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Newsletter 28 – April 29th 2016

'We work together and celebrate each other's achievements.'

Diary Dates

BBC Rhyme Rocket Performance to Infants
Wear something purple for JIA Day (a charity event, please see below)
PTA Disco
KS2 (Y6) Statutory Testing Week
Reception WOW Event – Rhyme Challenge
School Photographer – Leavers/Class photos
Reception WOW Event – Rhyme Challenge Performance
Year 2 WOW Event
Year 4 WOW Event
Year 5 WOW Event - Earth & Space Presentation **(date change)**
Year 1 WOW Event - Under The Sea Museum **(time change)**
Queen's Birthday Celebration – Whole School
Sports Day (Whole School)

Tuesday 3rd May
Friday 6th May
Friday 6th May 6-8pm
W/beg Monday 9th May
Thursday 19th May 2:45pm
Friday 20th May
TBA
Tuesday 24th May 3.00 pm
Tuesday 24th May 2.45 pm
Wednesday 25th May 2.40 pm
Thursday 26th May 10.00 am
Friday 10th June 1.00 pm
Thursday 23rd June 9:15am

INSET Days

Friday 27th May 2016

Thursday 1st September & Friday 2nd September 2016

Friday 21st October 2016

Headteacher's News

This week we have taken a moment in KS2 to think about children living in an area of Ukraine. Roger Coales, one of our governors, is associated with Chernobyl Children's Lifeline which supports the children still affected by the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. Our children showed a great deal of empathy, listened really attentively and asked many thoughtful questions about the long-term effects of nuclear contamination. Follow the link if you want to find out more: <http://www.ccll.org.uk/bristol/index.php?ctlPage=home>

Much closer to home, next Friday, we are holding a 'wear something purple' day to raise money to support Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA) Day. JIA is particularly relevant for us here at Courtney as Megan Bennett in Year 5 has the condition. I am constantly impressed that, despite regular pain and fatigue, Megan displays an amazing determination to succeed and with such a cheerful disposition to boot. Please read Megan's experience below. If you could support her and other children like her, I know that both Megan and her family would be extremely grateful.

And finally, we have a long weekend to look forward to. I can't believe that May Day is upon us already. For me it signals the start of my busy dancing out season with my Morris side! Whatever you get up to, enjoy. **Deborah Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Piper
Year 1 Oak: Kayla
Year 2 Ash: Marieanne
Year 3 Lime: Dean
Year 4 Maple: Victoria
Year 5 Sycamore: Trenae &
Cameron
Year 6 Cedar: Jack



Attendance

YR Cherry 96.5%
Y1 Oak 96%
Y2 Ash 96.5%
Y3 Lime 96.3%
Y4 Maple 96.6%
Y5 Sycamore 96.1%
Y6 Cedar 96.4%
Total 96.3%



This week's Multiplication Certificates

Alexander, Kayleigh, Henry, George, George, Lacey, Dylan, Aaron, Charlie, Pathum, Trenae, Seb, Cameron, Ben, Dean, Adam, Freya, Hollie-Rose, Kian

My Life with JIA (Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis) by Megan Bennett's

MY LIFE WITH J.I.A (JUVENILE IDIOPATHIC ARTHRITIS)

I was diagnosed with JIA in September 2007 when I was 20 months old.

JIA is an auto-immune condition. It means that my immune system attacks my joints. The powerful medication I take suppresses my immune system but that means I am more vulnerable to infections, which can make me very ill.

On some mornings I can't get out of bed because I feel very tired and achy. Sometimes my fingers really hurt too. I might stay in bed a bit longer and Mum will rub my legs. Some mornings I come downstairs on my bottom because my legs hurt too much to walk.

I have many hospital appointments with my Consultant, Specialist Nurse, Physio, O.T., Phlebotomists (people who do blood tests) and a Psychologist.

I also attend Bristol Eye Hospital because the type of Arthritis I have means that I have a high risk of getting Uveitis. This has no symptoms but can cause blindness if left untreated.

I have hydrotherapy on a Tuesday evening which I really enjoy. Swimming in lovely warm water helps to take the pain away.

Every day is different. My life is topsy-turvy. Some days I struggle to walk, write, get dressed, cut my food up, even brush my teeth. But on other days I can do all these things.

Some days are really tough but I try to do as much as I can, have fun and enjoy my life.

Thank you for reading this.

MEGAN BENNETT Yr 5

PTA Children's Disco

The PTA Children's disco is on Friday 6th May, 6-8pm. Tickets are available from PTA members in the playground at the end of the school day.



BBC's Rhyme Rocket

We are really excited that the main characters from Rhyme Rocket are performing in front of our Infants next Tuesday. If you haven't seen the programme, perhaps you might want to check it out before then.

A Royal Winner

Congratulations to our very own Alesha Wakley from Y4, who entered a competition to draw the Queen. Apparently, Alesha carried out a lot of research on the Queen's hats. She not only won some lovely prizes but her winning drawing is now being entered into the national competition. (We found out that Mrs Griffiths, our school Business Manager, has already met the Queen twice. How impressive is that?). Well done, Alesha.

COMPETITION

By royal appointment

WHAT would our Queen look like if you drew her? Three lucky children from the Emersons Green area won prizes for their entries last week.

The *Bristol Post* held a competition this month inviting children to draw their best impressions of the Queen in the run-up to her 90th birthday.

Ten stores took part in the competition, with dozens of entries from children.

Sainsbury's in Emersons Green picked out Alesha Wakley, Maisie Yapp and Amelia Burton as their favourite work among all those submitted.

Wendy Langridge, deputy store

manager at the Emersons Green store, presented the prizes to the grinning children.

Among the prizes from the store were a paddling pool, a camping chair and a colouring book with cartoon characters from Disney's *Frozen*.

An overall winner for all stores will be announced next week.

● Wendy Langridge deputy store manager of Sainsbury Emerson Green, with winners Alesha Wakley, Maisie Yapp and Amelia Burton, who all received a paddling pool, camping chair and a Frozen colouring pack

