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Nova News
Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Nova Families,

Terms 1 and 2 have been very long and we have all had to adapt to the many changes brought about by COVID-19, both at school and in the wider world. In September, it all felt like uncharted territory; having the whole school back with so many rules and regulations was a massive challenge and we all wondered how we would manage!

Many of you have had to endure periods of self-isolation, uncertain employment and even the loss of loved ones. Parenting can be really tough under such circumstances, though we have been amazed by your resilience and courage. The children come to school each day, ready to learn and full of enthusiasm and that is because of you all. It has been an honour to see them each day and watch them succeed over a term like no other. They are thriving despite all

the disruption and worry, showing themselves to be true Nova stars.

Staffing news

On a sad note, we say goodbye this week to Miss Normand who is off to pursue her ambition of being a SENDCo at a new school in South Gloucestershire. We would like to wish her the very best of luck in her new role and hope that she will stay in touch! We have also said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Glanville this term. She has begun her maternity leave and you can see below that her Christmas baby arrived early!

Those of you in the relevant classes will know that we will be welcoming Miss Catchpole, back to Nova, next term. She will be providing cover for teachers for one day per week for the whole of term 3 and returning for three days per week in term 4. We have really missed Miss Catchpole so it will be so lovely to have her back with us!

We all want to say a huge thank you to Shine for their input in our school over the past few years helping us with staff CPD, lunchtimes, sports days and of course running our After School Club until recently. From term 3 Shine will no longer be with us but we welcome George to the Progressive Sports Team at Nova alongside Helen and Mr B!

Sadly, we do not have plays and school

events this term, because of the pandemic, but I do hope you managed to see our staff video message to you all. We wanted to do something fun and festive which also wished you all a very merry Christmas. If you haven't seen it, please follow the link below:

Team Nova Step into Christmas - YouTube

Dog _____ Poo!

It isn't a very festive topic but I wanted to acknowledge the apparent increase in inconsiderate dog owners who are walking their pets near the school and allowing them to do their business on the very pathway you all have to line up on each morning!

Mr Pepper tries hard to respond and clear it up when we know about it, but I am sure that you can appreciate that this is thoroughly unpleasant and that he already has a huge amount to do to keep the school site safe and clean for us all. We have asked the council for a dog litter bin to be installed closer to the gates and some of our year 3s are going to use their persuasive powers to design some posters to display on the railings. We will continue to do what we can to deter people from this horrible _____ act.

Road _____ Safety

We had a report last week of a child running in front of a car on Barracks Lane,

away from their parent. Please can I remind you to be extremely vigilant when walking to school to ensure children are by your side. The driver of the car was very shaken up and the incident could have been so much worse. Barracks Lane can be a treacherous road in the morning, so let's make a real effort to be as safe as possible!

Covid Reporting Over the Holiday Period

Earlier in the week I sent an email detailing how to report Covid cases to the school from Saturday 19th December. You will be unable to contact the school by phone as you are used to, and it is essential that we still receive information about children who attend Nova that may show symptoms of COVID-19 so that we can inform test and trace and let any close contacts know of any self-isolation that they will need to complete, if symptoms develop less than 48 hours after last being in school. A member of the leadership team will be monitoring information provided by you. Please note that the government recommended isolation period has reduced from 14 days to 10 days. Please use the form to notify the school of a Covid case - this will also be accessible on our FB page and via the website.

