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MAY NEWSLETTER





SAILOR WEEK— Year 2 spent the first week of Term 5 dressed as sailors from Tudor Times. They experienced what life on a ship would have been like during this time, and enjoyed a week full of fun activities.



CALDICOT CASTLE VISIT

This term, both Reception classes visited Caldicot Castle. When we arrived we were met by a real knight called Sir Thomas, and Lady Allanure. Sir Thomas taught us about how he became a knight; apparently the first thing a knight learns is how to wash up! Lady Allanure taught us about castle life and about how people were punished many years ago. We also had a wonderful picnic outside and went on a tour around the castle. The children really enjoyed themselves and the experience has set up some incredible learning opportunities for the rest of Term 5. Mr O'Regan and Mrs Brown would like to thank all the children for their impeccable behaviour during the trip; a point that was also commented on by other visitors to the castle. Well done RB and ROR!



A PLEA FROM RECEPTION! Do you have any old utensils, pots or pans, cooling trays or other objects going spare? If so, please bring them into Reception as we would love to develop our Music Wall. Thank you!



Also, if you have any old hats of any shape or size, please can you bring them in, as they make great Role-play accessories. Thank you.

MATHS STARS





Please remember to check your child's Maths Stars booklet and practice the stage that they are on with them at home. Children are checked weekly in class, usually on a Friday. The children have 3 minutes to complete their weekly check. The reason for having a time limit is to develop children's ability to automatically recall their number facts, which helps them in many other areas of maths. Thank you once again for your support.

CAN YOU HELP?

Wheatfield has a Scrapstore Playpod which creates a fantastic environment for the children to play in at lunchtime and beyond.

Although this is stocked by the Children's Scrapstore, some things are very difficult for them to source so we could really use your help to make the Playpod even better.

Some things that the children would really love this term are:

- Push chairs or anything with wheels which make great go karts so children can pull each other around in them.
- Bags, briefcases and suitcases are extremely popular for pretend play, but could you please check all pockets are empty before donating!

Many thanks!

POLICE PUBLIC FORUM

Sue Mountstevens, your Police and Crime Commissioner will be holding her next public forum on Wednesday, June 3rd from 1845 - 2100 at Gordano School, St Mary's Road, Portishead, BS20 7QR.

It's a chance for you to hear from Somerset's Area Chief Superintendent, Daimon Tilley, and to ask any questions to the PCC, the Area Commander and other senior police officers.

If you would like to attend please register in advance by visiting www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/northsomerset-pcc-police-public-forum-tickets-16481889776, by calling 01275 816377 or email-

ing pcc@avonandsomerset.police.uk so we can ensure a seat is reserved for you.

If you have questions please email them ahead of the event. This will enable the PCC and senior police officers to bring the relevant information to the meeting and give those who cannot attend an opportunity to have an input. **SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS**—Rhys Bridges of 6M recently qualified for 12 events at this years Gloucester County ASA Championships. Events have taken place over weekends starting in February. Rhys achieved top 10 finishes in several events, including 4th in the 200 metres breaststroke and 7th in the 200 metres individual medley. Medals are given for top 8 finishes and so Rhys received 2 finalist medals. He swam 11 personal bests from the 12 races. Well done Rhys!

Ben Plat swims for Severnside Tritons. He was recently placed 4th in the 12 year old boys 100m freestyle with a time of 1:10:82, which is a regional time; and he placed 7th in the 12 year boys 200m freestyle with a time of 2:37:17 which is a regional consideration time. He also gained a regional consideration time of 33:64 in his 50m freestyle. Ben will now go forward to the Regional competitions for all three of these events which is a fantastic achievement.

Alex Bridges of 4G swam his first 'proper' competitive races at the County Championships on Sunday 22nd March in the team relays. His team won a bronze medal in the 4 x 50 metre relay and a finalist medal for a 4th place finish in the 4 x 50 metre freestyle relay. Alex swam 2 personal bests for his legs of the relay. Well done Alex!

On Saturday 14th March, Rhys Bridges (6M) and Ben Platt (6M), who have been great friends since they joined Wheatfield in their Reception year, completed a sponsored swim organised by the local Rotary Club, raising funds for **Hope for Morgan** (the charity set up to help their fellow classmate, Morgan Walker). The boys swam 142 lengths between them in 55 minutes which is a record for the event, which has taken place for the last 10 years. Between them the boys raised over £400 from the event.. The Rotary Club are donating their share of the sponsorship to the Hope for Morgan charity too (they would normally have taken 40% of any funds raised).







