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We take responsibility for our choices and do the right thing even when it's difficult.

Diary Dates

Parents/Carers Consultation Evening

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ENVISION Hub Rugby Tournament for Year 5

FoCP Spring Disco

Y5 Visit to We the Curious

Year 3 WOW Event – Measuring & Making Food

NSPCC Workshops (Voluntary contribution if able)

Year R WOW Event

Y6 Life Skills visit has been rearranged for 13th July 2020

Monday 16th March

Wednesday 18th March

Thursday 19th March

Friday 20th March 6.00-7.30pm

Wednesday 25th March

Wednesday 25th March @ 2.45pm

Thursday 26th March

Monday 30th March @ 2.15pm

Term Dates 2019-20:

Term 4 Tues 25th February – Fri – 3rd April;

Term 5 Mon 20th April – Fri 22nd May;

Term 6 Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July

INSET DAYS 2019-20: Mon 20th July

Headteacher's News

On Saturday, Mr Smith and I took two teams of swimmers to the local authority gala. We always attend with the express purpose of giving the children an opportunity to 'feel the fear but do it anyway' and this year was no exception. To arrive at the poolside with every available space packed with spectators and then to swim on your own in front of them all takes guts. I am very proud that every single one of our swimmers swam their individual races. And this year, for the first time ever, we even got a first place in one of the races; well done, Will F!

Thank you to all of you who have supported the Reading A-Z Challenge set by Mr Thomas. There has been a genuine buzz from the children as they share their creations. The 'B' section went down very well in some classes as cakes were divided up. You have four more weeks to see how many of the activities you can complete.

Just so that you are aware, joining me on the early retirement route is our much-valued and highly-skilled teaching assistant (and so much more) Mrs Reardon who will be leaving Courtney after what I think will be 18 years!

Although we are still having a few too many rainy days than I would wish, the lighter mornings and evenings and the occasional warmth of the sun are signs that Spring is on its way. Have a lovely weekend. **Deborah Wood**

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year R Cherry: Aliana G

Year 1 Oak: Arya B

Year 2 Ash: Finley Y

Year 3 Lime: Jacob F

Year 4 Maple: Caiden H

Year 5 Sycamore: Amy P

Year 6 Cedar: Joseph G

Attendance Total 95.7%

YR Cherry 95.0%

Y1 Oak 96.0%

Y2 Ash 95.2%

Y3 Lime 96.6%

Y4 Maple 98.4%

Y5 Sycamore 93.0%

Y6 Cedar 96.5%



Reading Certificates

Henry B, Lacie M, Maisie-Ann J, Freddie S, Jack C, Charlie C, Cooper H, Holly H, Nevaeh E, Charley D, Emily C, Hubert K, Kinga S, Romeo D, Lily-Mai M, Kane F, Rhys I, Jessica L, Ivan C, Ruby M, Madison P-W, Haydn C, Aiden C, Edie A, Ella-Mae L, Rhylee M, Oskar J, Oliver P, George B, Corey H,



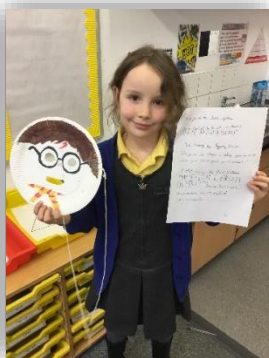
Multiplication Masters

Ava S, Demi-Leigh G, Lillia B, Logan P, Caitlyn M, Ruby G-M, Oscar W



World Book Day 2020

Thursday 5th March marked the annual arrival of our World Book Day celebrations. The children and staff at Courtney celebrated this important date in a different way this year. Some amazing examples of work created from the A-Z challenge sheet were shared. We were blown away by the creativity of the children. See the photos for some inspirational examples. Remember, you have until the end of Term 4 to complete every A-Z challenge to be within the 10x£10 prize draw. Good luck!



Reception Class Request

Reception class are thinking ahead about Easter and have started collecting onion skins. Please can parents send in the dry outer layers between now and the Easter holidays. Thank you Miss Brown.

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to Zena, Zaila, Alex, Caiden, Will, Harry and Carson representing Years 3 and 4 and to Alexander, Liam, Jack, Amy, Maiah, Mark, Ruby, Caitlyn, Aiden, Sam and Katie representing Years 5 and 6. You were all super brave and resilient.