As always, take good care of yourselves over the next few weeks. Fingers crossed that we can relax a little over Christmas if

we all stick to the guidelines and be as safe as we can.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

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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 2020-21

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Term 2

Mon 2nd Nov 2020 to Fri 18th Dec 2020

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Term 3

Mon 4th Jan 2021 - Fri 12th Feb 2021

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Term 4

Mon 22nd Feb 2021 - Thurs 1st April 2021

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Term 5

Mon 19th April 2021 - Fri 28th May 2021

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Term 6

Mon 7th June 2021 - Weds 21st July 2021

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
THE FOLLOWING INSET
DAYS 20/21**

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Inset Day 4

Monday 4th January 2021

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Inset Day 5

Monday 19th April 2021

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Inset Day 6

Friday 2nd July 2021

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Inset Day 7

Wednesday 21st July
2021

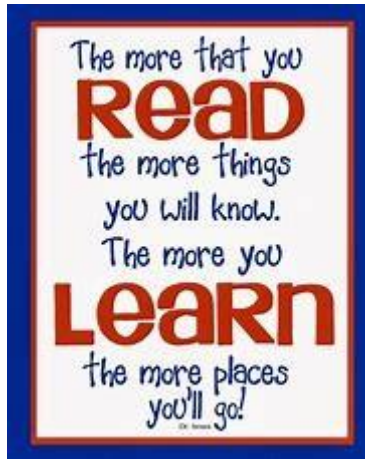
Other Useful Dates:

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5th February
Science Curriculum Day

READING AT NOVA

We love reading at Nova and believe children's lives are enriched by books. All of our teachers have planned exciting reading and writing lessons inspired by high-quality texts. Each class is creating a display in corridors, that will continue to grow throughout the year showing what books they've been reading. **Please support your child by reading with them regularly at home – it makes a huge difference!**



Mrs Young has been running a library quiz competition this term. The following children were the winners in their class and have chosen a book that they would like to see in our new library. The books have been ordered and they will be the first children to be able to read these books:

Year 5

Filip chose 'A Darkness of Dragons' by SA Patrick
Diya chose 'The Christmasaurus and the Winter Witch' by Tom Fletcher

Year 6

Ava-May chose 'Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf
Megan chose 'Eren' by Simon P Clark

The overall winner for Year 6 was Ava-May and for Year 5 was Diya. These children also won a book token to buy a book for themselves to keep at home!

MEET THE TEAM



Name: Freya Gundry

Role: Teaching Assistant

The best part of the role:

Seeing the children progress, and when they accomplished a goal they have been working towards

Hobbies:

Hiking, kayaking and photography

Favourite quote:

'No one is too small to make a difference' - Greta Thunberg

Experience:

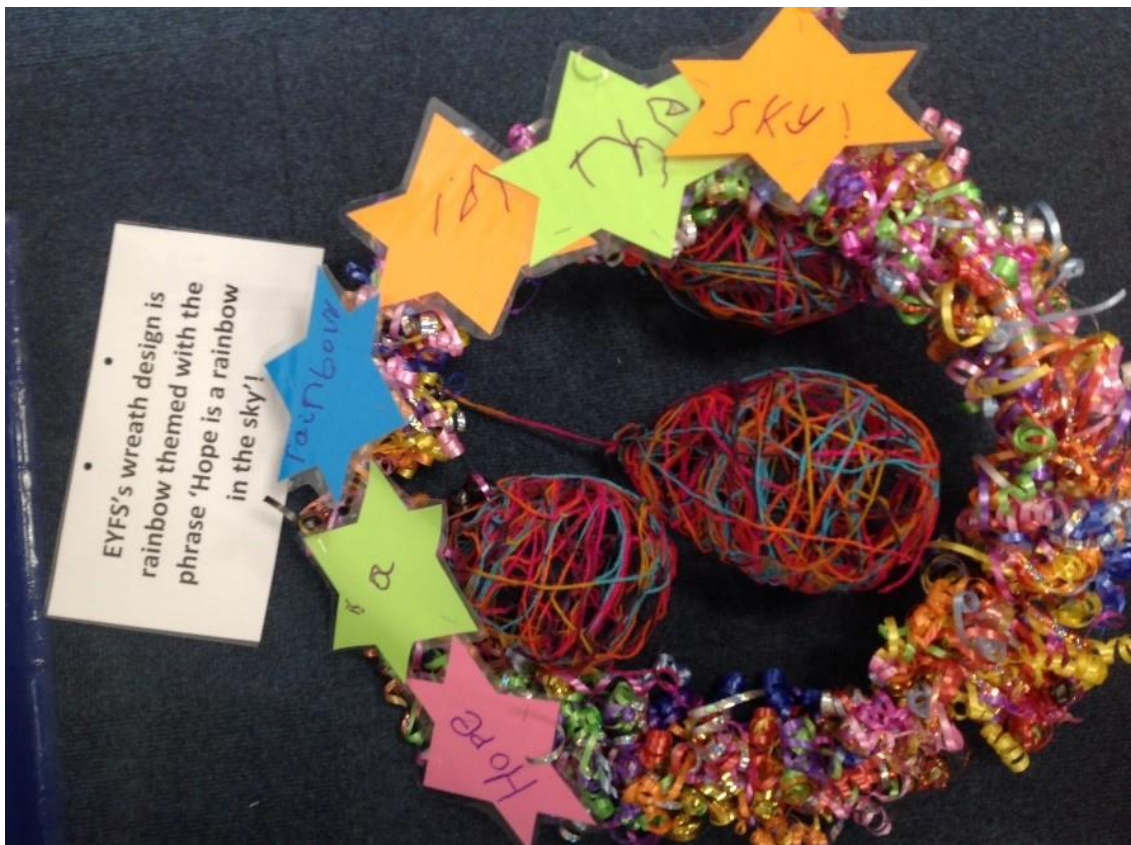
I have worked with primary schools in outdoor education for 6 years

