

Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Nova Families,

I very much hope that you enjoy some of the photos from the various health and wellbeing activities the children have been engaging with over the last week or two. As I walked around the school, it was evident that the children benefit hugely from such events and perhaps this is particularly so after the year they have had. Being outside, whether it be engaging with the natural world or challenging themselves physically, seems to bring out the best in all of the children and I would like to thank the health and wellbeing curriculum team for going above and beyond in planning these wonderful activities.

Some of the other greatest gifts we have to support children's wellbeing are books. I was so sad to hear of the passing of Eric Carle this morning, the American author and illustrator of so many classic children's books such as 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'The Bad-tempered Ladybird' and 'The Very Busy Spider'. I would imagine that most of you were read these

books as children and have read them to your own, and I suspect we have all marvelled at the beautiful illustrations, particularly that delicious selection of food, devoured by that hungry caterpillar! Of course, these books will remain as Eric's wonderful legacy and I highly recommend that you dig out and revisit your copies, or pop to the library to borrow them when you can. I did laugh on the gate this morning when Kray from year 6 commented, "If you haven't read the Hungry Caterpillar, you haven't had a childhood!"



Next term will, as I always say, be bittersweet. It will be the last few weeks we have with our year 6s and the children will begin to prepare for their new classes. Many of you will have older children finishing school too and I know it can be an emotional couple of months.

Remember that we have pulled through so much over the last year and a half, and however unsettled things may feel, times do get better and at Nova, we are with you all the way. Before I sign off, I thought you might like to see Smudge at her recent appointment at the dog groomers - she certainly didn't enjoy the experience but looks very happy with the end result! Thank

you, Smudge, for inspiring us all to 'stick
with it!

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris
Headteacher





Have a wonderful half term and I will see you on Monday 7th June.

With kindest regards,

Anna Morris
Headteacher

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 2020-21

Term 5

Mon 19th April 2021 - Fri 28th May 2021

Term 6

Mon 7th June 2021 - Weds 21st July 2021

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

Inset Day 6

Friday 2nd July 2021

Inset Day 7

Wednesday 21st July 2021

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
THE FOLLOWING INSET
DAYS in 21/22**

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Inset Day 1

Thursday 2nd September
2021

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Inset Day 2

Friday 15th October 2021

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Inset Day 3

Tuesday 4th January 2022

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Inset Day 4

Friday 8th April 2022

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Inset Day 5

Friday 8th July 2022

Other Important Dates

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Week 1 - Term 6

Phonics Checks
(Results will be reported in
end of year reports)

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Weeks 3 & 4 - Term 6

Children's Multiplication
Tables Check
(Results will be reported in
end of year reports)

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Week 4 - Term 6

Assessment Week

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5th July

Whole School Geography
Day

-

7th July

Reception 2021 Intake
Parent Meeting (no
children)

-

13th July

Stay and play for new
Reception children (Group
A)

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15th July

Stay and play for new
Reception children (Group
B)

Transition Day

-

16th July

Reports sent to parents

INSET DAY CHANGE

Please note that there has been a change to one of the INSET Days for next year. The INSET day on Monday 11th October will now be on Friday 15th October. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please also note that there was an error in the last newsletter for the Inset day in September. The first day of term 1 is Thursday 2nd September 2021 which is an Inset day. Children will start the new academic year on Friday 3rd September.

SPORTS DAY & HEALTH & WELLBEING DAY

Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed a super last few weeks of term, we have been keeping fit and healthy while thinking about our minds and bodies. We enjoyed sports day activities where we learnt lots of new physical skills including; how to throw a shot put and a discus and how to work as a team to complete a running relay race.