Catering Update

Thank you to all pupils and staff who completed our survey about our school meals. We really appreciate your feedback. We are working hard to meet many of your preferences and suggestions. For example;

- We are making sure that our new menu that we will introduce in April has many of the dishes pupils like and not the less popular ones
- We are looking into enabling KS2 children to use plates rather than food trays
- We are working to ensure portion sizes to meet pupils' appetite whilst also staying within the recommended nutritional guidelines!

We'll keep you updated on all these changes.

In the meantime, we have two marketing opportunities:

Have a meal on us!

All KS2 children are coming home today with a form allowing pupils who don't normally have school meals to apply for a free taster meal. Look out for the flyer and do encourage your children to give us a try!

Parents can try too!

Over the course of the next 3 terms we will be inviting parents of pupils in years 6-1 to come in for one meal to eat with their child. (Reception parents have already done this). Hopefully this will give both you and your children another opportunity to taste our meals.

Look out for the letters. Year 6's letters will be coming home early next week.

TikTok Advice to Parents

Some of the children in our school are using TikTok; we sometimes hear about APPs through children talking about them but, more often or not, because they are causing a problem for one or more of the users.

TikTok is intended for children 13 years and over. However, because of its emphasis on popular music, including the use of lyrics inappropriate for children, CommonSense recommends the APP for young people over the age of 15.

If you do choose to let your child use TikTok, please make sure that you supervise them – better still watch and make videos together - and stick to songs that you know don't contain unsuitable language. Make sure the settings keep the video "private" to those who are deliberately being copied in.

Friends of Courtney Primary



Spring Disco Friday 20th March 6-7.30pm

This week your child should have brought home a form and envelope to purchase tickets for the Spring Disco. If your child(ren) would like to come, please return the completed form **along with payment** to the office by Wednesday 18th March. Tickets are £3 per child or £6 for 2 or more siblings. Unlimited squash will be available. There will also be UV lights and glow in the dark face painting available. We are also still looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to help out.

Mother's Day Hamper

We are running a Mother's Day Hamper raffle which includes vouchers for a facial, haircut, makeover and photoshoot, amongst a number of other pamper items, **worth over £250!** Tickets are 50p each and will be sent home next week.

Friends of Courtney Primary School have a new Facebook page to keep you up to date on all the latest events happening, please like us at @focpcourtney

NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe Programme

On **Thursday 26th March** the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, will be coming in to school to deliver their **Speak out Stay Safe Programme** on **Thursday 26th March**. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands.

They will be presenting **an infant and a junior assembly** as well as running a workshop for **Years 5 and 6**.

What is the Speak out Stay Safe Programme?

Speak out Stay safe is a session available to all primary schools in the UK. It aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried or don't feel safe, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

If you would like any more information about the **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme please speak to me or visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Talking PANTS with your children The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe, and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. The PANTS rules are a simple way for parents to help keep children safe. PANTS teaches children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's work or to take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/parents.

On the day of their visit, we will be collecting voluntary contributions for the NSPCC. If you would like to contribute either 50p or £1, please send it in with your child on the day. This is purely optional.



OoSC

The following activities will be taking in place in club each week:

Monday - Junk modelling masterpieces!

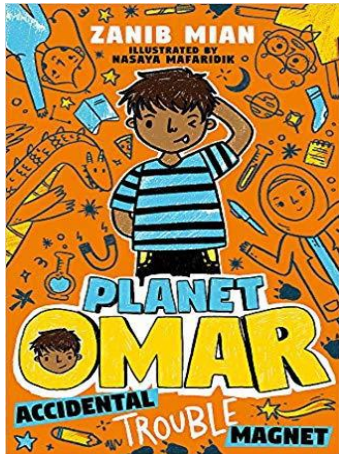
Wednesday – Arts and craft workshop

Thursday – Cooking creativity



OoSC are also happy to enable any children in club to do their homework any day of the week.

Helpful Books

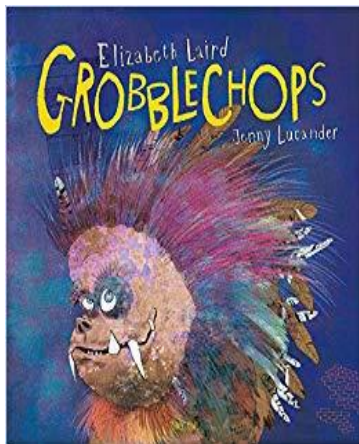


Accidental Trouble Magnet: (Planet Omar) by Zanib Mian, illustrated by Nasaya Mafaridik

