

Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Nova Families,

The festive season can bring out different sides to all of us! I confess I might have even felt a bit 'Scrooge-like' at the weekend as I queued for what felt like an eternity to pay for my Christmas shopping. As adults, we find it a bit easier to regulate our moods and feelings, but it is not always so easy for children, who can experience a sensory-overload at this time of year. At Nova, we have tried to get the balance right and have kept things quite calm until the last few days, and it has been a joy to see the Christmas festivities in action this week.

We kicked things off with the Wallace and Gromit Nativity play (photos below). Thank you to all the families that attended, the staff for putting together such a treat, and the children themselves who performed with the most confidence and skill that I have ever seen in a play for such young children - it really was fantastic!

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 2022/23

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Term 2

Monday 31st October 2022 - Friday
16th December 2022

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Term 3

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - Friday
10th February 2023

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Term 4

Monday 20th February 2023 - Friday
31st March 2023

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Term 5

On Tuesday, we had a Christmas assembly to think about all the different aspects of Christmas, to tie up our theme of festivals of light this term, with the reminder about the true meaning of Christmas and the Nativity story. We also announced the winners of our poetry competition also based around the theme of light.

The winner and their photos and poems are below.

No Christmas week would be complete, of course without Christmas dinner! The kitchen staff always go that extra mile to prepare a fantastic feast and the children definitely enjoyed the atmosphere, with all staff helping with the serving.

The highlight of my week, however, was the 'Songs by Candlelight' event on Wednesday (photos below). The singing was so beautiful and how lucky we are to have such talent at Nova Primary. I think we all enjoyed the fayre put on by the PTFA, as well, and a big well done to the School Improvement Ambassadors for their successful preloved toy and book sale that raised an incredible £105 for classroom resources!

A new tradition for Nova has been the class 'Secret Santa' which involved every class making a special gift for another (I am amazed at how they have kept so quiet

Monday 17th April 2023 - Friday
26th May 2023

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Term 6

Monday 5th June 2023 - Friday 21st
July 2023

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

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Inset Day 3

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

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Inset Day 4

Friday 28th April 2023

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Inset Day 5

Monday 3rd July 2023

Other Important Dates

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11th & 12th January

Year 4 STEM Trips

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Friday 13th January

Year 6 Humanism Visitor

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Wednesday 8th February

Health & Wellbeing Curriculum Day

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about it!). It was so great to see each class receive their gift from their mystery class and I hope it is something we do for years to come. Christmas and all festivals exist mainly because of the many traditions that evolve over the years, bringing us together in such a comforting way.

Of course, just because it is Christmas, it does not mean struggles cease to exist for many families. Please remember that we do issue food bank vouchers, so get in touch if you need one, this week.

It only remains for me to say a very merry Christmas from us all at Nova. I hope that the holidays are peaceful, happy and that you make many new memories with your wonderful children.

With kindest regards,

Anna
Headteacher

Morris



Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

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13th - 17th March

Science Week

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16th & 17th March

PTFA Mothers Day Sale



YEAR GROUP NEWS

Reception

Reception have been working hard learning lines and songs for their nativity performance. They did fantastically and the parents loved every minute! They made Miss Everson and the Reception team very proud!



Year 2

Year 2 had a brilliant time showcasing our incredible Line of Enquiry learning about the Victorians. We invited our families in and displayed all of the work we have done over the last two terms. We also showed our Victorian Gameshow videos, which were a big hit with our families!



Year 3

What a phenomenal term it has been in Year 3!

The children loved being Historians and learning about life in Stone Age Britain and Ancient Egypt. They are immensely proud of their efforts in performing a curriculum showcase for parents/carers. They certainly had the WOW factor!

In English, the Year 3 children invented their very own journey/quest story with a Stone Age or Ancient Egyptian theme. In Maths, the children learnt how to solve multiplication and division problems using the 3, 4 and 8 times-table facts.

We all look forward to next term's exciting learning challenges.



Year 4

Year 4 have been enjoying their work as designers and engineers at the end of their Roman Line of Enquiry.

We have designed and are in the process of making Roman Bullas or purses using our textiles skills. For some, it is the first time threading a needle!

We have also been enjoying Christmas fun with a challenge a day! Thank you to all Year 4 children who have been kind through some very busy weeks - that certainly lifts all our Christmas spirits!



Year 5

Year 5 are spreading happiness this week by making Christmas decorations: some to take home and some for our Secret Santa class.

Happy Christmas everyone! Have a good rest, have fun and we'll see you in January.



