after school, Friday 8th September 2017.**

If you would like to join the PTFA, please see Mrs West, Faye Stone, Louise Hignall or anyone who was wearing a PTFA T-Shirt.

Sports Day

The rains of Tuesday night made Sports Day look doubtful but luckily they drained away quickly and three events took place the next day. It was lovely to have so many of you visit to cheer everyone on. The children were able to revisit the event on Friday during Celebration Assembly because Lennie had filmed all three. Together, he and Mr Bacon made a 6 minute film of the day using some amusing technical devices that everyone enjoyed.

Thanks go to Miss Menday and Mrs Coleman for organising the KS1 and 2 events and to Mrs Gordon and Mr Parslow for the Reception sports carousel.

New Teacher

I am very pleased to tell you we have appointed Miss Alexander as full time teacher to the Matthew class. As previously mentioned, Mrs McLoughlin, is leaving and I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Coleman is pregnant and will begin her maternity leave at the end of term 1. We are lucky to have Mrs Coleman working with individuals and small groups for the months of September and October.

School Reports and Results

On Friday, you received your child's school report. This details their achievements – whether they have met the expected standard for their year group, the progress they have made, the effort they apply to their learning and their other achievements during the school year. We hope you are proud of your child's learning this year.

I would like to share with you our SATs results for our Year 6 children.

	2017 National	2017 School	Progress 2017
Reading	71	61	-0.95
Writing	76	93	+3.62
Maths	75	86	+1.3
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	77	79	
R W M combined	61	61	

The whole team, including the Governors, are extremely proud of these results. As you can see we are above the national average for maths and writing and our progress scores are well above zero for these subjects. We are particularly proud of the maths results and raising attainment in maths has been a key focus on our School Improvement Plans over the last two years. Thank you Miss Foote for leading all the new initiatives in maths so well. Writing remains ahead of maths. It is taught well across the school. Mrs Leonard is on the Local Authority English steering group and Miss Catchpole has become a Local Authority writing moderator. We are very fortunate to have such expertise at Nova.

As you can see, we are below national in reading but we know we have made good strides forward in teaching children to dig deeper into texts to improve their comprehension. Thank you Mrs Young for your hard work here. Most children are enjoying reading more through the new texts we have bought and the activities we do. Naturally, reading will be a big part of our School Improvement Plan next year and we will be looking for your support to develop reading further. Please continue to hear your child read over the summer holidays. Reading is not just something done in school.

For children reaching the expected standards in all 3 subjects we have met the national average this year. Next year, we aim to exceed this.

