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Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have soared past the middle of term and in weeks 5 and 6, our children in Year 2 and 6 will participate in their Statutory Assessments (SATs). This can be an anxious time for us all. Parents worry about how their children will cope, but at Nova, we never make a fuss and administer the tests in a caring and stress-free way. It is important to remember that these tests only show a snapshot of what your children can do- they don't capture their sporting, artistic or personal successes and certainly don't show their wonderful and individual personalities. We only ask that the children do their best and look forward to being a little bit spoilt afterwards! You can help by ensuring there is no pressure at home and that children get plenty of sleep and all the other things that make them healthy and alert.

Dates for your diary

We know how important it is to be able to plan in advance. We will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible with school events.

Bristol Term Dates for 2017 – 2018

Term 5

Mon 9th April to Fri 25th May 2018

Term 6

Mon 4th June to Tues 24th July 2018*

*School will be open for children on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July

Talking of 'tests', you may have heard about a new assessment for reception aged children. This has caused quite a lot of controversy and we will keep you posted about any developments; it seems testing primary aged children will be here to stay...

In other news, we have noticed an improvement in parking outside the school. The cones seem to work well and you may have noticed the eye-catching banners that Mrs Crawford obtained. It has been great to hear so much positive feedback about this and we will continue to work hard to keep our children as safe as possible. It is a team effort and thank you to all of you for thinking about where you park!

On another note, I hope you read the email about our dress-up day on Friday May 11th. This is a School Council-led initiative as they would dearly love to raise some money for endangered animals. As the Lines of Enquiry this term are all plant and animal themed, they would like children to dress in something linked to this. Please don't feel you have to spend lots of money- simple ideas such as headbands, tabards or masks work really well. We ask for a suggested donation of 50p per child and this will be donated to the World Wildlife Fund. I love these days- we always have such a lot of fun and we are always bowled over by the effort

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INSET DAYS**

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Inset Day 5

Friday 25 May 2018

**Bristol Term Dates for 2018 –
2019**

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Term 1

Mon 3rd Sept to Fri 26th Oct 2018

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Term 2

Mon 5th Nov to Fri 21st Dec 2018

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Term 3

Mon 7th Jan to Fri 15th Feb 2019

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Term 4

Mon 25th Feb to Fri 5th April 2019

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Term 5

Tues 23rd April to Fri 24th May 2019

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Term 6

Mon 3rd June to Tues 23rd July
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children make. There are prizes as always for the best effort in each class!

The children have worked very hard this term. I am sure you will join me in wishing all our children the very best of luck for their SATs- they are all amazing and we are so proud of them at Nova.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris
Headteacher



INSET DAYS 18/19

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Inset Day 1 & 2

Mon 3rd & Tues 4th Sept 2018

Please note that there are 3 other dates to be set

Other Useful Dates:

KS2 SATS

Week beginning 14th May

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KS1 SATS

Week beginning 21st May

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Parent Forum

10th May @ 2.00pm

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Year 6 Theatre Trip

14th June

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PTFA Summer Fayre

23rd June

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KS1 Sports Day

26th June

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KS2 Sports Day

29th June

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New Reception 2018 Entrants

Teddy Bear's Picnic

6th July

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KS1 Reserve Sports Day

10th July

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KS2 Reserve Sports Day

13th July

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PTFA Summer Disco

13th July

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Year 5 & 6 Performance

19th July 2.00pm & 6.00pm

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Year 6 Leavers Assembly

23th July @ 10.00am

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Nova's Got Talent

23rd July

CURRICULUM AT NOVA

This term children across the school have been developing their scientific knowledge and enquiry skills through their lines of enquiries based on plants and animals. There has been wonderful writing, artwork and outside learning happening in particular.

Below are some great examples from each year group:

Classes aim to tweet photos and information so keep your eyes peeled to find out what's happening in class.

Year R Wallace and Gromit had a very exciting delivery this week - a parcel from an astronaut! We have been asked to train for a very special mission, so we have been researching lots of information about space and have even got our very own space stations in our classrooms!



Year 1 have been busy this term growing beans, creating animal classification posters and writing worm fact files!



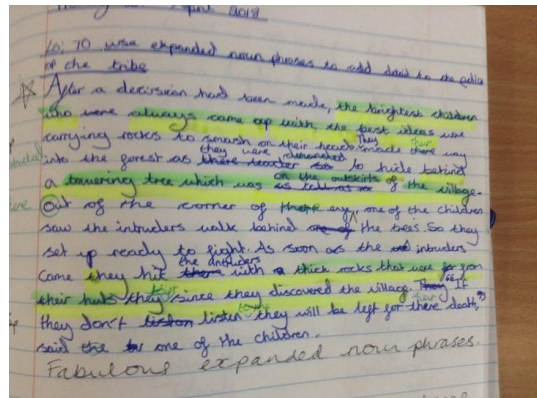
Year 2 had a visit from Noah's Ark Zoo Farm and learnt about adaption. The children were able to get up close to a snake, snail, cockroach and tortoise!





