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Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term progresses, it has been wonderful to see the children engage so much in assemblies. The theme has been 'care' and children have been treated to a range of variations on the theme. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, teachers take 'Key Stage' assemblies and this really helps raise their profile within other classes, helping to strengthen our school community. This also helps transition as children are already familiar with different teachers.

In my last assembly, we had some wonderful role-play from Year 6 who helped launch our new 'anti-bullying' poster. They showed how accidents, unpleasant incidents and bullying are all difficult situations, but that they are different. The children were brilliant at spotting the difference, but we all agreed

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 2018 – 2019

Term 3

Mon 7th Jan to Fri 15th Feb 2019

Term 4

Mon 25th Feb to Fri 5th April 2019

Term 5

Tues 23rd April to Fri 24th May 2019

Term 6

that any problems need to be solved, whether it be an apology for accidentally tripping someone over, or working with an adult to resolve disagreements. Our poster tells children about the '3Ds'- Decide (is it an accident, an unpleasant incident or bullying?), Discuss (talk to a trusted adult- don't bottle things up) and Do (work with the adults to make things better). The children seem to like the 3Ds- they are easy to remember and can be applied to many situations. Please do look out for the posters around the school.

I would like to extend my thanks to those of you who have been in to meet with Mrs Thorpe or myself with regards to issues relating to Special Educational Needs. We have made a huge amount of headway with referrals and other actions, and we are organising the recruitment of a new SENCO at the moment. Please bear in mind that we have many parents and outside agencies to liaise with and we are doing our very best to move things forwards as quickly as possible.

Talking of recruitment, may I welcome our new Teaching Assistant, Miss Abraham, to the school. She is already a firm favourite with the children in SSGB and I know she will be an asset to our team.

Enjoy the curriculum news below- I can feel a real surge of excitement for our Lines of Enquiry this term and with the

Mon 3rd June to Tues 23rd July
2019

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL WILL BE
CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING
INSET DAYS 18/19**

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Inset Day 4

Friday 5th April 2019

-
Inset Day 5

Friday 24th May 2019

Other Useful Dates:

-
Book Fair

26th - 28th February 2019

-
Parent Consultations

13th & 14th March 2019

-
Comic Relief

15th March 2019

-
Mothers Day Sale

28th & 29th March 2019

trips, experiences and amazing classwork going on, I know the children are having a wonderful time at Nova.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris
Headteacher



CURRICULUM AT NOVA

This term we have launched our new exciting line of enquiries to explore throughout terms 3 and 4. 'Making a difference' is the overarching theme so that each year group can develop their scientific, design and performance skills, making products

and outcomes that make a real difference. Parents in all year groups will be invited in to share in children's learning in this line of enquiry and we will keep you posted of dates in advance.

You can find more information about our Nova curriculum on our school website at

<http://novaprimaryschool.co.uk/learning/curriculum/>

Reception are currently busy learning through their '**Dinosaur**' topic! They have been recording news reports, painting pictures and writing posters to display around the school.

Year 1's line of enquiry is '**How can we make traditional tales come to life?**'

We have been learning all about The Three Little Pigs. Children have story mapped and adapted the original story to create their own exciting narratives. We have also been experimenting with a range of different materials to test which would be the best to build new houses out of. Year 1 have been exploring the properties of materials and sorting them independently. Even more work has been done to unpick the story of the Three Little Pigs with designing new maps and giving each other instructions to explore the character's village - but beware of that Big Bad Wolf. I wonder what traditional tale will be next?