Our 'Health and Wellbeing Day' also went down a storm, where we were able to enjoy Yoga and outdoor learning experiences with natural resources - we made 'bug' and 'fairy' houses! We also got our hands dirty by learning how to manipulate clay to make our very own 'clay fish', we had lots of fun decorating these with googly eyes and sequins to add colour. To finish off our busy term, we enjoyed celebrating all of our achievements by designing a shield. We then set new goals for our last term in Year 1, recorded them on a post-it note and put them into a 'Jar of Dreams'. It has been a successful term for supporting our physical and mental health, here's to Term

6!



Year 2

This week, children in Year 2 explored ways to support their health and wellbeing using Nova's "SMILE" initiative. Children enthusiastically participated in a Tokyo 2021 Olympic inspired Sports Day. They enjoyed many events including discus, shot put and sprints. All children should feel incredibly proud of their outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship. You are all NOVA champions!

As part of Nova's Health & Wellbeing Day, Year 2 children described environments, activities and people that make them feel safe and happy. They were inspired by the women from The Gambia in 'One Plastic Bag' (Miranda Paul) and engaged in art processes to create unique bracelets from plastic bags. They also examined aerial and ordinance survey maps of the school grounds and used materials often found outdoors including sticks, stones and plastic bags to create their own maps.

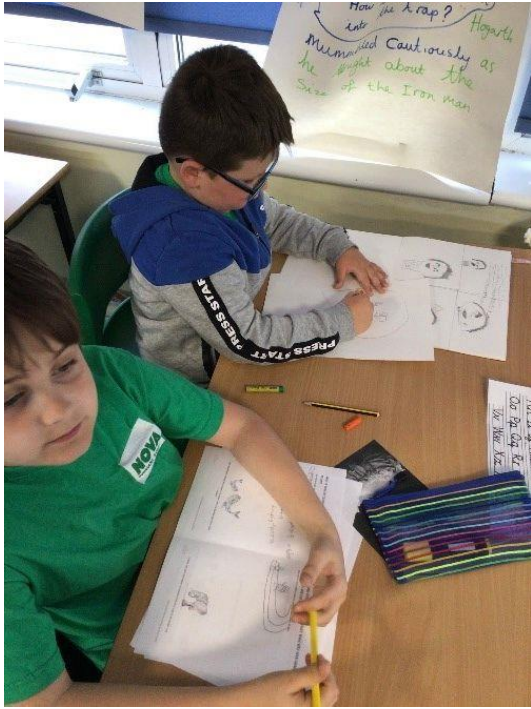




Year 3

In year 3 we enjoyed creating abstract portraits of famous scientists in the style of Picasso for our health and wellbeing art activity.



