

Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Nova Families,

I hope that you found the information sent home regarding the current situation in the Ukraine helpful. It is really difficult to get the balance right between keeping our children informed and ensuring they don't worry excessively. I think this is particularly so after the pandemic which has already raised anxiety levels amongst so many young people. It is a sobering thought that our youngest pupils will not be able to remember a time when there hasn't been an air of real concern about what is going on in the world.

It is tough for the adults in children's lives too; we have to keep on smiling and keeping everything going, even when we have worries of our own such as the rise in energy bills and fuel prices. Children don't understand these things (rightly so) so we carry on bottling things up and risk losing a grip on our own wellbeing. Often, the best

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 2021/22

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Term 4

Monday 28th February
2022 - Friday 8th April
2022

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Term 5

Monday 25th April 2022 -
Friday 27th May 2022

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remedy is communication and a chance to get things off our chests. Next term we would like to start coffee mornings once again to give you the opportunity to meet with other parents and carers and have a cup of tea or coffee together. When we used to run them, we would often have a theme or someone to come and give a talk. I would be really interested to know if this is something that you would find useful and also, any particular areas of interest you would like to explore. Please get in touch via the usual office email, or grab myself, Janet or Imogen on the gate when you see us, and let us know your ideas! Similarly, if you are interested in helping set this up (gaining parent/carers voice, organising crèche etc.) please also get in touch.

Thank you for your participation in a parent/carers survey during the first two weeks of term. We had **101** responses which is so helpful as it gives us a really clear picture of how you all feel about the school and also, how we can improve. The leadership team have spent time analysing this important data and any comments that you made. Here are the percentages and in brief, our initial thoughts on what our next steps should be:

Term 6

Monday 6th June 2022 -
Thursday 21st July 2022

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THE FOLLOWING INSET
DAYS in 21/22**

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Inset Day 5

Friday 8th April 2022

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Inset Day 6

Friday 8th July 2022

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Inset Day 7

Thursday 21st July 2022

Other Important Dates

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Tuesday 22nd March

Reception Trip to
Lawrence Weston Farm

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Thursday 24th March

PTFA KS1 Mothers' Day
Sale

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Friday 25th March

PFTA KS2 Mothers' Day
Sale

Question	Strongly agree/Agree	Don't know	Strongly disagree/Disagree
My child is happy at this school.	96%	1%	3%
My child feels safe at this school.	95%	3%	3%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	79%	14%	7%
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	57% <i>These percentages are of 42 responders</i>	26% <i>These percentages are of 42 responders</i>	17% <i>These percentages are of 42 responders</i>
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	85%	6%	10%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	82%	6%	11%
My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	83% <i>These percentages are of 23 responders</i>	4% <i>These percentages are of 23 responders</i>	13% <i>These percentages are of 23 responders</i>
The school has high expectations for my child.	83%	14%	4%
My child does well at this school.	96%	2%	4%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	86%	3%	11%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	85%	13%	3%
My child (under normal circumstances and not current covid precautions) can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	96%	6%	1%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	88%	18%	5%
I would recommend this school to another parent.	93%	NA	7%
We decided to have parent/carer consultations in person this time for the majority of classes. Would you prefer in person or virtual meetings in the future?	In person- 90% Online- 10%		

These results are very encouraging, especially since we have had so much disruption in schools over the last two years, but we need to:

- Continue to focus on embedding strategies such as the Zones of Regulation and Mindful Mornings to keep behaviour standards high;
- Ensure parents and carers feel welcomed into school more often in terms 5 and 6 to see what children are learning and how well they are doing through curriculum events and the sharing of learning;
- Share more with parents and carers about our whole school offer for personal development through coffee

Charity Football Match @
3.30pm

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Thursday 31st March
Y5 Trip to Bristol Museum

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4th - 7th April

Express Yourself Week
(art, music & poetry)

Tuesday 5th April

Reception Trip to Old
Down

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16th - 20th May

Engineering Week

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Thursday 26th May

Class Photos

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Friday 27th May

Jubilee Celebrations

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Monday 26th September

Whole School Photograph
Portfolio Day

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Thursday 20th October

Individual School Photos

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DAYS in 22/23**

mornings, the website and other school written materials.

I am very thankful to have such supportive and positive families. We will work together to ensure even more of you feel that Nova is the very best that it can be!