ISBN: 9781444951226 **Format:** Paperback **Publication date:** April 2019 **Age range:** 6+ **Extent:** 224 pages **Other format:** ebook 9781444951233 audiobook 9781444952018

Planet Omar is a book about being different, growing friendships and overcoming hurdles. Omar has just moved into a new house with his family: sticky-fingered little brother Esa, snooty older sister Maryam and his scientist parents. Going to a new school turns out to be okay, apart from the fact that class bully Daniel tells Omar that because he's a Muslim, he's going to be kicked out of the country and will have to go and live in Pakistan. Understandably worried, Omar asks his cousin if that's true, and both hope it isn't, because there's a distinct lack of good pizza there. Plus, there's mean Mrs Rogers next door who complains loudly about Omar's mum frying onions. Yet when mean Mrs Rogers has an accident, Omar's family is there to help.

And when Omar and bully Daniel get stranded on a school trip in London, Omar realises that Danny isn't so tough after all...

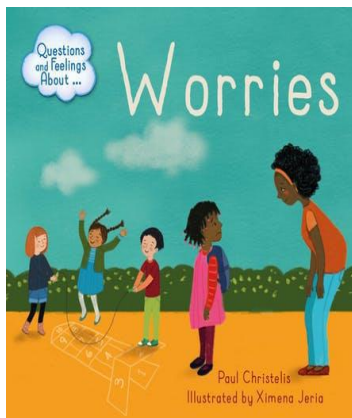


Gobblechops by Elizabeth Laird, illustrated by Jenny Lucander

ISBN: 9781910328415 **Format:** Hardback **Publication date:** February 2019

Age range: 5+ **Extent:** 32 pages

Amir doesn't want to go to bed. He is scared of the dark and afraid there might be a monster under his bed; a monster called Gobblechops who has huge teeth and growls like a tiger. Dad reassures Amir that if he growls louder, the monster will go away – but Amir can't help catastrophising and worrying that Gobblechops's mum and dad will join in the fight and eat him up. Luckily, Amir's dad is a bit of an expert when it comes to monsters, and can rationalise and refuse all his son's anxiety to the point where Gobblechops becomes a friend rather than a threat. Stunning, collage-style illustrations reflect the quelling of Amir's fears as Gobblechops and his parents subtly mutate from frightening to friendly.



Questions and Feelings About: Worries by Paul Christelis, illustrated by Ximena Jeria, **ISBN:** 9781445163956 **Format:** Hardback **Publication date:** October 2018, **Age range:** 5+ **Extent:** 32 pages

A gentle, down to earth book for addressing the things that can cause children to be anxious and worried. Mindfulness expert Paul Christelis expertly explores everyday situations in picture book form, helping children to recognise signs of worry and giving them reassurance and simple suggestions on how to cope with any worries.

Free courses starting in 2020.We still have space on the following courses. Do get in touch if you are interested.*

Cadbury Heath Area			
<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>No weeks</u>
Accredited Employability			
Paediatric First Aid (Accredited Course)	Mon 9.30am-12pm 27 th April, 11 th & 18 th May, 1 st , 8 th & 15 th June 2020	Parkwall School Community Room, Cadbury Heath	6 weeks
Computing & Digital Skills			
Beginners IT for Work and Home	Weds 1pm-3pm Starts 29 th April	Batch Community Centre	6 weeks
Hanham Area			
Computing & Digital Skills			
Microsoft Word Skills	Mon 10am-12pm Starts 20 th April 2020	Hanham Community Centre	5 weeks
Microsoft Excel Skills	Mon 1pm-3pm Starts 20 th April 2020	Hanham Community Centre	5 weeks
ESOL			
ESOL in the Community **	Tues 10am-12pm Starts 3 rd March 2020	Hanham Community Centre	10 weeks
Wellbeing			
Sewing for Wellbeing	Weds 10am-12pm Starts 22 nd April 2020	Hanham Community Centre	10 weeks
Kingswood Area			
English			
Improve your English	Fri 10am-12pm Starts 24 th April 2020	Kingswood Civic Centre	10 weeks
Into Study & Work			
Developing your Study Skills	Weds 1pm-3pm Starts 29 th January 2020	Kingswood Civic Centre	8 weeks

*For adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications.

**ESOL courses are for those whose English is not their first language. These courses and accredited employability courses are subject to fees unless you are on means-tested benefits. Please ring for further information

For further details, and to book a place please contact Mark Lawrence, Community Learning Development Worker on 01454 864613, email: mark.lawrence2@southglos.gov.uk or check out: www.southglos.gov.uk/communitylearning