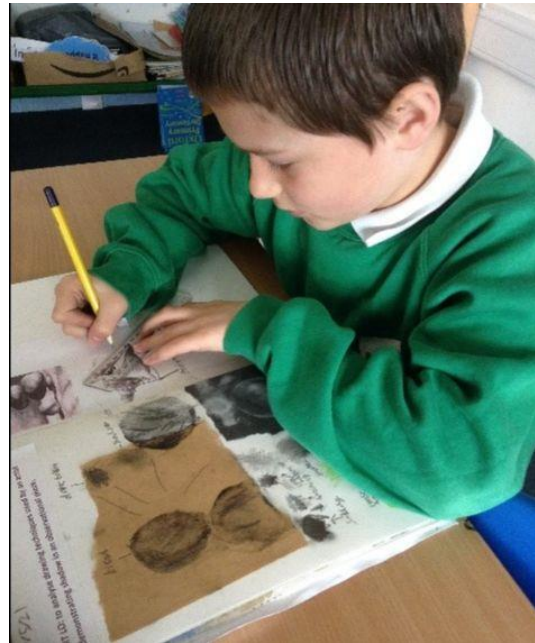


Year 4
Year 4 made dreamcatchers as part of Health & Wellbeing Day



Year 5

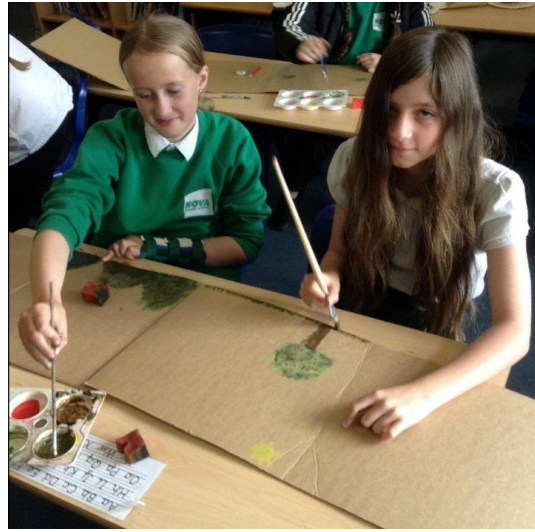
As part of our health and wellbeing day, Y5 focussed on creativity. First, we developed our sketching skills using six different drawing tools to create shadow and form. Then, we got busy with a pile of sticks to design and make bows and arrows. Lots of problem solving involved and loads of happy smiles!



Year 6

Year 6 had an excellent Health and Wellbeing Day! We showed teamwork skills (and resilience) by working together to make catapults; we used biodegradable products and got competitive! Continuing our animation art project, we made the backdrops for our final animations. To finish off a successful day, we discussed our individual strengths and talents in PSHE.







ABOVE & BEYOND WINNERS

| Above and Beyond Winners Term 5 | |
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| Wallace | Trixie |
| Gromit | Ivie |
| SS Great Britain | Charlie |
| Matthew | Daisy |
| Concorde | Alby |
| Rolls Royce | Ollie |
| Vincent | Daisy |
| Goram | Eliza |
| Cabot | Mason |
| Brunel | Jasper |
| Kings Weston | Lucas Z |
| Blaise Castle | Alfie J |
| Banksy | Sonney |
| Morph | Lucy |

MEET THE TEAM



Name: Jordan Switalski

Role: Office and Attendance Administrator

The best part of the role:

There is something different every day!

Hobbies:

I love going out for food and spending time with family and friends.

Favourite quote:

“You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated”

Experience:

I have pretty much always worked in schools since I left school myself. I have worked mainly in Primary schools but have also got experience in a Special Secondary School.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

A huge thank you to those of you who have attended individual attendance meetings over the last two weeks. Working together will make a real difference and it has been so helpful for us to hear about some of the issues families have in maintaining excellent attendance. We hope that you feel reassured that we are here to help you all we can. Below are the current attendance figures for each year group since September. Our target for good attendance is 96% - you can see that we have quite a way to go to reach our goal and we need everyone to do their bit, next term.

| Year group | Attendance since September |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Year R | 93.59% |
| Year 1 | 95.77% |
| Year 2 | 95.55% |
| Year 3 | 89.65% |
| Year 4 | 89.71% |
| Year 5 | 91.67% |
| Year 6 | 94.43% |
| Whole school total | 92.72% |

COMPUTER GAMES & INTERNET SAFETY



We have experienced an alarming increase in the number of young children talking about accessing computing games which are completely inappropriate and that have age restrictions. The two main culprits are:

Fortnite: this is a '12'
Call of Duty: this is an '18'

Please can we also remind you that social media platforms are also age-restricted. Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok are ALL '13'. We accept that it is a parental decision as to whether or not you allow your children to engage with sites that are for older children and adults, but please ensure you regularly check your children's accounts and their privacy settings.

Hopefully, once COVID restrictions are lifted, we will be able reorganise the internet safety training that we had booked for last March.

Computers and devices bring us so much that is useful and positive, but for young people, they also bring a great deal of risk- let's do all we can to teach them how to be safe.



at Nova Primary School for healthy wellbeing

A big part of the SMILE initiative is L, standing for Learn. Learning a new skill or improving an old one stimulates neurons in your brain, which in turn helps to protect the brain against aging. It also releases a hormone called dopamine, which can increase energy levels, happiness and immunity. Knowledge fuels self-confidence and self-esteem, and can be a great way to take your mind away from things which might be worrying or stressful.

