

Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Nova Families,

Thank you for all your support this term. It has been so great to see so many of you in school this week and at the football, a fortnight ago. We love to be able to celebrate the children's learning with you, though it is the children who get the most from it.

Term 3 and 4 have been very difficult in terms of staffing and just when we think things are getting better, it seems another wave of Covid comes along. We have also seen an increase in childhood illnesses such a chicken pox which is so frustrating for families who just want to get back to normal.

We are mindful that many families are finding things tough at the moment. I would ask you to remember that we try to help as much as we can - all we ask is that any requests for support or communication are made courteously so that we continue to

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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model our school values as a whole community. We can provide Foodbank vouchers, signposting and ad hoc emotional support if you need it, and if something goes wrong for your child, contact the class teacher in the first instance and they will escalate any concerns to the leadership team or Learning Mentors if needed.

Whatever else is going on, our Nova Stars continue to make the most of every opportunity to shine brightly, as you can see from the photos below. Next term brings the return of SATs for Years 2 and 6 and we know those children will do their very best, with their teachers supporting them all the way.

This term, we are saying goodbye to Mr Beech who has been with us since last Easter - we wish him well in his next chosen career path. Miss Field will be taking the reins in Kingsweston Class and she has already got to know the children well - she cannot wait to help them achieve their potential.

The Easter break is always a lovely one; somehow, Christmas can be too hectic, and the summer too long. Whatever you are doing, we hope you have a wonderful time and look forward to seeing you on Monday 25th April for the start of term 5.

With kindest regards

Term 6

Monday 6th June 2022 -
Thursday 21st July 2022

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
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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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

Anna
Headteacher

Morris



Portfolio Day

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Thursday 20th October
Individual School Photos

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
THE FOLLOWING INSET
DAYS in 22/23**

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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

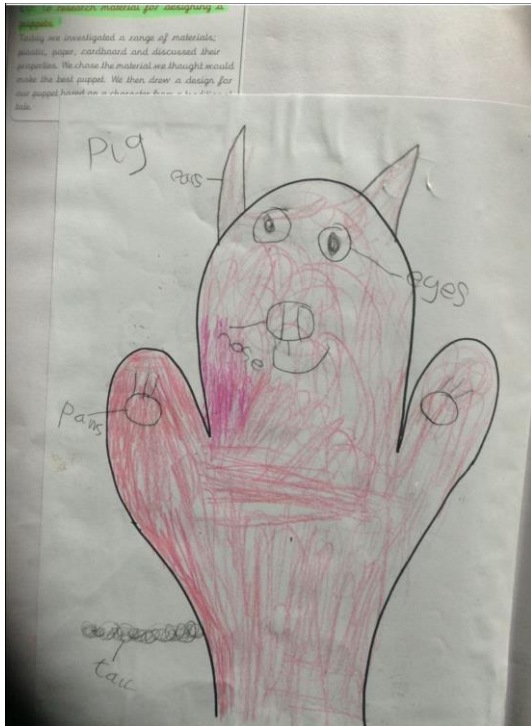
The children in reception have had a very busy and exciting few weeks. We have been spending lots of time exploring outdoors and getting out and about as part of our topic 'Come Outside'. We had a great time walking to Lawrence Weston Farm, spotting signs of spring and meeting all the animals! This week we visited Old Down Park where we loved exploring outside, playing in the fairy garden, getting muddy in the woods, feeding the goats, holding ferrets and playing in the adventure park!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a super term 4, they have particularly enjoyed being designers and scientists. The children researched various puppet types and different materials,

before designing their own. They then followed their design to make a traditional tale's hand puppet. The next step is to evaluate and refine their design.



Year 2

Year 2 were excited to welcome their grown-ups into class on Wednesday to see their bridges that they have been working on in DT, hear them sing their favourite songs and tell them all about term 4's Line of Enquiry learning - What makes Bristol Brilliant?



Year 3

This term, our Year 3 children have been working incredibly hard as Engineers within Design and Technology. They have applied their scientific knowledge about forces, magnets and electrical circuits to create their very own games. These games took inspiration from magnetic mazes and buzz wire games. The children also designed rectangular-shaped bases and used diagonal struts to strengthen its vulnerable points. You can see pictures of our engineers during the 'making' and 'refining' process. All Year 3 children were very excited to invite Year 3 parent/carers in at the end of term to play our games.





Year 4

Well done to Year 4! Our Line of Enquiry focussing on STEM skills finished with an exciting car race. The children have become expert engineers developing so many Design and Technology and Science skills along the way. Resilience has been built through the last two very challenging weeks where they have sawed, glued, adjusted, fixed circuits, pulleys and axles and so much more! We can't wait to see what you achieve in terms 5 and 6!





Year 5

Year 5 had a great visit to Bristol Museum last week! Our Ancient Greek workshop was so informative and we absolutely loved sketching our favourites from the Grayson Perry Show. In our D&T lessons, we have been designing and making Greek inspired dips and pitta bread. Very yummy!