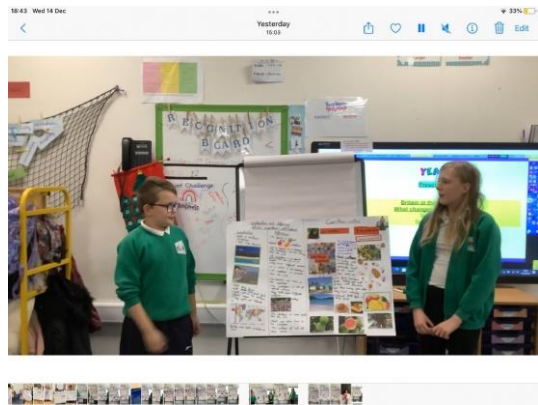
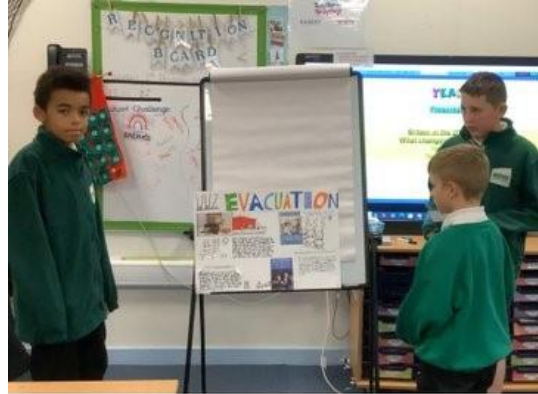
Year 6

Well, what a term Year six have had!

We've been fortunate enough to have a visit from the people who run St Paul's Carnival where we got to experience a taste of the vibrant Caribbean culture with music, singing and dancing! We discovered that it was the Windrush Generation who founded the carnival with the first occurring in 1968.



To celebrate our learning, over the past two terms, we presented our work to a very supportive audience! Well done everyone!



MEET THE TEAM



Name: Victoria Lauezzari

Role: Teacher

The best part of the role:

The opportunity to work with brilliant children with fantastic imaginations, there is never a dull day in our classroom!

Hobbies:

I love to travel and have been lucky enough to travel around the world. I have a cocker spaniel called Olive who I love to explore with.

Favourite quote:

If you can dream it... You can do it!

My Haiku about ~~Kingston~~ ^{Kingston}
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Verse 1 out of 8
 "Standing by bright stars
 gazing towards the moonlight
 wherever you are"

Verse two of 8
 "Behind streets not far
 Behind drifting smoke and cars.
 mist billows from far."

Verse 3 of 8
 "I'd like to ask you
 so listen wherever you are
 'light' where did you go?"

verse 4 of 8
 "I would like to know yes indeed
 light will chase you yes indeed
 But will not scare you"

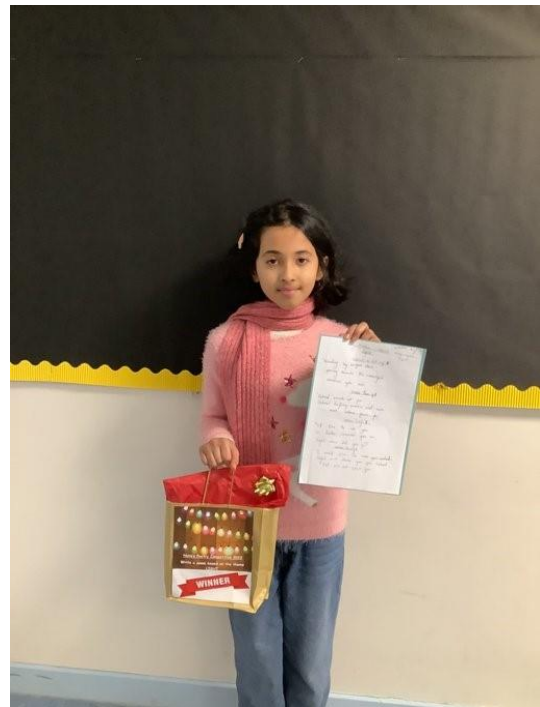
verse 5 of 8
 "Or follow with speed
 light is always there it is!
 don't see? Try again!"

verse 6 of 8
 "This time just believe
 all is there is goals and dreams
 each dream is like a..."

verse 7 of 8
 "New bright candlelight
 but to ignite dream for sparks
 light lights up the sun"

verse 8 of 8
 "light is all you need.
 yes to achieve just believe.
 to succeed just dream!"

~~After this I might have the habit~~
 of counting the syllables of my
 writing.



SMUDGE UPDATE

DECEMBER PUPDATE!

I have been very excited lately. Firstly, a big tree went up in my house and it had lots of dangly things hanging from it. I sneakily took one that I think was a reindeer and managed to chew his nose off before I was caught! Oops!



Then there was lots of white stuff on the ground the other morning. It was super cold on my little paws to begin with but once I started chasing snowballs I soon forgot about that!



I hope you all have a paws-itively amazing Christmas xx

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SONGS BY CANDLELIGHT





AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The cost of the club is £7.50 per session and term 3 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.

To book, just go to the school

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

Click on the Nova After School Club tab, select the dates wanted and click on 'book selected sessions'. Then you just need to add the item to your basket and pay.

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.

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



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OR
NUT PRODUCTS**

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