

Dear Parents/Carers,

# NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to Mrs Adams and the EYFS team last year for gaining the Bristol Standard for the second year in a row.

This Award demonstrates ongoing commitment to quality improvement in the EYFS classroom. The Bristol Standard is recognised by the National Quality Improvement Network as a collaborative and rigorous process which has been underpinned by their twelve quality principles.



Valid 2018 - 2021  
SILVER AWARD



### Armistice Day:

A small group of year 5/6 pupils have been working on a project linked to The Armistice and WW2 with Mrs. Phillips. They started the project by visiting Rodley House Residential Home for the Elderly. Here they interviewed some of the residents about their memories either as children growing up in the war or of serving in one of the armed forces. One of the residents served in the Navy on the North

Atlantic Convoys and he was able to talk about his experiences. Another resident grew up on a farm between Yorkley and Lydney and remembers Italian prisoners of war being on the farm and working on their farm. She also remembered a parachute coming down and the mad race of locals to cut up the parachute so they would have silk to make articles of clothing!

The project will culminate in a Remembrance Assembly on Monday 12th November, organised and run by this group. We will be welcoming a visitor, Andrew Morgan, a serving member of the RAF.

At the end, the group of girls will take and lay a Wreath at the War Memorial in Yorkley.



To support their learning in Maths (measure) and Topic (Remembrance), children in Class 5 have been baking trench cakes this week. Children were fascinated that the recipe did not contain eggs, but required vinegar instead (as eggs were rationed during the war)!  
"I enjoyed getting my hands messy!" Stacey  
"It was nice to do some cooking; it was really fun!" Tiana

**Attendance:**

Overall winners:	Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Class 5	100% - Fantastic	99.29%	100% - Outstanding!
Class 4	98.40%	98.08%	95.77%
Class 3	99.00%	95.50%	95.00%
Class 2	99.33%	98.33%	96.00%
Class 1	94.07%	94.03%	91.48%

**House points:**

8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Oct = Yellow 100, Blue 95, Green 91 and Red 89

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Oct = Red 87, Blue 86, Yellow 85 and Green 84 - (WOW so close!)

29<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov = Yellow 157, Green 123, Blue 109 and Red 81

**Food for thought:**



To round up learning about the seven continents of the world, Class 2 had a fabulous day applying their cooking skills by peeling, chopping and mixing a variety of different foods that are grown in six of the seven continents. They served this food to their parents and friends, and decorated the tables with their own table



decorations. On the menu was rice with sliced tomatoes, fruit salad containing apples and grapes, also potato salad with chopped up avocado! The children sang a song they had learnt about the seven continents to finish off a fun packed topic.

**Star of the Week:**

12<sup>th</sup> October:



19<sup>th</sup> October:



26<sup>th</sup> October



- Class 1: Gemma
- Class 2: Emily
- Class 3: Leo
- Class 4: Jesse
- Class 5: KC May

- Esme
- Cayden
- Riley
- Jennifer
- Stacey

- Luke
- Ellen
- Rhys
- Alfie
- Sophie

**Fire Safety:**

Linked to 'Keeping Children Safe', before bonfire night the children had a visit from a local fire fighter, Kim. She came in to talk to the children about her job and to discuss with them how they could keep themselves safe on bonfire night. The children also enjoyed Mrs Payne dressing up as a firefighter.



**Shoe Boxes:**



Final reminder for donations of shoe boxes. Currently only 2 have come in. We will require these in next week ready for them to be collected the following week.

**Food bank update:**

Thank you to all the parents who donated food for our harvest assembly. The forest Food bank have written back and thanked us as an amazing 46.7KG of food was received.



**Out of school achievements:**

Well done to Georgia, Chloe and Kacey for all receiving awards linked to their sports skills. Georgia received a cup in recognition of 3<sup>rd</sup> place in sparring, while Chloe and her younger sister Kacey received awards linked to a gymnastics competition which they were both involved in.