With warmest regards

Anna
Headteacher

Morris



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Inset Day 1

Thursday 1st September
2022

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Inset Day 2

Friday 2nd September
2022

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**All other dates will be
set shortly**

YEAR GROUP NEWS

EYFS

The children in Wallace and Gromit class have had a busy few weeks exploring our new topic 'Come Outside'. As scientists we planted seeds and learnt all about what

plants need to grow. We have been enjoying growing plants in the garden centre role play area and have been printing with different fruits and vegetables. We have been out and about around school searching for signs of spring and picking daffodils. We are very excited for our visit to the farm this week where we hope to see lots of different animals!



Year 1

Year 1 started off term 4 with some fantastic writing, after some exciting immersion activities, including a school trip up the beanstalk. The children have now started to

innovate our focus text of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by changing their main character. They have been working hard on using adjectives to create an interesting read, as well as using time connectives to order their story. Year 1 have also enjoyed being athletes this term and learning all about 'Invasion Games'. So far, we have learnt how to dribble a ball and how to pass the ball to a team mate avoiding our opponent.

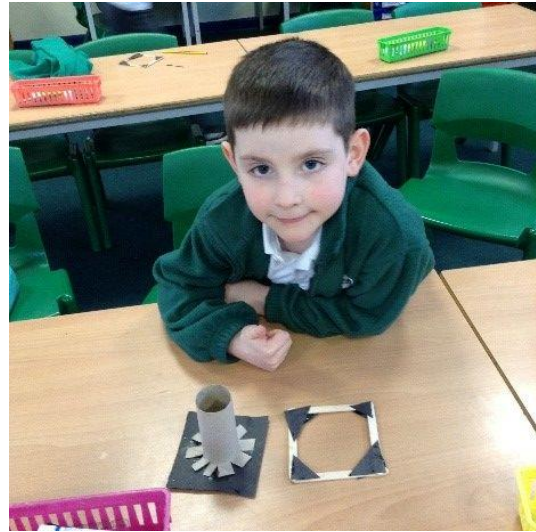




Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed being engineers during their DT lessons to design and make bridges. They have been learning about different types of structures and ways they can strengthen their structures to add more support.