Year 6

As part of our talk for writing hook, Year 6, took part in a peaceful protest. We were inspired by a biography about activist, Greta Thunberg.



MEET THE TEAM



Name: Steven Baxter

Role: SENCO

The best part of the role:

Working with the amazing children! I have been made to feel so welcome at Nova by all the children, parents and colleagues alike. It is a lovely school with a really warm and nurturing ethos.

Hobbies:

Mainly trying to look after my two children, who keep me very busy. But I am trying to learn the Japanese language as well.

Favourite quote:

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take"

Experience:

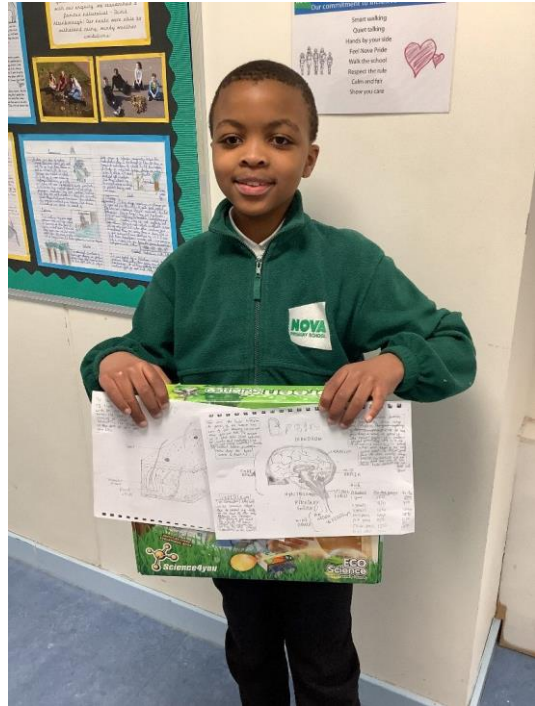
I have worked in a lot of schools around the Bristol area and beyond. I used to work for the Bristol SEN team and my previous school was a specialist school for children who are autistic and who have other social and communication needs.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science week this year was a huge success! The Theme was 'Growth' and all children across the school enjoyed learning about a new or exciting science concept – from plants in reception to the adaptation of Gentoo penguins in Year 6.

We were blown away by the number of entries for our Science Week Poster Competition. Children had worked so amazingly hard on them and it was such a difficult decision to choose our top 3. After lots of discussion, we finally chose our three winners who presented their posters on the growth of a big cat; the growth of the human brain and skin; and the growth of a Saguaro Cactus!

Well done to everyone who took part. What amazing scientists you have all become!

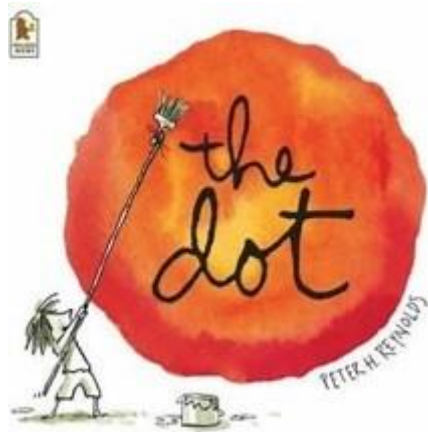


EXPRESS YOURSELF WEEK

This week children have enjoyed opportunities to express themselves in different ways. On Monday, Miss Soffe, our lead artist, led workshops for every year group

inspired by the picture book 'The Dot' where children explored colour mixing and expressing themselves through their 'our dot' art creations!





On Wednesday, our whole school enjoyed a singing workshop with Nigel Ipinson-Fleming. It was a joy to see children express themselves through music and working together to create beautiful sounds. Several children showed incredible courage by volunteering to sing solos in front of their supportive peers – they definitely earned their big rounds of applause!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The cost of the club is £6.50 per session and term 5 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
Superheroes Week 25 th Apr - 29 th Apr	Design A Comic Book Strip	Superheroes Wordsearch	Make A Superhero Float	Superhero Secret Code Activity	Pipe Cleaner Superheroes
Garden Club Week 2 nd May - 6 th May	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	Plant a seed!	Bug Hotels!	Fork Dandelions!	Garden Minion Stone Painting!
Pirates Week 9 th May - 13 th May	Cute Round Pirates	Pirate Hats	Treasure Hunt (inside & outside)	Hook Toss (outside)	Talk Like a Pirate
Wide World Sports Day Week 16 th May - 20 th May	The Hoop Pass Race	Team Relay Race	Egg and Spoon Race	Sack/Skipping Race	Bean Head Race
Craft Club Week 23 rd May - 27 th May	Hama Bead Creations	Windmill Craft Making	Air Dry Clay Modelling	Bubble Wrap Painting	Mini Paper Kites

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!

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