COMIC RELIEF CAKE SALE—During break time on the 20th March we sold Red Nose cakes for 50p and also held a Cake Sale during T@3. Children were also welcome to bring in a small donation towards our fund raising efforts for this charity, which does such amazing work to change the lives of children in need, both in the UK and other parts of the world. We are thrilled to say that we raised a grand total of £348.33; £123.40 from the cake sale and £224.93 from the children's sale and donations. Thank you very much!



PARKING—A vehicle with the registration **P984 XHU** double parked recently, preventing a resident from leaving home. This type of parking would also have severely hindered the emergency services should they have needed access to Wheatfield Drive.

Please be considerate when parking in the local area!





GYMNASTICS ACHIEVEMENT!

Paige Weeks of 6M attended the Dresden International Competition over the Easter weekend and competed in the 11-16 women's group category. Paige performed a dynamic routine and a balance routine, scoring the highest in both and therefore winning a gold medal for the highest combined score.

Paige has been receiving coaching from a Russian coach 6 days a week and is currently working as a top in two partnerships, a women's group and women's pair. As Paige is the current South West champion at her level as a pair, she is now training towards the National Finals which will be held in Stoke in May.

Well done Paige, an amazing achievement, and best wishes as you prepare to take part in the "Finals" in May.



RECRUITMENT OF BIKEABILITY CYCLE TRAINERS

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING CHILDREN AND ADULTS CYCLE SAFELY?

South Gloucestershire Council Road Safety Team are seeking to recruit trainee or qualified Bikeability cycle trainers on zero hour contracts, to help increase the number of children and adults to cycle safely.

You must be a confident cyclist and happy to work in all weathers. Ideally you will have some experience of working with children and have an outgoing personality. You will be able to work with the minimum of supervision and be highly motivated.

If you do not already hold a qualification to deliver Bikeability at all three levels we will sponsor your training over four days within South Gloucestershire or Bristol.

You will be paid an hourly rate of £7.88 plus mileage or cycle allowance. Uniform and equipment will be provided but you will provide your own bicycle and cycle helmet which must be worn.

You will join a highly successful team that is in the vanguard of Bikeability training nationally.

This post is subject to an Enhanced DBS Check.

For an informal discussion about the role please ring Lead Road Safety Officer Pam Williams on 01454 863606 or email me at pamela.williams@southglos.gov.uk.



HOW TO FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

Wheatfield are now tweeting every week with the latest learning that is taking place in our class-rooms. If you would like to follow our Twitter account, please follow the instructions below. Please remember to bring in any outstanding Acceptable Use Policies to your class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you!



- 1) Firstly Log-on to Twitter, and search for our Twitter Handle @wheatfieldpri in the search box.
- 2) Next click the blue 'Follow' button, It will then change to say 'pending'.
- 3) Go onto www.wheatfieldprimary.com and scroll to the bottom of our home page. Complete the short form and click submit. We will then process your request to follow us.



E-SAFETY UPDATE

Last month we ran a meeting with parents on how to keep your children safer on the internet at home, and ways to talk to your child about e-safety. Navigate to the 'Our Learning' tab on our website to find our e-safety page, updated with useful information from the session.





FREE SCHOOL MEALS – Are you in receipt of Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based), Child Tax Credit, Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit or Asylum Seeker Status? If so, even if you do not want your child to have a cooked lunch, please register your eligibility, as this has a significant impact on the amount of funding we receive in school. The more Free School Meals, the more money we receive into our budget! Please do not hesitate to come into the office if you require further in-formation or an application form.

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals you may be entitled to discounts on trips, music lessons, uniform and free attendance at Wheatfield Plus. Please let us know if you need any support. Thank you.

STAFF NEWS

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Brown on Friday, 8th May, as she will be taking maternity leave. RB will be taught by Mrs Adrian, one of our regularly supply teachers, until the end of the academic year. Mrs Adrian will be ably assisted by Mrs Webb, who of course already knows the children really well.

Thank you Mrs Brown, for giving the children of RB a great start to their time at Wheatfield, and we look forward to seeing you and the new member of the Brown family in a few weeks time!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

REMINDER - School is closed on Friday, 1st May for an Inset Day and on Monday, 4th May, as it is a Bank Holiday. Enjoy the weekend!

- Monday 13th April—Start of Term 5
- Friday 1st May—Inset Day
- Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday—School closed
- Monday 11th May—Y6 SATs week
- Friday 22nd May—Last Day of Term 5
- Monday 1st June—1st Day of Term 6
- Monday 15th June to Thursday 18th June—Sports Week
- Friday 19th June—Inset Day
- Friday 17th July—Last day of school year for children.
- Monday 20th July—Inset Day



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Saturday 6th June: 10.00 - 1.30

Show 2

Saturday 6th June: 2.00 - 5.30

Show 3

Sunday 7th June: 10.00 - 1.30

Show 4

Sunday 7th June: 2.00 - 5.30

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