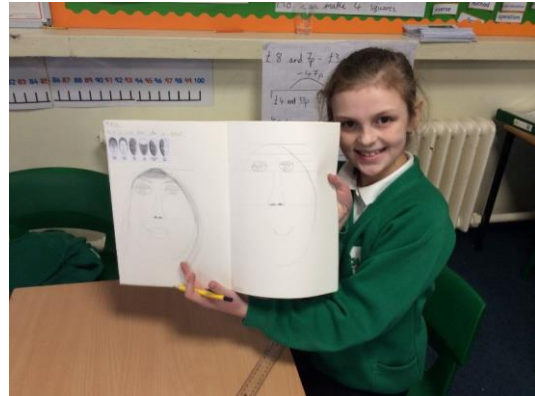




Year 3

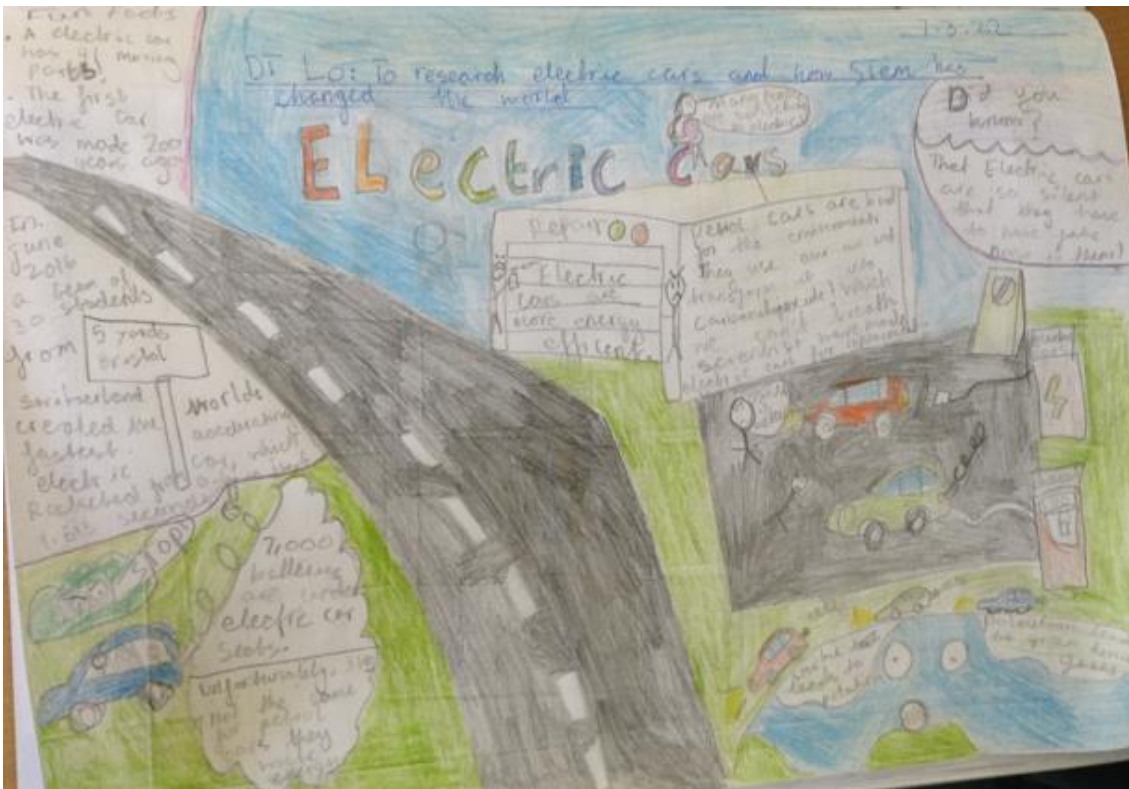
In our Line of Enquiry unit 'How can Science Educate and Entertain us?', Year 3 have been artists! We researched the work of a range of portraitists where we examined what shapes, lines and tones were used for effect. We also inferred what character traits the artist was trying to portray. Subsequently, we experimented with shape, line and tone to create our own portraits. For our final piece, we sketched a portrait of a famous female scientist.

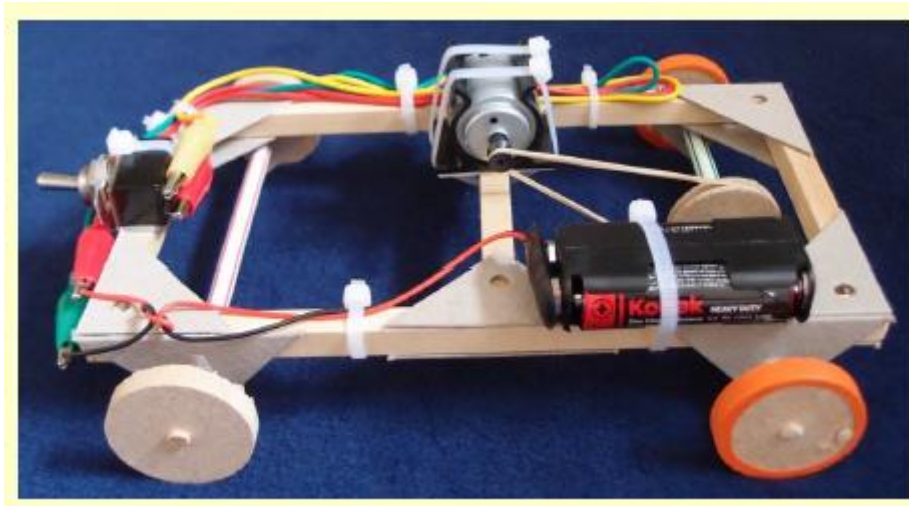




Year 4

Year 4 continue to be expert engineers through our research into electric vehicles and the features of motorised vehicles. Ever wondered what an axle or a chassis is? Just ask Year 4! We can't wait to apply our designs to our own electrically powered vehicles. It is going to be a busy few weeks ahead!





Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed an informative session from our local PCOs with a focus on keeping ourselves safe online. We even got to have a closer look at part of the uniform, the radio and camera. In our English lessons, we've been learning how we write to persuade. Anyone fancy a holiday in Eerie-on-Sea? It's not for the faint hearted!