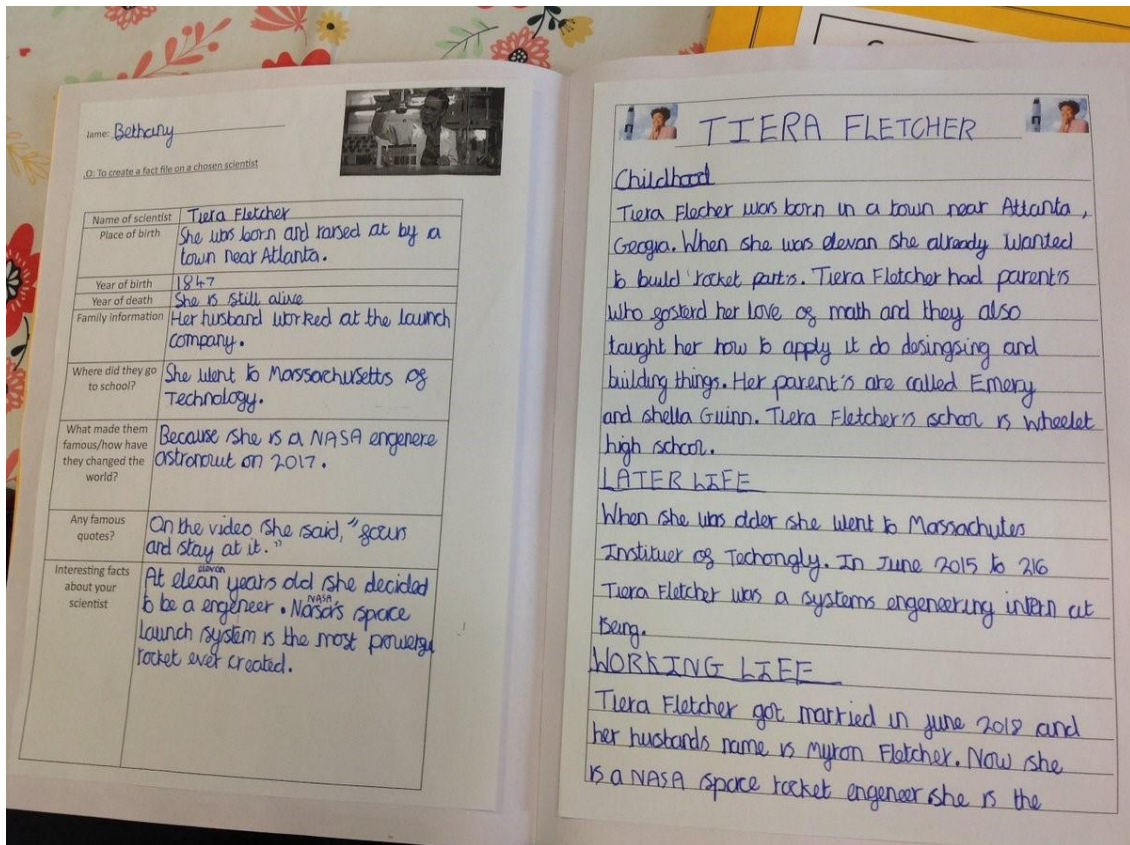
Year 2's line of enquiry is '**What makes Bristol brilliant?**'

Last week Year 2 children visited the Clifton suspension bridge on their school trip to build up their historic knowledge of this iconic Bristol bridge. They have been building their own bridges as well as writing super fact files about Brunel.



Year 3 's line of enquiry is 'How can science educate and entertain us?'

We have been learning about the work of famous scientists including James Dyson, Isaac Newton and Tierra Fletcher. We have used our knowledge to write a scientific biography book to show to the scientists at 'We the Curious' on our trip!



Year 4's line of enquiry is 'Could you put on a stage show?'

In Year 4 we have been writing amazing descriptions based on our class book 'The Tinderbox'. We have also been investigating how shadows are made and change in science and will use this knowledge to help us make a shadow puppet show.



Year 5's line of enquiry is 'How have the Ancient Greeks influenced us?'

We have been learning about the influence Ancient Greeks have had on us, including philosophy and asking 'big questions'. In our RE enquiry day, we had deep and thoughtful discussions that blew our teachers away! We also created wonderful 'religious metaphor' artwork.

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

MEET THE TEAM



Name: Kelly Bacon

Role: Wallace Class Teacher & Art
Subject Leader

The best part of the role:

Every day is different and I get to work with the most fun people of all – children!

Hobbies:

Learning to play the ukulele, crochet, drawing, painting, and travelling whenever I get the chance

Favourite quote:

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid"- Albert Einstein

Experience:


This is my fourth year teaching at Nova. I taught in Year 1 for three years before moving to Early Years in September, which I was delighted about! Before teaching, I studied Fine Art at Plymouth University, spending lots of time in and out of schools doing various projects.

