

Nova News

Keeping you up to date all year round

NOVA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Nova Families,

Firstly, thank you so much to those of you who have or intend to donate to our local foodbank. So many of our families (especially over lockdowns) have benefited from this service that I think it is only right that we try to give something back. During the pandemic, I made several visits to the Foodbank in Avonmouth and I was astounded at how big an operation it is. They work tirelessly to support the community, but they can only do it with the public's support. As always, if you find yourself struggling, we can provide vouchers for you.

I also want to thank you for remaining supportive during the two days of industrial action we have faced, recently. I know you may have differing feelings about the strikes, but we have had nothing but understanding from you. Each teacher has their own

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 2022/23

Term 4

Monday 20th February 2023 - Friday
31st March 2023

Term 5

Monday 17th April 2023 - Friday
26th May 2023

Term 6

Monday 5th June 2023 - Friday 21st
July 2023

reasons to strike, and all I can say is that overwhelmingly, it comes from a desire to give the children the best experience of education that is possible. We just have to hope that an agreement can be made before long. There are two more days of industrial action planned for 15th and 16th March and I will update you on what is happening, as soon as possible.

Fortunately, this term has lots of fun and exciting events to keep everyone feeling positive! Today is our World Book Day event and it has been so amazing to see the creative and brilliant vocabulary costumes! This idea makes a change from the usual book character idea and the children have really benefitted from the sharing of so many fantastic words.

On Friday 17th March, we see the return of Red Nose Day! We are inviting children to wear their most colourful clothes for a 50p donation per child. Red Noses have been on sale and we have a few left available from the school office.

I hope that you also saw the communication about our School Improvement Ambassador dodgeball tournament on Friday 24th March at 3.30pm. Those of you who attended the football tournament last year will

**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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7th & 8th March

Parent Consultations

-

9th & 10th March

PTFA Mother's Day Sale

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13th March @ 3.30pm

Year 6 SATS Information Meeting

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13th - 17th March

Science Week

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17th March

Red Nose Day - wear colourful
clothes for 50p

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24th March

Year 2 Trip to the SSGB

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24th March @ 3.30pm

SIA Dodgeball Tournament

know what a success it is was and we urge you all to sign up on the School Gateway App! The rules are simple and we will send out a copy before the tournament.

Also, this term we have science week and an expressive arts day- we really are busier than ever!

I look forward to seeing many of you for our parent consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday- don't forget the book fair will be set up for you!

With kindest regards,

Anna
Headteacher

Morris



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30th March

Year 5 Trip to Bristol Museum

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31st March

Express Yourself Curriculum Day

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17th April @ 3.30pm

RSE Information Drop In Session

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Monday 1st May

May Day Bank Holiday

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Monday 8th May

Additional Bank Holiday for King's
Coronation

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9th - 12th May

Year 6 SATS Week

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7th June

KS1 Sports Day (9.15am - 12.00pm)

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8th June

KS2 Sports Day (9.15am - 12.00pm)

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14th June

KS1 Sports Day Reserve (9.15am -
12.00pm)

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15th June

KS2 Sports Day Reserve(9.15am -
12.00pm)

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20th July
Year 6 Enrichment Day

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Reception

Reception have been incredibly busy learning all about creatures that are real and not real. We have also talked about differences in opinions, how one person's story can be different from another's and investigating traditional stories to decide who the good characters are. We finished our term with a trip to buy ingredients to make gingerbread men. They were brilliant on their first trip and made some very tasty gingerbread!!





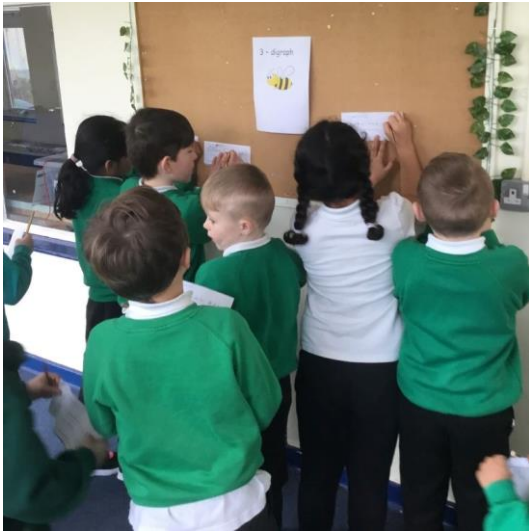
Year 1

Last term Year 1 had a great time learning about traditional fairy tales. We read the story "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and then created our own hand puppets of our favourite fairytale character. At the end of term, we had a traditional fairytale dress up day and invited parents in to showcase our puppets!



Year 2

Year 2 have begun learning our new finding tale story, Cat, Bramble and Heron. To hook our interest, we did a treasure hunt around the school to crack the code and find the treasure! We had so much fun working together to find our final clue and find the treasure under our Line of Enquiry tree. The treasure was our new story map which we are beginning to learn!