**Parent, Teacher Association (PTA) updates:**

A warm thank you to Nina Wood, Clare Smith and Sian Hannam for 3 years of leading the school PTA. As per the constitution, key members can only stand in these positions for three years. Over the last few years all their hard work, with the support of many others, has enabled our children to benefit from extras; such as magazine subscriptions for our library, play equipment for lunchtimes, a science shed for the playground, stationary supplies for each class, £700+ worth of books to the school library, a book bag for each new starter, whole school transport to the annual Panto and the leavers party with gifts (this list could go on!).

I'd like to now welcome Natalie Morgan, Tasha Garland and Vicky Cocking who have all stepped up to the task as well as new members to the general committee.



(PTA disco's being their most popular event run with continued support from school staff)



**Children in Need:**

16<sup>th</sup> November children can come into school in non-uniform in recognition of children in need. Due to on-going fundraising for our playpod and through PTA events, donations are up to your discretion. Any donations received will be passed on to the charity.

**Tesco tokens:**

Thank you for your on-going support with collecting the Tesco tokens. It has been confirmed we came 2<sup>nd</sup> place, so a further £2000 has gone towards the children's playpod. Our total currently is £5103 raised, so a further £3700 is required.



Kind regards

*K. Burke*

Mrs K Burke

**Clubs in Autumn Term 2018**

Children in years 5 and 6 can walk home after clubs however we require this in writing from a parent/carer before we allow this to happen due to the late nights drawing in already. All other children need to be met at the junior entrance at 4.00pm

	<b>Mondays</b> 3.00 - 4.00	<b>Tuesdays</b> 3.00 - 4.00	<b>Wednesdays</b> 3.00 - 4.00	<b>Thursdays</b> 3.00 - 4.00	<b>Fridays</b> 3.00 - 4.30
<b>After School:</b>	Running / Cross Country Years 2-6 FREE Mrs Burke	Football Years 3-6 FREE Mr Tomley  FULL	Design Technology Years 3-6 FREE Mr Berry		
	<u>Lunchtime Club</u> French Games Years 3-6 Miss Newbery		(FULL) - waiting list for January	<u>Lunchtime Club</u> Choir All year groups Miss Williams	

**Lunchtime Clubs:** Children are also getting the opportunity to attend further clubs at lunchtimes.

- Tuesday and Thursday: - Sports with Mr Tomley (no need to sign up for this, anyone welcome)
- Play leaders are always out every lunchtime overseeing equipment and teaching new games.

**'WAKE AND SHAKE'** - We will be continuing with our 'Wake and Shake' morning programme to promote an active way to start the day in readiness to learn. **'Wake and shake' will take place on Fridays. Time 8.30-8.40** Please can all children attending line up at the side hall entrance (disco entrance). Do not go onto the school yard.

**IMPORTANT DATES****Autumn Term 1 & 2**

Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	STOP, SPEAK, SUPPORT Cyber-bullying day
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Choir singing at Speech House 1.30 - 4.00
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fizz pop assembly (club to start January)
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Choir singing at Christmas concert Lydney Town hall - 7.30pm
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Choir singing at Taurus Crafts 10.15-11.00
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas play (dress rehearsal for school, playgroup & parents with toddlers)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas play for parents 1.30 start
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas play for parents 9.30 start
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last swimming session for class 4 & 5 Christmas dinner
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Aladdin, Whole School Pantomime, Cheltenham 2.00 start (late return) - (Early lunch)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	End of term 2

**Spring Term 1 & 2**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of term 3
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Swimming starts classes 2 & 3 and year 1's in class 1. (All Spring term, last session Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> April)
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	NSPCC Assembly and workshops
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of term 3
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 and Reception height/weight and vision checks
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	HALF TERM
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET - School closed
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of term 3
4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> March	English week
8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book day (Children come dressed as a character from a book)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	End of term 4

**Summer Term 1 & 2**

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Start of term 5
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of term 5
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	HALF TERM
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET - School closed
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of term 6
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Country Dancing Festival Speech House 6.30-8.30
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day for children