

Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Nova Families,

The new term is now well underway and children are engrossed in their new lines of enquiry. Without the distraction of Christmas, they can really 'get into' their topics and it is so great to see how busy they are around the school.

In assemblies, we are having a big focus on peer relationships. Already we have explored what connects the children of Nova, and it was fascinating to see how much they have in common, some without even knowing it- where they live, their interests, clubs, family and of course, friendships. The children have also used Martin Luther King Jr as an inspiration for their 'dream' for how their peer relationships should be, at their very best. One of the most striking things, was how many of the children suggested 'equality'- both in terms of opportunity and acceptance of differences. Diversity, equity and inclusion are great passions of mine,

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 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
Monday 17th April 2023 - Friday
26th May 2023
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Term 6

so this made me extremely proud! The children are articulate about issues that really matter and as one parent commented in a Christmas card, back in December, they will go on to 'change the world'.

This term, the attendance team are going to be extremely busy, making sure as many children are in school as possible each day. We have already seen a small increase in attendance which is great, but we still have a long way to go. The children are very excited about the possible entry into Smudge's raffle for 100% attendance and to receive a special postcard from our furry friend, but we all need to get on board and support them to get to school on time, each day. We have noticed an increase in latecomers over the last few weeks, with lots of children coming through the main door rather than having that valuable social time each morning with their friends, on the playground. Please can I ask that everyone makes a real effort to get to school on time, so that children get the best start to the day, and are present and ready for learning to begin.

We had some lovely news straight after Christmas and were delighted to hear that Miss Switalski who works in the office had her baby a week earlier than he was expected. He is called Jude and weighed in at 6lb 7ozs. We are all very much looking forward to meeting Jude!

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 4

Friday 28th April 2023

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Inset Day 5

Monday 3rd July 2023

Other Important Dates

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6th - 10th February

Children's Mental Health Week

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Wednesday 8th February

Health & Wellbeing Curriculum Day

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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

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With kindest regards,

Anna
Headteacher

Morris

24th March
Year 2 Trip to the SSGB



YEAR GROUP NEWS

Year 2

Year 2 are very excited to launch our new Line of Enquiry. Our learning surrounds 'What Makes Bristol Brilliant?' We have been thinking of all the things that make Bristol so special to us and immersed ourselves in our learning by hosting our very own Nova Balloon Fiesta where we made hot air balloons and thought of questions we would like to answer in our learning this term. We are very excited to learn more about our brilliant Bristol!

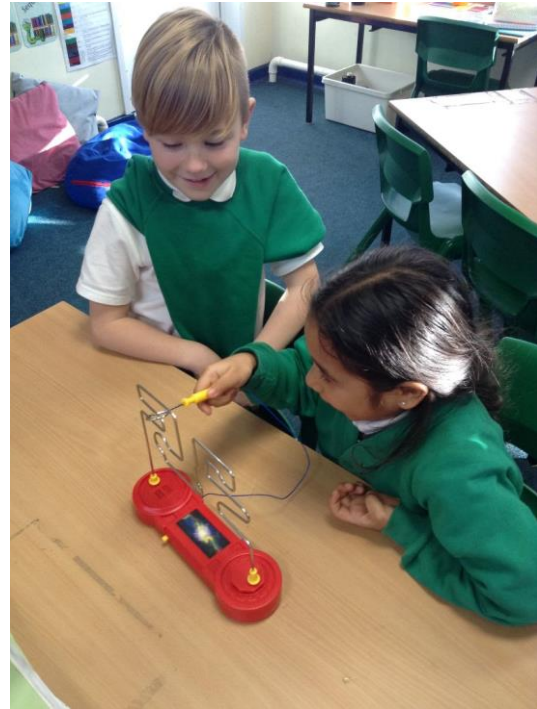


Year 3

The children in Year 3 have made an exceptional start to the term. To launch their new Line of Enquiry "How can science educate and entertain us?", they engaged in a carousel of toys/ games and explored the scientific concepts of push/pull force, magnetic force, friction, air resistance and electrical circuits.

In English, the children internalised a portal story titled "Elf Road" through drama and examined a range of writer's tools including character description, adverbs and

prepositions. In Maths, children learnt how to divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number using flexible partitioning as well as when there is a remainder. They really do amaze us every single day!



