



Term Five Newsletter 2011

Dear Parents and Friends,

Changes

We are saying goodbye in June to Poppy Stewart-Jackson, and her parents Ali and Grant. The family are moving to Spain, and will be greatly missed.

I am pleased to say that we have successfully recruited a job share partner for Mrs Evans who will be returning to school in September following her maternity leave. Mrs Jackson will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Evans will be teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Jackson is keen to get to know the children prior to September and will be looking for opportunities to come in and meet them.

Cricketing Success for Dad's Team



Sunday 22nd May saw a historic win for the Bathampton Dads team against the village team nicknamed 'The Sloths'. What drama! What spectacle! And maybe a couple more regulars to join the Sloths' burgeoning ranks? For a full report please see Captain Brian Madigan's poetic match report...a masterpiece of sporting journalism! Congratulations to everyone who took part including Emily Spivey who kindly offered to play on the village side.

Royal Times



Some children in Class Four found time to write about on their experiences during the Royal Wedding Bank Holiday on their class blog which is led by Mrs Flint. Josephine Lye included the photograph above and a recount of her trip to London to see the procession.

'Dear Mrs. Flint

I had such a great time in London. The wedding was fabulous. We stood on the Mall and watched the wedding procession and guards marching. At lunchtime I had a picnic and we listened to the wedding service on big speakers and joined in singing the hymns and National Anthem. My favourite part of the day was when the aeroplanes flew over our heads. My chest vibrated from the noise! Also I found it quite amusing when Kate and William kissed twice. After the wedding we had tea in a smart restaurant. I had fish and chips. (yummy.)

From Josephine'



The Royal Theme continued later in May as Mrs Lake and her family accompanied her father to the palace to receive his MBE for services to his community. Congratulations from us all to Mr Jewell! Mrs Lake later gave a fascinating assembly about the experience

Outdoors



Tania Orgill has started two Outdoor Play clubs this term and includes this report.

'PlayWood afterschool club is now up and running. Teaching children outdoors and learning about nature in the school grounds.

On Tuesday afternoons a big group of lively and excited 5-7yr olds have been making a log garden; collecting and identifying insects and leaves; playing sensory games; singing songs and telling their own nature stories.

They have also been teaching each other facts about nature that they already know. A big 'thank you' to Cara, Ethan Baker's mother, who helps me in this club.

On Thursday afternoons a group of older boys have been making mini ponds; building tarpaulin shelters; learning how to tie knots and lighting fires with a fire steel.

We have all had a lot of fun and we are looking forward to doing more next term'.

Tania has spent time in the woods with children some lunchtimes to support their play. We are encouraging children to think carefully about how they show consideration towards each other in the woods and share resources. The local currency of nuts is used to buy and sell scarce resources such as sticks and logs. Please consider contributing your unwanted wood if you have any!

Romans Treasure



Well done to Phoebe Surgey who recently found a Roman coin in her garden! There was some initial scepticism about the object but Phoebe's grandfather sent the coin to a local expert, Historic Environment Record Officer Rod Millard who has confirmed the find and marked it on an archaeological database.

Hayesfield Performance



Congratulations to the children from Class Five who performed their own composition 'Celebrate' in the brand new and very impressive Hayesfield auditorium recently. Hayesfield Teacher Mark Bradbury did a superb job in helping the children to develop the piece.

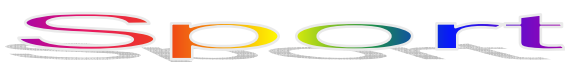
We are hoping to find an opportunity for the children to play the piece again.

Individual Success

Cambridge



Ex-pupil Alexander Thomason recently spent a week at the school prior to starting a 'Fast Track to Teaching' course. Alex is currently completing his degree at Cambridge.



