

Nurture, Inspire, Flourish.



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We respect the rights of others through understanding similarities and differences.

## Headteacher's News

Dear Parents/carers

Welcome back to term 2, a term that I always feel is both a long one but flows by due to the Christmas celebrations (I know it is early to mention Christmas but, in schools, lots of planning has to take place, so I feel I can be excused for the mention). Our children have come back with wonderful stories about their half term breaks and happy to see their friends. It has been great to see the children ready and eager to learn sharing their successes. If your child is in Y5 or 6 you will have heard about Courtney Classroom Economy, which involves children earning and losing 'money' as part of a behaviour strategy we are trialling similar to the real world. The first week has been a great success and further information for the whole school community will be shared at the end of the pilot. A parents and carers session has been provided for the children in these year groups.

## <u>Newsletter</u>

We are tweaking the style of our newsletter to raise our pupil voice and provide our children with an opportunity to celebrate their successes.

Over our open days the Y4 children's art work was shared with ALL prospective parents as a true celebration of their hard work and what Courtney holds in high regards. The idea of making mistakes, receiving development points and trying again, is what learning is. The children spent time looking at Austin's Butterfly and how each re-draft can make a significant difference. The children's final pieces of art are fantastic



and a credit to our children. You will see details on Y4 news within the newsletter and will begin to see more detail about what our classes are learning.

## <u>Thank you</u>

To all of the families who kindly donated board games for wet play, we are truly grateful for your contributions. If you still have games that you would like to donate, please drop these off at the school office.

We appreciate your continued support.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend! Have a safe bonfire night!

Keep smiling, keep shining!

Kind regards, Georgina Scott



### **News from Year 4**



Last term we learnt about the Artist Frida Kahlo. We learnt that she was an inspirational woman and an amazing artist. We learnt to draw in proportion. We traced our portraits and after a few lessons we ended up with the brilliant portraits above!

This term we are learning about the Egyptians. Our class text is The Egyptian Cinderella. It's a great book and is helping us learn new skills.

We have learnt about why the River Nile is important to the Egyptians. We made mini River Niles with silt, rushes (grass) and even made the model Rhodopis, who is the Egyptian Cinderella. We made crocodiles too. We were surprised to find that Egypt rains only once a year. The opposite of Britain! When the rushes grow, Rhodopis will be able to hide in them just like in the story.



By Isabel H, Year 4



## **Diary Events**

Year 6 Residential Presentation School Photos Anti Bullying Week Dare to be Different (see info from FoCP on Page 6) Parents Evening Parents Evening Break Up Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November @ 3.30pm *Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November* W/c Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November *Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December* 

# This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Evija M and Charlie F Year 2 Ash: Tyler B and Lacie M Year 3 Lime: Holly H and Jasmine B Year 4 Maple: Ellie N and Cadi S Year 5 Sycamore: Lily C, Ben C and Brody CH Year 6 Cedar: Jessica C and Piper M

## **Reading Certificates**

Edith H, Betsy B, Raif B, Tobiasz K, Leo H, Clara L, Finley R, Arthur G, Kingsley T, Erin F, Millie C, Brody CH, Renee J, Iyla-Rae S, Summer F, Mitchell E, Jasmine P, Alex P, Piper Mc, Amber T, Evija M, Arya B, Nevaeh E, Iliana B, George Bi, Tahlia H, Lacie M, Tyler B, Maisie J, Ava B, Iliana G, Chloe N, Malachi W, Lili B, Dora B, Isabel S, Lilly B, Lily-Mai M, Zaila H, Isaac G, Caitlyn J, Edie A, Dominik Z, Sarah V, Bradley L, Rhys I, Harrison E, Peter M, Corey H, Eva R, Lily C, George B, Megan A, Emily C, Kinga S, Penny EG, Ben R, Hubert K, Esmai R, Jenson W, Darcey F, Isabel H, Ethan H, Madison H, Jessica L, Ellie N

## **Multiplication Masters**

George B, Jess G

#### New Menu

From Monday we will have a new school meals menu. Please note that next week is week 2.

#### **Helping Homeless Believe**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October we raised a huge £137.77 for the Helping Homeless Believe charity. Thank you to everyone who donated.

#### Request from Mrs Owereh

We are looking for donations of any unwanted Power Ranger figure toys for use in school. If you do have any that are in excellent working order please bring them to the school office, thank you.







# **Out of School Club**

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks at After school club! Our Halloween themed week was a big hit and our children thoroughly enjoyed a pumpkin hunt in the playground, pumpkin carving, as well as a spooky Halloween party with games and a frightening feast, which included worm infested jelly! This week we have decorated some delicious Bonfire cupcakes, made chocolate apples and painted some sparkly firework pictures. On Thursday we learned all about Diwali and made our own Diwali lanterns and Rangoli patterns!

On Thursday 11th November we are very excited that Deb Denny from Bristol Starlight Cheer Squad will be coming into OoSC to do a cheerleading session with our children. Please send your children in with trainers/comfortable footwear to change into. If your child does not usually attend After School Club but would like to attend the session, then they are very welcome to join. Please book on as soon as possible via Arbor.





# Plan for week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> November:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Make your own Christmas wrapping paper *	Parachute games	Poppy crafts	Cheerleading taster session by Bristol Starlight Cheer Squad

\*Children will be making Christmas crafts during November that parents will have the opportunity to buy at tan After School Club Christmas stall – date will be confirmed next week.

It is important that all children are booked into club prior to them attending as there is a limit on the number of children able to attend. You can book either via the Arbor system or by calling the Office.



## **FOCP** News

# Dare to be Different Day!

For **one day only** (**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**) school will allow children (and school staff!) to choose some 'dares' in exchange for a small fee. Children may choose **one** of the dares below for free, but must pay 50p for each additional dare.

- Wear crazy hair or hat
- Wear trainers
- Wear your own clothes
- Wear nail varnish
- Bring in one small treat for breaktime
- Fill your water bottle with juice/squash
- Wear oversized hair accessories
- Wear odd socks/shoes or crazy tights
- Wear a tutu or a heroic cape!

Please can children bring in their money on the morning of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November and a collection will be made in their class. Alternatively, you may pay at any time using online banking via this link: https://app.offspring.co/oXkn9nGhb

# Only the dares in the above list may be made on the Dare to be Different Day.

Remember, these dares can be made for **one day only!** Amazon Smile

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Many thanks FOCP.





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South Glos Young Musicians @Warmley

**Open Morning** 

Saturday 13th November 2021 9.30 - 12.00 At Sir Bernard Lovell Academy North Street Oldland Common BS30 8TS

Calling all String, Guitar, Wind, Brass and Percussion Players From beginner to grade 5 (grade 2+ for Flutissimo flute group) Sign up here https://forms.office.com/r/fjt0cSq5Uk

or just turn up!



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