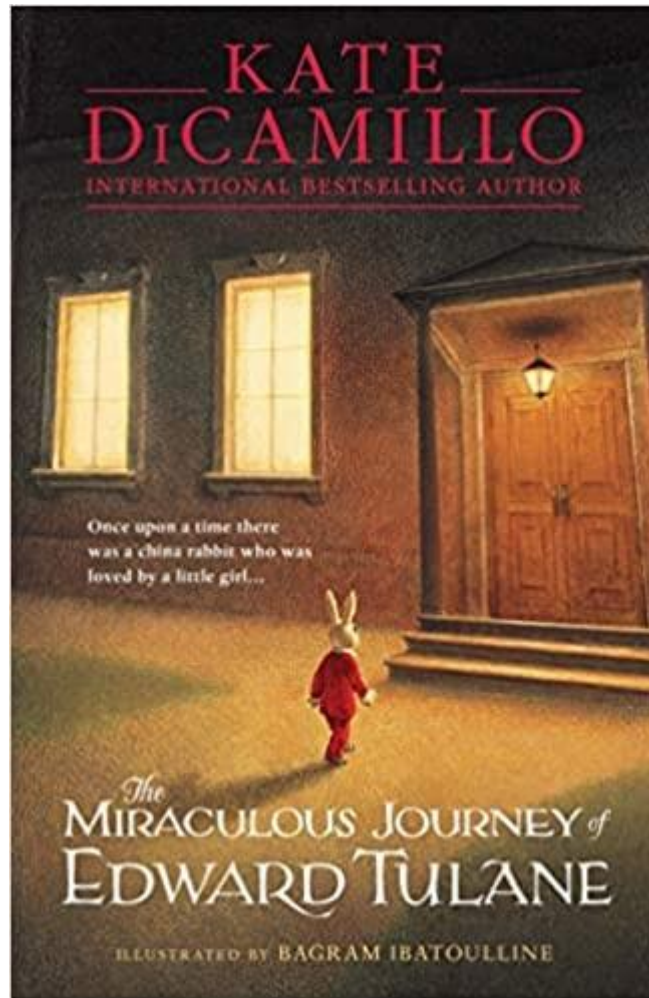
Year 4

Term 3 has got off to a fantastic start with Year 4 exploring the question 'How has STEM changed the world?'

So far, we have explored what life would have been like without engineering, investigated rail safety with our friends from Platform rail, been on a train trip and become engineers by building bridges. Phew!

In more relaxed moments we are all really enjoying a fabulous class novel called the Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane!





Year 5

It's been busy, busy, busy in Year 5 so far this term! We've explored printing techniques in History and Art and some very tricky Yoga positions in our PE lessons. Mrs Leonard and Mrs Mortimer are absolutely thrilled to be handing out coveted Magpie Awards to celebrate progress in writing this week. Our children are becoming skilled in 'magpieing' words and phrases from our class novel and guided reading texts, which really enliven their narratives. Well done everybody!





Year 6

Year 6 have had a great start to Term 3! We've been fortunate enough to have a visit from a Humanist in line with our new Religious Education enquiry: *What matters most to Christians and Humanists?* We discovered that their strongest belief is to, 'treat others how you would like to be treated,' which is a great moral to follow!

We look forward to welcoming our next visitor for our new Line of Enquiry: *How did the Earth evolve?*



MEET THE TEAM



Name: Isabel Thrower

Role: Learning Support Assistant

The best part of the role:

Working with all the wonderful children and staff at Nova!

Hobbies:

Running, boxing, playing the piano, long walks and cooking

Favourite quote:

'It is our imperfections that make us so perfect for each other' Jane Austen

Experience:

I worked in digital marketing and freelanced for an author. I decided to have a career change and work in education so started working for an agency.

PTFA

The PTFA mini Christmas Fayre was a great success with lots of positive feedback from the families that attended. This year we were able to keep costs low using homemade games by some PTFA members and some discounts and donations from Co-op, Morrisons and Savers - a big 'thank you' to all of these companies for their support. As a result, we were able to make a profit of **£227.18!**

Thank you to all that attended. We are always open to ideas and any help offered, so please come and find one of us or let the school know if you would like to get involved.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The cost of the club is £7.50 per session and terms 3 and 4 are 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.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Back to School 4 th Jan - 6 th Jan 2023	New Year Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Inset Day (School Closed)	Circle Games	Board Games/Lego	You choose! Free play (Self- chosen activity)
A Winter Scene 9 th Jan - 13 th Jan 2023	Winter Night Scene	Indoor Snowball Fun	Musical Snowflakes (musical chairs with snowflake theme!)	Wax Resist Painting	Marshmallow Straw Race (*Food-based* includes mini marshmallows)
Games Week 16 th Jan - 20 th Jan 2023	Minute to Win it Game	Bowling	Fun Team Building Activities (Includes balloons!)	Ball Drop Maze	You choose! Free play (Self-chosen activity)
Under The Seal 23 rd Jan - 27 th Jan 2023	Fishbowl Game	Handprint Fish Puppets	Under the Sea Maze	Create an Aquarium	Sea themed Circle Games
Create Week! 30 th Jan - 3 rd Feb 2023	Cardboard Tube Penguin Craft	Clay Boat Challenge	DIY game	Thumbprint Art	Lego Creations
Indoor/Outdoor Week 6 th Feb - 10 th Feb 2023	Ball in the Bucket!	Circle Games & Frisbee	Hide & Seek & Outdoor Play (KSI Playground Weather Permitting)	Parachute Games	Outdoor Tennis (Weather permitting)

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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