Year 3 have been learning how to write a structured third person narrative based on Anthony Browne's fantastic book, Gorilla. They have also progressed to write a balanced argument about the pros and cons of zoos. The line of enquiry 'Which are stronger, plants or animals?' has seen children focus on everything from the human skeleton to the life cycle of plants. We are also excited about seeing the results of our plant growing competition at the end of this term!

Year 4s learning is set deep in the heart of the dense, steamy rainforest. Their writing, art and much more all has a rainforest theme!

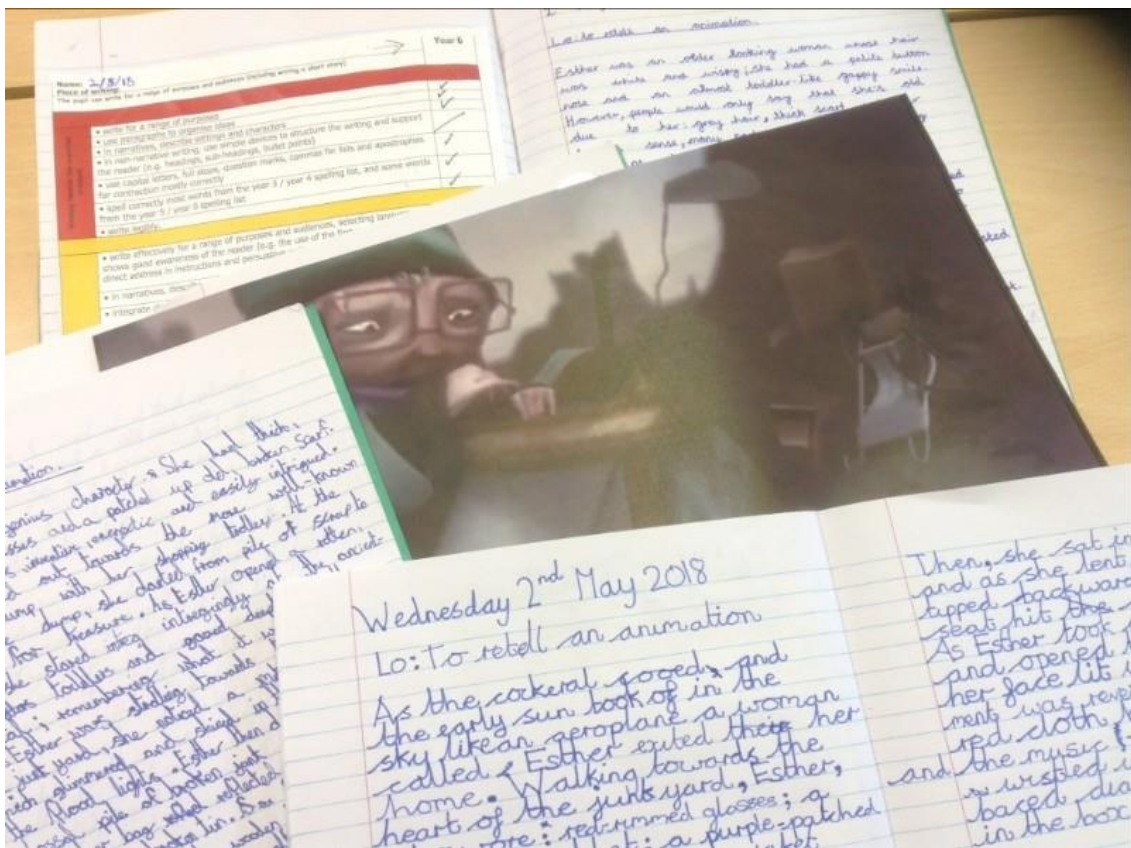


Year 5 have been biology bonkers, looking at living things and how they reproduce. We have been learning about the different ways plants disperse their seeds from the wind to the explosive and seeing if we can create the 'perfect' seed for dispersal!

Year 6 have created brilliant narratives using the animation 'Treasure' as a stimulus.

SATs revision is in full swing with every child working to their personal best - busy, busy, busy! Children have been taking part in fun revision activities including:

- Measuring the diameter and radius of biscuits to ensure they pass the quality control assessment
- Angle measuring - shh we wrote on the tables!



Of course, we always welcome parent/carer helpers - you may have a skill or interest that could really enhance the children's learning and we would love to see you.

MEET THE TEAM



Name: Lily Pinner

Role: Teaching Assistant

The best part of the role:

Seeing how much children progress and the fun they have through learning during their first year of school.

Hobbies:

I love studying wildlife and going on adventures across the UK.

Favourite book:

The Great Pet Sale, By Mick Inkpen.

