



POETRY TRAIL

This week children went on an exciting Poetry Trail to discover the joys of reading poems. They were given a map and excitedly followed clues, taking them all over the school grounds, to find the next poem. 'It was really interesting finding out all the authors and what their poems were about. 'The Rainbow' by Christina Rossetti was our favourite. And we got muddy!' By Rosie and George (Y4)

Y6 LIBRARY VISIT

On Tuesday Year 6 went to Yate library with children from other schools to listen to Sam Gayton speak about being an author. He explained about the life of a writer and how the writing process works for him. He also gave a reading from one of his books and it all ended with a rapping contest! Much fun was had by all.

Y3 TESCO VISIT

On Wednesday the children from Year 3 went behind the scenes at Tesco as part of their Farm to Fork promotion. They got to explore areas of the store, sample food, make bread dough, create a yoghurt, and even go in the giant freezers! It was a fascinating visit and we are pleased to say that the children were very well-behaved (even during the long walk there and back!)

PASSPORT ROUND THE WORLD

We are very pleased to announce that 80 Children have already completed the challenge. We would expect all children to be near completion now and request that all passports are sent in after half-term so that we can celebrate the children's success. As many of you are aware, we were unable to source the badges for our Passport Around the World Reading Challenge. Instead, when children complete their passport they are being given a globe keyring.

HAIR ACCESSORIES

We have noticed that some of the girls are coming into school with quite large hair accessories. Whilst we understand that these are very lovely, they are not suitable for school as they can be quite a distraction and are potentially a health and safety hazard. Please follow school policy and keep any hair slides, bobbles and bands small and simple.

YEAR 4 UKULELE CONCERT

We are pleased to announce that children in Year 4 will be showing off their newly learned ukulele skills at an assembly on Friday 7th April at 9.15. Parents are welcome as usual with refreshments from 8.50am.

SWIMMING LESSONS by Holly (Y4)

This term year 4 went swimming to Yate Leisure Centre and we had great fun. To get there we took the coach with all of our swimming kit. Then we would get in. We did all different strokes and the groups were small pool, shallow end, middle, deep end and lanes. At the end of the lesson you get to jump in or lie on your front or back and glide. everyone in Year 4 felt that it was really good.

NASTY NITS!

Parents have reported several cases of nits in recent weeks. It is always our policy to send out a text when this is conveyed to us so that all parents can check their child's hair at the same time. It only takes one missed egg to start a whole new cycle again. We would ask that if you receive the 'nit text' you do thoroughly check your child's hair that night. Many thanks.

PARKING REMINDER

Despite a reminder in the last newsletter, some parents and grandparents are still using the staff carpark at the beginning and end of the school day. Please remember this is a safety concern as staff are coming and going and we do not want children in this area. Also, our insurance would not cover any accidents that might happen.

We would be very grateful if you could pass this message on to any other people picking up your children. Many thanks

INTERNET SAFETY DAY

Last Tuesday was Safer Internet Day 2017. Children across the school looked at the many ways to stay safe online.

We would really urge all parents to consider internet safety and review the security settings on the platforms children use. Don't forget that this includes mobile phones and gaming consoles.

To find out more visit:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017>

This is also a really helpful site for parents to support with internet safety:

<http://parentzone.org.uk>

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week has been the National Children's Mental Health Week. The theme has been 'Spread a Little Kindness' and all week we have been encouraging the children to think of small ways they can help others.

TIMES TABLES

Please take the opportunity over half term to help your child learn their times tables. These are such an important element of our maths work and practice really does make perfect. There are some really good times table apps out there which may be more engaging for children than pen and paper! Many thanks for your support with this.

Cricket Tournament Update

Many apologies to Alex in Y5 whose name was left off the list of children who participated in the Cricket Tournament last month.

Head Teacher's Awards

EYFS – Leonidas for some amazing writing using his sounds brilliantly.

Y1 – Alexander and Isla for fantastic instruction writing about how to trap an evil pea!

All of Year 6 for absolutely brilliant writing about an Antarctic Adventure.

Choking Hazzard

Please can you ensure grapes brought in for tuck or packed lunch are cut in half to prevent a choking hazard. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Friday 10th February: FOWS Disco

Monday 13th-Friday 17th February: half-term

Friday 24th February: Open Afternoon 2pm

Monday 27th February—3rd March: Book Week

Wednesday 1st March: Parent's Evening

Thursday 2nd March: Parent's Evening

Friday 24th March: Comic Relief

Wednesday 5th April: Y1/2 Infant Music Festival

Friday 7th April: break up for Easter Holiday

Monday 24th April: Start of Summer Term