OTHER NEWS

Home Learning at Nova

We love celebrating children's home-learning and outside achievements at Nova. In assembly last week we launched our new #nostartoo far home learning journeys with the children which include 'daily mission essentials', 'weekly rocket tasks' and 'termly explorer tasks'! Copies are in children's home learning books and on our school website class pages but please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions. Children completing all home-learning expectations will be given a certificate, designed by our learning committee, at the end of each term.


Year 5 Home Learning Journey

#nostartoofar 

Daily Mission Essentials


*These tasks will help you in your learning journey. They must be completed almost **daily** to prepare you for your learning journey ahead.*

- 📖 Reading (At least 10 minutes daily)
- 📖 Maths fluency practice (times tables X7, X9 and the division facts)
- 📖 Spellings (statutory word list)




Termly Explorer Tasks


Please choose at least 1 of these tasks based on your line of enquiry to complete each term.

- ★ Create your own mythical creature 
- ★ Make your own Ancient Greek costume
- ★ Find out about modern Greece- places to visit, food etc
- ★ Find out who the Spartans and Athenians were.
- ★ Write a Greek themed play script. The Ancient Greeks were known for tragedies and comedies.

Weekly Rocket Tasks

Each week you will receive a rocket task, usually with either a maths or English focus. Details of these weekly tasks will be shared in your homework books.



- ★ Homework will be handed out of a Monday to be returned by the following Monday.
- ★ All home-learning will be acknowledged, either through homework stamp, sharing with class or through class display.
- ★ Children completing all home-learning expectations each term will receive a 'No star too far' certificate to recognise their effort. 

Comic Relief

Our learning committee will be organising a whole school event to raise money for Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. Details will be shared soon!



Sports League Update

If you do go to watch your child in any sporting fixture at other schools please can we remind you to be considerate of resident and staff parking - thank you!

Football - Championship

	Games Played	Points	Goal Difference
Brentry	7	18	+14
St Bernards	7	15	+5
St Johns	6	12	+11
Little Mead	6	12	+4
NOVA	6	12	+1
Westbury Park	7	11	+5
Horfield	7	9	+5
Stoke Park	7	8	+1
Henbury	7	7	-7
Bank Leaze	6	1	-21
Long Cross	6	0	-18

School Meals Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

We require a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to work across the school. You will be able to build good relationships with our children and work as part of a team to deliver high quality play activities and care during the lunch hour.

We will require this person to be open to being trained as a first aider.

The role is for 7.5 hours per week (1.5 hours per day) paid at the Bristol Grade 2 rate of £16,303 FTE which equates to £8.75 per hour.

We are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS (formerly CRB) check is required for the successful applicant.

The ability to converse at ease with members of the public and provide advice in accurate spoken English is essential for the post

For an application form please email the school (nova.p@bristol-schools.uk) or contact the school office. The closing date for applications is Friday 15th February @ 10.00am.



Contact details for Shine are:

07932 873476

info@myshine.co.uk

Shine clubs running in Term 4 are below. They are open for booking from Thursday 7th February at MyShine.co.uk although we do hope to see some of you at our Holiday Clubs running over Half Term.



CLUBS RUNNING AT YOUR SCHOOL

25 FEB, 2019 - 4 APR, 2019

MON	Street Dance Club / Year 1 - Year 6 My Time / Reception - Year 6
TUE	Dodgeball Club / Reception - Year 6 Shine Cookery Club / Reception - Year 6
WED	Gymnastics Club / Reception - Year 6 My Time / Reception - Year 6
THU	Mini Football Club / Reception - Year 2 My Time / Reception - Year 6
FRI	 Multi Sports Club / Reception - Year 6

SNACK & CHILL RUNS EVERY DAY AT 16:45 - 17:55 EXCEPT FRIDAY

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BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BEFORE 12.00 ON THE DAY



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AGES 4 ~ 11

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CHRIST CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL, BS8
ELMEA JUNIOR SCHOOL, BS9
WHEATFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, BS32

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