Favourite quote:

“An understanding of the natural world and what’s in it is a source of not only a great curiosity but great fulfillment.” - David Attenborough

Experience:

Nova was my first experience of working in a school. I was previously Resources Assistant here, then became an Early Years TA three years ago. I have recently become qualified in Forest School which I LOVE!

OTHER NEWS

Stages Dance Performance

Since September our Dance club have been working hard on perfecting a routine to perform at this years 'Stages' show at the Colston hall.

When the day finally arrived we had lots of nerves and excitement before the show started and during our dress rehearsal.

All children behaved in a fantastic and professional manner throughout the day and were a real credit to our school.

Mrs Gordon and Miss Catchpole are very proud of them! Well done all for a brilliant performance from start to finish.



Sports Day at Nova

	Early Years and Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Dates:	Tuesday 26th June 2018	Friday 29th June 2018
Reserve Dates:	Tuesday 10th July 2018	Friday 13 th July 2018

This year, Shine Sports are going to be running an exciting new sports day, at Nova, over the course of two mornings (from 9.00am -12.30pm).

One will be dedicated to Early Years/Key Stage 1 and the other to Key Stage 2. The day will involve every child competing in each fun-based activity, whilst simultaneously providing an opportunity for boys and girls, who excel in sports, to 'shine'.

On the day, a Shine member of staff will be at each sports stations allowing teachers to go around with the children in their classes. This also means that parents can watch their children participating in a variety of different sports rather than just one or two.

At the moment, we are finalising the events for the day so watch this space for more details regarding the individual events, medals and trophies.

Nova's Netball Victory

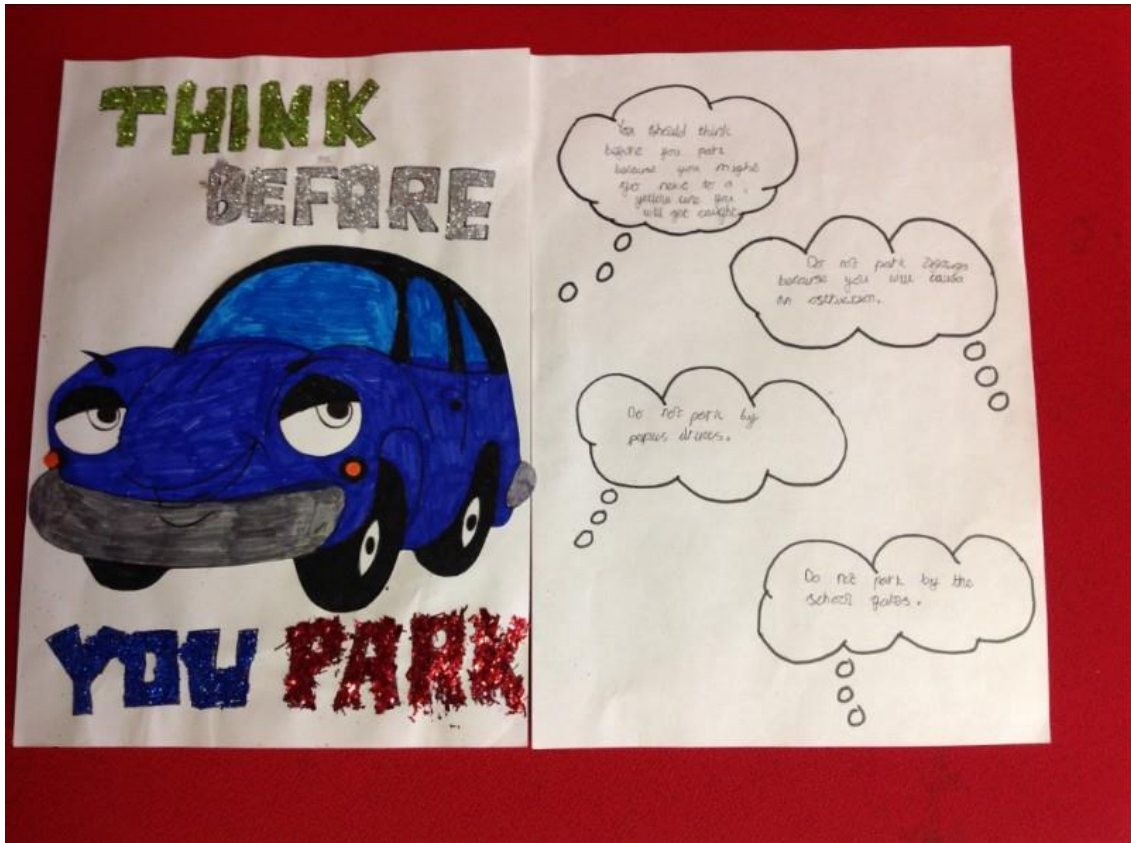
A massive congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 netball team this week.

You all worked together phenomenally to win 6-0 against Avonmouth... definitely a victory to be proud of!



Safer Parking

Well done to Bethany in Year 2 for her fantastic poster to promote safer parking - an activity of our Eco Council.



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