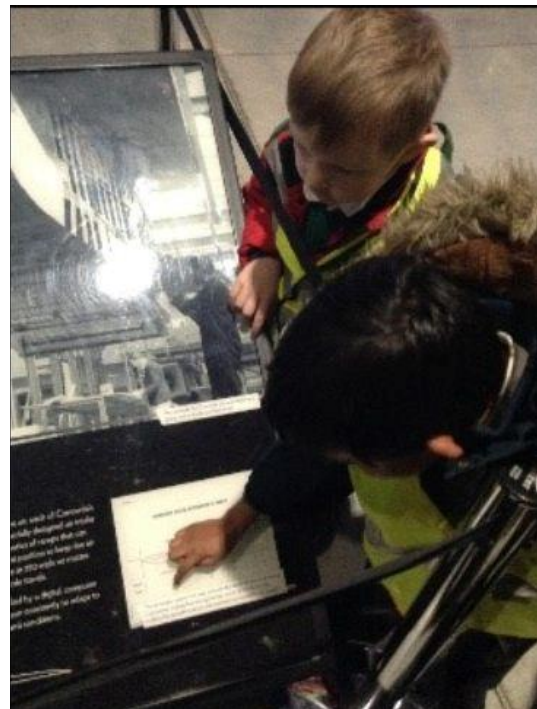


Year 3

Year 3 have been keen Engineers and Scientists, this term. Following on from their Line of Enquiry launch, the children have learnt about different types of forces including push and pull, gravity, air resistance and surface resistance. They have observed and compared how magnets behave by investigating a variety of objects to see if they are magnetic or not, and enjoyed making scientific predictions before testing and recording their findings.

As Engineers, Year 3 also enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Bristol Aerospace museum where they explored the galleries and embarked upon a journey of discovery. The children had heaps of fun getting to grips with the physics of flight with fun interactive

exhibits and relished stepping aboard the last Concorde ever to fly. To conclude our day, the Nova Engineers took part in a workshop where they had a go at designing their own sustainable aircraft. Who knew that aircrafts could now fly using solar panels?



Year 5

Year 5 are absolutely thrilled to have received a reply from the author of our class novel, Malamander, in response to our recent Tweet showcasing our splendid

persuasive writing. Our children worked so hard on content and presentation and we are so proud of them. Here's what author, Thomas Taylor, had to say:

"Brilliant! And what neat handwriting too. Please send Year 5 my eeriest best wishes"