WREATH WINNERS

Our wreath competition is one of the Nova's traditions and highlights.

This year the theme was 'hope' and we were so impressed with the creativity and team work skills children showed.

Here are pictures of the winners: EYFS made a beautiful rainbow themed wreath and Year 3 filled their wreath with personalised stars covered with children's hopes and wishes.





YEAR 2 LETTERS

Year 2 have been bringing festive cheer to residents of St Monica's Trust retirement village in Westbury-on-Trym by writing letters to send to the residents. The children's letters provide information about what life was like in the Victorian times as well as sharing facts learnt from their line of enquiry this term. Year 2 are looking forward to receiving a letter back from the residents in the new year!

Dear resident,

My name is Audrey and I am in Year 2 at Nova Primary school. I want to tell you what we have been learning about. We have been learning about the Victorian Times. Did you know that Rich Victorian children only saw their mums and Dad once a day? We have made a rag doll and we wrote with quills and ink. Did you know that Queen Victoria only wore black after Albert died? In the Victorian Times people did not have that much money. I hope you write back to me soon.

From Audrey xO

P.S. Did you also know that poor children had to do hard hard jobs?

Dear resident

My name is Aina and I am in year 2 at Nova Primary School.

I want to tell you what we have been learning about Victorian times and I want to tell you some facts.

Did you know that Victorian children they had to play with card and board games?

Did you know we have learned about Queen Victoria?

I hope you enjoyed my letter and will write back to me soon from Aina

BLUE PETER BADGE

During the first lockdown, one of our amazing pupils, Poppy from Vincent class, wrote to Blue Peter in the hope of gaining a green Blue Peter badge. This award is for being especially passionate about conservation and the environment.

Poppy created a pond and a bug hotel to encourage animals to her garden. She wrote a very detailed letter on how she achieved this and as a result, she received a green badge in the post! This also entitles her to free entry to over 200 attractions across the UK. What a planet-saving superstar Poppy is! Here she is with her very stylish badge and a great big smile- well done Poppy.

If your family members have any achievements they would like to share with the school community, why not get in touch? We would love to hear from you.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

A big thank you to our lunchtime team and all staff who made Christmas dinner days such special times for all of the children. A special mention to Janet for organising the event, to our SMSAs for their continued enthusiasm and cooks for going above and beyond to make it a special time for our children.