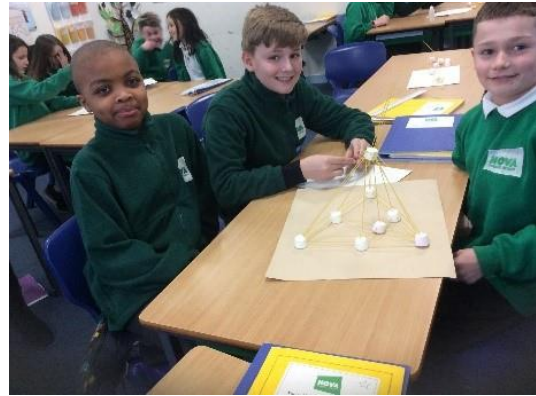




Year 6

To kick start Term 4 off, Banksy Class created earthquake proof buildings and tornado art to launch our Line of Enquiry question: How did the Earth Evolve?, with a focus on natural disasters.





MEET THE TEAM



Name: Shona Lee

Role: Teaching Assistant

The best part of the role:

Every day is different and it is great getting to watch the children learn and enjoy the lessons being taught.

Hobbies:

Having two young girls we are always on the go and enjoy going to the beach. I love to be creative and in my free time I like to do some cross-stitch.

Favourite quote:

Believe you can and you're halfway there!

Experience:

I have worked in nurseries as an assistant before moving to Nova to be a Teaching Assistant.

KS2 FRUIT SELLING

Every day our prefects sell fruit at first break out in the playground to KS2 children. Prices are from 20p each.

CAN CORNER

Here are some great events for parents/carers of SEND children!

JIGSAW in Thornbury is holding a breakfast event Thursday March 24th from 9.30am to 11am. This is a chance for parents and carers of young people with SEN and disabilities to have a relaxing morning and chat. Book online as numbers are limited.

Visit <https://www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk/events/>

There is also an online training event called "Developing a Sensory Toolkit: Strategies for Home, learning and play" taking place on Wednesday, March 23rd.

Book your place at <https://buff.ly/3ho93ZI>

The ADHD Foundation is holding a live webinar called "ADHD & Boys" on Monday March 28th, offering practical advice to parents and carers around ADHD and its impact on boys. For all the details, go

to https://www.witherslackgroup.co.uk/resources/adhd-and-boys/?utm_campaign=ADHD%20%26%20Boys&utm_content=198542356&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&hss_channel=tw-540772830

The North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together Forum are offering free online training on understanding puberty in girls, aimed at parents of children with additional needs. This can help parents understand the changes that are typical for a young person and those which may be different for children with additional needs. The event takes place on Thursday April 7th. Please visit <https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/sen-specific-training-on-understanding-puberty-in-girls-tickets-289602578107>

Murmuration Community Therapy is offering nurture groups for parents of children with SEND, offering support and space to process the big emotions. You don't need a current diagnosis. These are online sessions and are led by community workers, specialists and parents. Visit <https://murmurationcommunitytherapy.weebly.com/> for more information

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The cost of the club is £6.50 per session and term 4 is 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.

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>

Academic Year 2022	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book Week 28 th Feb - 4 th Mar	Personalised Bookmarks	Draw Favourite Book Character	Story/Journey Sticks	World Book Day Story Boxes	Design Your Own Book Cover
Arts Week 7 th Mar - 11 th Mar	Origami Papercraft	Raised Salt Painting	Woolly Twig Stars	Back & Forth Drawing Game	Pastel Scribbles
Science Week! 14 th Mar -18 th Mar	Making A Volcano!	Leak Proof Bag Experiment!	Cornflour Gloop!	Bubble Mix!	Moon Sand!
Spring Week 21 st Mar- 25 th Mar	DIY Flower Crown's/Necklace	Spring Scavenger Hunt/Quiz	Spring Themed Yoga	Daffodil Craft	Rainbow Tulip Spring Suncatcher
Team Games Week 28 th Mar - 1 st Apr	Flag Tag	Circle Games	Indoor Parachute Games	Outdoor Obstacle Course	Outdoor Ball Games
Easter Week 4 th Apr -8 th Apr	Pop Up Easter Card	Easter Pom-Pom Chick	Easter Bunny	Egg Hunt/Basket Making	School Inset Day 8 th April 2022

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 (including coconut) 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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