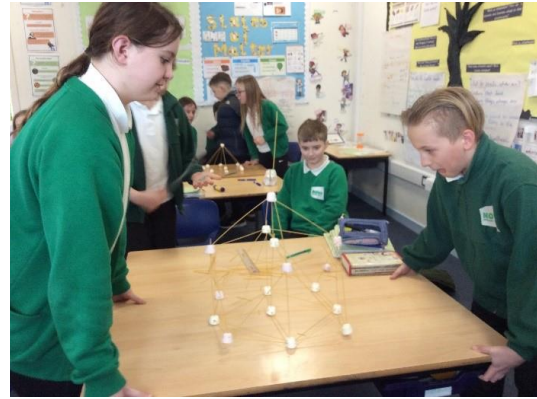
Year 6

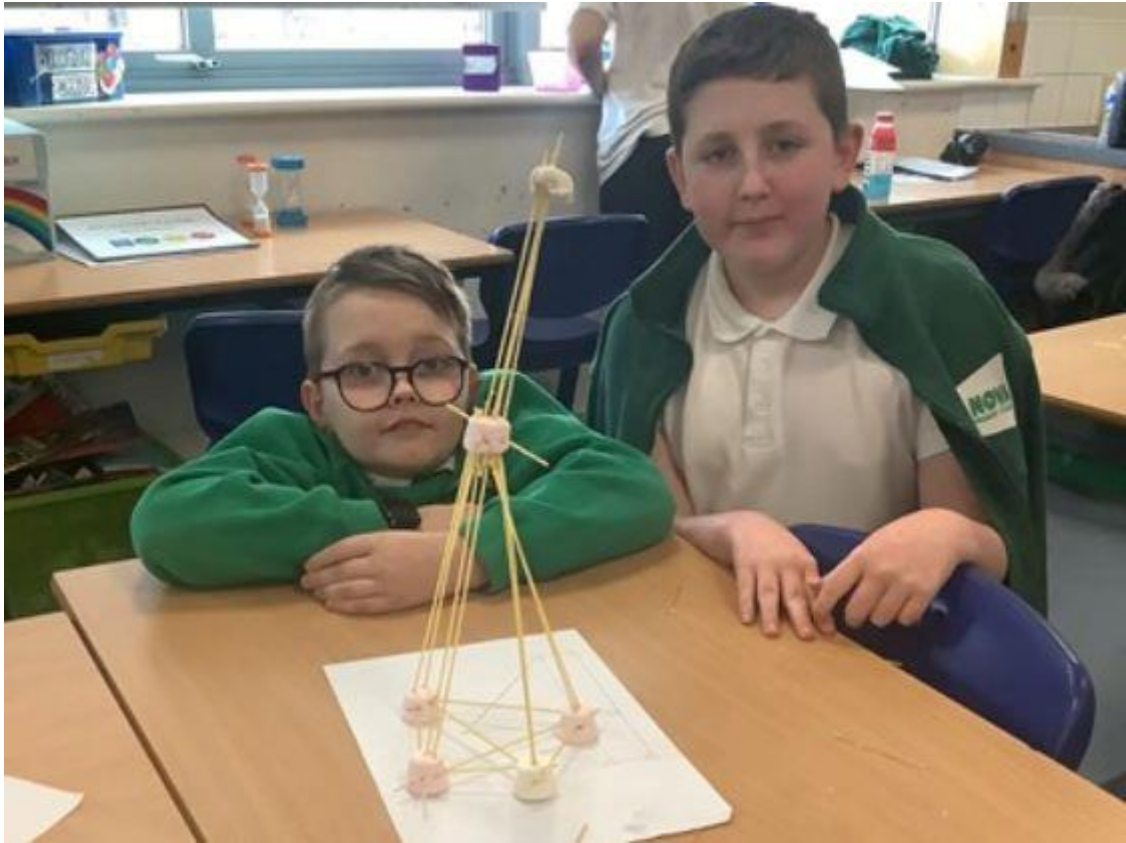
Year 6 have had a fantastic start to Term 4! We launched our new Line of Enquiry - *How did the Earth Evolve? Natural Disasters* – by investigating what structures work best for earthquake-proof buildings. We have also been discovering what happens during a volcanic eruption!

Our new class text, *Survivors by David Long*, is a series of gripping short tales based on incredible, real-life stories of extreme survival.

In Maths, we have been practising converting between decimals, fractions and percentages.

In English, we have internalised the text *Lost* and learnt what 'Writer's Tools' can create an engaging 'Losing Tale' with the focus on characterisation. We look forward to inventing and innovating our own short stories!





MEET THE TEAM



The best part of the role:

Inspiring and engaging children in all sports!

Hobbies:

Football, hiking, cricket and going to the gym

Favourite quote:

Mistakes aren't failures, they are learning curves!

Experience:

I was a coach at Gloucestershire Cricket Club and a Deputy Manager at Schuh Kids. At the moment I work for Progressive Sports at Nova and other schools. I am also first team goalkeeper for Bristol Rovers women's team.

UNIFORM

We have noticed several children are not wearing our school uniform. School uniform connects the children and helps create a Nova team culture. It is also practical and washes easily.

Whilst we have a lovely selection of 'Nova' items, we are happy for you to choose cheaper products from supermarkets, provided they are similar colours to our uniform. Similarly, if your child has sensory issues with certain items, we are happy for you to adapt the uniform, as long as it matches the colour scheme of green, with white, black or grey.

If you are struggling to provide uniform for your child, let the school know as we might be able to help you. Remember, we always have a lot of pre-loved uniform available, as well.

We urge you to try your best to ensure children wear our uniform- let's aim for smartness in term 4!

SCHOOL ABSENCE PROCEDURE REMINDER

Just a reminder to please remember to notify us if your child is going to be absent from school. You can:

1. Call us 0117 903 0446 option 1 and leave a message
2. Email us; admin@novaprimaryschool.co.uk
3. If you have the school gateway app you can text us.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The cost of the club is £7.50 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.

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.

Academic Year 2023	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Back to School 20 th - 24 th Feb	Yoga for Kids	Friendship bracelet making	Wallpaper drawing	Board Games	Lego
Spring Week 27 th - 3 rd March	Outdoor Scavenger Hunt	Bingo	Origami Sculptures	Spring Themed Quiz	Create a Masterpiece
Arts & Craft 6 th - 10 th Mar	Puppet making	Unique Clay Creation	Free painting	Story box Creations	Free Play
Use your Imagination! 13 th - 17 th Mar	Roald Dahl Dream Jar	Playground chalk	Free Play	Junk Modelling	Outdoor Frisbee
Outdoor Week (Weather Permitting) 20 th - 24 th Mar	Outdoor Apparatus (K51)	Parachute Games	Bowling	Circle Games	Outdoor Tennis
Easter 27 th Mar - 31 st Mar	Decorative Eggs	Paper Chicks	Springtime Bunnies	Spring Egg Hunt	3D Homemade Card

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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