NOVA AWARD WINNERS

Here are the Super Nova Star winners for the past three weeks.

★ Nova Star Award winners ★			
Class	Friday 27 th Nov	Friday 4 th Dec	Friday 11 th Dec
Gromit	Emilia	Frankie	Hayden
Wallace	Valdir	Imogen	Harry E & Annabelle
SSGB	AJ	Layla	Felix
Matthew	Summer	Kayden	Georgie
Concorde	Lottie	Charlie	Rory
Rolls Royce	Ollie	William	Elis K
Goram	Finley	Eliza	Leland
Vincent	Leylan	Stefan	Evie
Brunel	Ruby	Isaac	Harlie-Hai
Cabot	Polly	Binta	Byron
Blaise	Kalan	Olivia	Salim
Kings Weston	Isobel	Laken	Summer
Banksy	Max W	Alex	Lily
Morph	Artie	Sarene	Vinnie

ABOVE & BEYOND WINNERS

Here are the 'Above and Beyond' winners for term 2. They each have a goody bag to take home and enjoy (please be reassured it has not been handled for several days and will be handed out from a box to keep within COVID-19 restrictions). These children always go the extra mile and deserve recognition for consistently working hard and doing the right thing - true Nova Stars:

 Term 2	
Wallace	Ralphie
Gromit	Jaxon
Matthew	Summer
SSGB	Kendrick
Concorde	Martyna
Rolls Royce	Domas
Vincent	Amelia
Goram	Holly
Brunel	Freddie
Cabot	Oliver
Kings Weston	Majka
Blaise Castle	Lily
Morph	Kray
Banksy	Alba

A great big well done to all of these wonderful children, helping to make Nova a truly special place to learn and play!

EARLY CHRISTMAS ARRIVAL

We are delighted to tell you that Mrs Glanville's baby arrived 10 days early this week on Tuesday. Here is a picture of gorgeous baby Summer!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Booking Procedure

To enrol for Nova's After School Club, please complete and return the registration form, paying special attention to the terms and conditions listed.

Bookings can be made using the same link as we use for parent's evenings and breakfast club:

<https://nova.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Alternatively, if you require a space at short notice, please call the office and we will be able to book you in, subject to availability.

As spaces are limited, you must book in advance and we ask that you notify us by 3pm if your child is not able to attend that day, although refunds will only be given if we receive 2 working days' notice of cancellation.

Payment MUST be made in advance using school gateway which is the same link as for dinner money and trip payments:

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/register>

We also do accept childcare vouchers - please contact the school office to ensure that we have your provider registered with us.

Here is our plan of activities in after school club for term 3. Please note that they are subject to change depending on children's interests, weather and resource availability.

Term 3 Themes	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Games week	Shoe box football games	Ping pong game board	Outside games	Board games	Crazy golf
Week 2 Chinese new year	Chinese lanterns	Chinese new year drum	Paper plate dragon	Dragon puppet	Fortune cookies
Week 3 Circus	Paper plate spinning wheels	Circus skills	Paper plate ring toss game	Clown	Circus games
Week 4 Roald Dahl	The Enormous Crocodile Egg carton crocodiles	Georges Marvellous Medicine Smoothie making	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Chocolate creations	The BFG Making dream catchers	Esio Trot Tortoise crafts
Week 5 Twilight Zone (Nocturnal animals)	Magic torch picture	Animal hunt	Animal masks	Owl biscuits	Out of sight till tonight
Week 6 Harry Potter Week	Create your own mythical creatures	Quidditch	Harry Potter escape room	Magical potion smoothies	Wand making

NUTS REMINDER

Please remember that we are strictly a no nut school! We take nut allergies extremely seriously and would like to remind you that not only should your children not bring any products with nuts in at all to school, it is not safe for them to eat them just outside either. Traces of nuts can remain on skin and clothing and it can take just the tiniest trace to trigger a serious reaction in someone with an allergy. Thank you!

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