Kwik Cricket @ The Sulis Club

On Wednesday 25th May the school cricket team took part in the interschool Kwikcricket tournament which took place at The Sulis Club. It was a beautifully sunny day with a dry pitch. The team played well, and there were lots of exciting games. We played five games in the first round of the tournament; winning one and losing four.

The results enabled us to play in the final of the Plate, which we narrowly lost. It did allow the team to walk away with a runner up medal though!

Thanks to parents for helping with lifts and to those who were able to stay at times to encourage the team!

Prize Winners



Congratulations to Jacob Schofield and Michael Cottell for reaching the advanced part of the gifted and talented PE sessions. Michael is shown here with his 'Under 11s Players' Player

of the Season' award from Bath City Football Club.

Coaches: winners and losers!

As parents may well be aware, our PE funding for the forthcoming year has been cut dramatically. Thankfully the Local Authority have chosen to fund the expert visiting coaches but sadly have not been able to continue the funding which, in previous years, allowed us to transport classes to PE events on a coach, free of charge.

In order for us to be able to continue participating in PE events, it is now necessary for us to ask parents for a contribution towards the cost of travel. We will always keep this to the minimum amount possible but hope that you will agree that these events are worth supporting.

Drinks

As the days get hotter (we hope!), we are keen that all children stay well hydrated. Please remember to send your child with a drink every day. Caps are also important!

If your child brings sandwiches for lunch, please also send a separate drink in your child's lunchbox. The children often eat outside in the warm weather and currently have no access to other drinks.

A final reminder that the playground will shrink following the holiday as it becomes a builders' compound. Welly boots in wet weather will be the order of the day!

Community Notices

Summer Fair

We hope that you will be able to come to the school 'Bathampton Fayre' on Saturday 2nd July. It starts at 2 p.m. and continues till 5.00 p.m. The School Choir will be singing...a definite highlight!

Village Quilt Raffle Tickets for £1 each



Parents are invited to buy raffle tickets for the Bathampton village quilt. The quilt, which will be on display at the School Fair, shows many aspects of village life and includes the school logo. It can be either a wall hanging or lap quilt/throw and the tickets are £1 in aid of St Nicholas Church. The draw will be in the flower show marquee after the service on Sunday, 11th September.

Many thanks for all the thousands of vouchers from Sainsburys and Tesco that have been brought into school already this year. Please continue to collect and donate as many vouchers as possible as they enable us to order more resources than we could possibly afford. We will let you know the final totals in due course.

Julia Bradbury BBC4 Canal Walks



If you haven't seen the programme already do check out the Kennet and Avon programme in Julia Bradbury's series on canal walks.

Especially because it features parents Jonny and Fleur Leake and their children Laurie and Theo. Fleur gives the school a very good mention! Currently a few days left on iplayer!

Diary Dates

May.

Friday 28th End of Term 5 & Construction starts

June

Monday 6th INSET Day

Tuesday 7th Start of Term 6 for children

Wednesday 8th Pedestrian Training Class Three

& Additional Meeting for 2001-12 Reception parents

Monday 13th Class Four to Egyptology Galleries, Bristol

& First Reception 2011 Induction session

Wednesday 15th Class Two to Sports @ University p.m.

Friday 17th Open Morning for Reception 2012

Thursday 23rd Bathampton School Choir @ The Forum
7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 29th Orchestra Concert 3.30 p.m.

July

Friday 1st Class Three to Bristol Zoo

Class Five to Life Skills Centre p.m.

Saturday 2nd Summer Fair

Thursday 7th Induction/ Shunt Afternoon (Children visit news classes)

Friday 8th KES Summer Workshop a.m.

& Y3/ 4 Cluster Tagtails Tournament

Monday 11th Sports Day Option One

& Parent/ teacher invitation meetings 3.30 – 5.00 p.m.

Friday 15th Class Three to Music Workshop a.m.

Monday 18th Sports Day Option Two

Friday 22nd Leavers' Service 9.30 p.m.

School dates online at

www.bathampton.bathnes.sch.uk/calendar