With half term just around the corner, this could be a great opportunity to learn something new or improve something old! Below is a selection of videos and links that teach new skills – some for adults, some for children.

The Open University has many free courses on a whole range of subjects from design to aquatics to beginner's German. They start from as a little as an hour long!

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>

Learn how to juggle in 2 minutes:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4_IUMS4yc8

3 ways to tie your shoelaces:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=py99ND-qs1E>

4 easy football tricks for children and beginners:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vNmYNH8d4I>

How to make a paper snake:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaxF9qT8uTc>

How to make a magic emoji card:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ckOJkwS1Aw>

5 easy magic tricks for children to learn:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2tDK9wfCYs>

Easy science experiments to do at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-R3DShHbkA>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

| Term 6 Themes | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|-------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Disney week 7 th – 11 th June | Frozen Elsa wands | Disney head bands/ears | UP Finger painting | Disney Cars (out of lollypop sticks) | Toy story Forky making |
| Euro's week 14 th – 18 th June | Euro's trophy making | Football stadium making | Foam hand making | Design your teams kit | Shoe box football tables |
| Animation Week 21 st – 25 th June | Create story boards | Create the characters | Create the sets | Film the animation | Movie night |
| Garden week 28 th June – 2 nd July | Windmills/windsocks | Nature photo challenges | Water bottle bird feeders Flower crowns | Flowerpot painting Fairy houses | Inset Day |
| Bits and bobs week 5 th – 9 th July | 4 th of July party | Bottle rocket relaunch! | Afternoon tea picnic | Mass hide and seek team building | Design your flags for the Olympic games |
| Olympics week 12 th – 16 th July | The Olympic games | Clay Olympic mascots and medal making (outside) | The Olympic games p2 | Olympic torches | Olympic rings painting/bracelets |

The cost of the club is £6.50 per session and term 6 is now available for you to book online. Please note that only children who have booked into after school club can attend. Please see details below on how to book and pay for places at the club. Please also make yourself aware of our cancellation policy. In order to maintain Covid-19 guidelines we will have to limit the number of children who can attend per Key Stage at this time but hope to be able to increase this once the restrictions are lifted.

Booking Procedure

To enrol for Nova's After School Club, please complete and return a registration form which can be obtained from the School Office.

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:

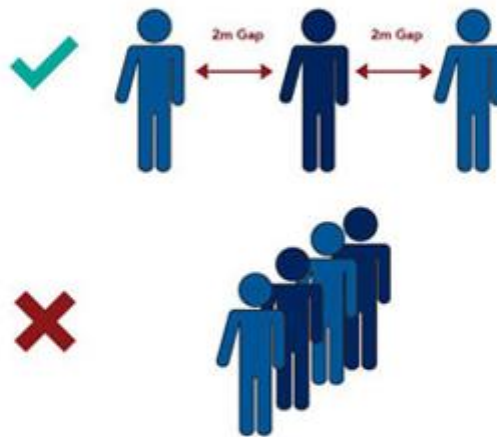
<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/register>

COVID GUIDELINES

Please can only one adult collect and drop off children to help limit numbers. We appreciate the pavements outside of school are narrow so please stand in lines rather than small crowds to allow others to pass safely. Thank you for your support with this.

Limit numbers

Queues



When queuing, leave a safe distance between yourself and the person in front of you. It is recommended you leave a two metre gap.

Please can only **one member** from each household collect children.
Only queue and collect your own child.

When dropping off and collecting children, we ask that all adults wear a mask to help us limit the spread of the virus. We appreciate your support with this. [#WearAMask](#)



Wear a mask



Please wear a face covering to stop the spread of the virus.

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!

PLEASE



NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS

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