



Nova Primary School Newsletter

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Four weeks in and much achieved already

Home Learning

A big well done to all the children who have astounded us with their home learning already this term. The standard of model making gets higher and higher. Year 4's Line of Enquiry about Shirehampton has inspired some incredible feats of engineering including the war memorial, the church and the village itself. Not only are the children developing valuable skills, but they love the time spent with family members creating these masterpieces. Perhaps, rather than 'home learning' our menus should be called 'family learning'!

The Nova Councils

This year, we have four councils and on Friday of last week, children presented their manifestos. Mrs Morris was showing some visitors around the school and they were so impressed with the level of confidence shown by the candidates and how respectful their audiences were. The successful candidates were:

Class	School Council	Health and Well-being	Curriculum	Eco
SSGB	Cara	Blake	Dean	Tyrease
Matthew	Oliver	Gracey-May	Coco	Harley
Rolls Royce	Lilliah	Callum	Cody	Bethany
Concorde	Konstantina	James	Erin	Allyssa
Vincent	Grace	Blessing	Izzie	Kyeran
Goram	Mia	Rowan	Megan	Max
Cabot	Emily	Jessica	Callum	Beth
Brunel	Joshua	Ruby	Isobel	Lil
Blaise Castle	Grace	Oliwier	Noah	Levi
Kings Weston	Sylwia	Darcie	Kallen	Orchid
Morph	Madison	Jacob	Archie	Logan D
Banksy	Ruby	Leoni	Maddison	Callum

Dates for your diary

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

Inset day 2 - Monday 30th October 2017

Inset day 3 - Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Inset day 4 - Monday 19th February 2018

Inset day 5 to be decided

Wed 18 Oct – HARVEST

Fri 20 Oct – Last day Term 1

Mon 30 Oct – Inset day 2, school closed

Tues 31 Oct – Term 2 begins

Wed 1 Nov – Parents' Evening

Thurs 2 Nov – Parents' Evening & Individual photographs

Wed 8 – Fri 10 Nov – Year 6 Residential Visit

The Nova Councils

Well done to everyone who took part. Standing up and presenting is a real skill and one which will be of great benefit in years to come for all these children. Some of the school council members are already in action, helping with the prospective parent meetings.

The Art of Being Brilliant

Our Year 5 classes are involved in a wonderful project called, 'The Art of Being Brilliant.' The project develops belief in yourself and an understanding of how you are responsible for your happiness, well being and purpose in life. The facilitators visited school this week and will be in again next week. Below is what the Year 5 children learnt and thought about the day.

"During the Art of Brilliance we have learned a lot about being positive and enjoying life as we get 4000 weeks in our life. To be happy, you have to choose to be happy – it's one of the rules, 'Choose to be happy and take personal responsibility.' Apparently, only 2% of the population live every day being happy, therefore we are aiming to be among the 2%ers and not be a mood hoover (someone who hoovers up happiness because they are always in a bad mood). During the day we wrote down what we want our teacher to write in our school report next year so we have to be positive and happy to reach our goal. We learnt about HUGG which stand for Huge Unbelievable Great Goals and that it isn't gold at the end of the rainbow but happiness. I have really enjoyed the Art of Brilliance."

The facilitators were pretty impressed with our children too and are looking forward to next week.

Library books

We are extremely fortunate to have a wonderful library in school which the children visit on a weekly basis. They really enjoy being able to select a non-fiction book that interests them and share it at home. Library books are scanned out using the barcode and we ask that the book is taken to and from school in the child's book bag to protect it. Please keep it in a safe place whilst at home.

We have spent over £5000 stocking this library and are not in a position to replace books that are lost. If a library book or a home reader is lost we will have to charge you in order to replace it. **The fee will be a minimum of £3, but it will depend on the value of the book.** However, before we do this we will have a **book amnesty**. This gives you the opportunity to hunt for any library or home reading books up until the October holidays. After the break, letters will be sent out detailing the cost that needs to be repaid. Please get book hunting.



HARVEST

We will be celebrating Harvest again this year and collecting tins and packets of food. Our donations will go to the north Bristol Food Bank. Next week you will receive a shopping list of possible items to donate. Please send your gifts into school over the next two weeks. We will celebrate Harvest on Wednesday 18th October with the children and members of the Food Bank team.

Open Morning for new Reception Parents

We have a second Open Morning on Friday 6th October at 9:30 till 11am. Today we had our first one which was well attended and well received. Our School councillors showed off the school brilliantly.

Spread the word and let anyone know about it if they have a child currently aged 3 or 4.

School Trips

In the last newsletter it was mentioned that we will need parent helpers on the school trips in order for them to take place this year. Thank you to all Year 4 and Year 6 parents who helped with the recent trips. Year 6 said,

'It was a really fun and interesting trip. The old route master bus was good fun because it is so different to our buses. We found out about the different groups of people who have come to Bristol. For instance, many Somali people had come to Bristol during the 1980s and are well settled here 30 years later. We had great fun dressing up in Somali clothes. One of the best things in the M-Shed is the map of Bristol on the floor. It took us quite a while to find the school and our own houses.'

This trip was part of the Year 6 Line of Enquiry – Hopes and Dreams: When and why have people migrated to Bristol?



Attendance Rewards

Each week Rob is going to hold a tea party for one lucky person from each class who was in school, on time, for the whole week.

Last week's winners were

SS Great Britain – **Max**

The Matthew – **Hilston**

Rolls Royce – **Chloe**

Concorde – **Lola**

Vincent – **Kray**

Goram – **Demmi-Leigh**

Cabot – **Ria**

Brunel – **Lia**

Blaise Castle – **Oliwier**

Kingsweston – **Gyorgy**

Banksy – **Charlie**

Morph – **Josh**

Home Learning by Year 4



Governors

We have recently welcomed two new parents to our Governing Body. They are Mrs Sam Cotter and Mrs Lisa Davies. They have children in Year 1 and reception, so we hope you have a rewarding time and welcome your insight and input.

Governors would like to remind you that minutes of the full Governing Body are available, on request, as well as the minutes of committee meetings.



Goodbye Mrs Huntley

Ann Huntley has worked in the school kitchens for 22 years – that's longer than my time here! Today was her last day as she is retiring and she has an amazing few months coming up. She is going out to Australia to stay with her daughter and await the arrival of her first grandchild. After that, I am sure children will see her around Shirehampton and find out how she is doing. We will miss you Mrs Huntley and the excellent puddings you make. All the very best for the future from all at Nova Primary School.