

## Dates for your diary

Attached to the first newsletter is our yearly calendar. This provides the dates of key school events throughout the year.

Further information about these key events will be sent out nearer the time. The idea is that all families have advanced notice about memory making events, for example Sports Day.

In this section, we will show you what is coming up during the course of the term.

## Important notice

Please remember that any child wearing earrings should wear studs. During PE days, we ask that children do not wear any jewellery.

Thank you for supporting us with this.

### Thank you to:

Mrs Lugg for organising the Bang day.

All staff and children for an excellent start to the year.

All of the staff, who are kindly running clubs free of charge.



### Our new school update

A huge amount has changed since our last newsletter. We now have drainage installed and a concrete slab! The frame is due to arrive at the end of October!

### Note from Mrs Bond...

Wow! What an action packed start to term 1. Where do I start?

#### Inspiring

In our first full week, our children had a visit from BMX champion, Michael Mullen. He joined us for a whole school assembly and shared his incredible journey from starting out learning to ride (or fall off his bike) through to becoming a world champion. He also jumped over me, Mrs Egan and Ms Jones as we were laying on the floor! Our children were taught an inspiring phrase, 'rise above'. Michael uses this phrase when he becomes anxious or begins to self-doubt. It is a phrase that many of us have adopted. Additionally, he taught us how exciting it is to fail. He calls it 'flearn' Fail and learn. Again, many classes have begun using this to promote making mistakes and learning from them in a positive way. To find out more information about this inspiring gentleman, please visit: <https://www.bmxacademy.com/>

#### Enriching

As the week moved on, the children enjoyed the launch of our connected curriculum topic for this term with the Bang Day. The children developed their knowledge of map skills as they navigated their way around the school.

This week saw children enjoying their first Enrichment Afternoon. Children joined their house teams for a variety of activities including: laser tag, yoga, recorders, illustration and forest school.

#### Achieving

Whole school celebration assemblies have been a joy to host with our children bringing in awards from home. It has been a delight to present so many 'Gadgeteers' certificates from the library challenge as well as swimming awards and 2 Blue Peter Badges! 28 children have already received certificates to praise their incredible learning and behaviour and 14 children have joined myself and Mrs Lugg for Hot Chocolate Friday.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

### House Team News

We are delighted to be able to announce our new House Captains for this year. It was a privilege to watch so many Year 6 children put themselves forward for the roles and present to the rest of their house team. Well done to them all for expressing themselves so clearly and enthusiastically.

Huge congratulations to our new captain.

Yellow – Lily-Mae and Isla

Green – Lauren and Cody

Red – Summer and Caleb

Blue – Noah and Benjamin

Children in all classes have been busy collecting house points during the first two weeks of this term. They are awarded for following our Golden rules in lessons, at playtimes and lunchtimes. The points are very close after the first fortnight.

1<sup>st</sup> = Blue - 187

2<sup>nd</sup> = Yellow - 186

3<sup>rd</sup> = Red - 180

4<sup>th</sup> = Green - 173

### PE and Sports News

After school sports clubs started this week and it has been great to see the children enjoying them. Multi-skills Club for Reception and KS1 runs on Mondays, Y5/6 Football Club runs on Thursdays and KS2 Basketball Club runs on Fridays. There are still some spaces for all three clubs so please book at <https://progressive-sports-south-glos-bristol.class4kids.co.uk/> if your child is interested.



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