

19 April 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 28

ARTS WEEK AND EASTER

The children had an excellent end to the Spring Term engaging in the Easter themed Arts Week. The Reception children thoroughly enjoyed learning about and exploring different media and techniques during our Easter themed Arts Week. The children were taught how to paint using water colours, after carefully looking at the tulips and daffodils, they produced some fantastically detailed paintings of spring flowers. They explored printing using their fingers to make the outline of a cross on their Easter cards and used forks and tubes to create Easter chicks and bunnies. They also completed lots of Easter themed activities during their choosing time including collaging rainbow Easter eggs with coloured paper, decorating polystyrene eggs with sequins, pens and feathers and making Easter chicks from tubes with feathers, tissue paper and googly eyes!



The children in Year 1 and 2 have had a wonderful week, engaging in art and creating some fantastic, pieces of work through a variety of media. They learnt the significances of new life linked to the Easter Story and Easter eggs. We took inspiration from how eggs are decorated in different countries of the world. We studied Faberge eggs before designing and creating our own glittering, Faberge salt dough eggs to hang on an Easter tree. We painted, marbled, collaged and decorated eggs. We finished the week by taking part in the tradition of rolling decorated hard-boiled eggs down the hill of the school field.



The children in Year 3 and 4 have had a fantastic week, emerging themselves in art and creating some wonderful, varied pieces of work through paint drawing and squiggles. Initially, they learned about the artist Ivan Guaderamma who was born in Mexico in 1984 and used his mixed media, interactive art to inspire their painting of the cross which has been printed and used on their Easter cards. They also looked at the work by Jay One who spreads the word of God through graffiti and created some of their own work.





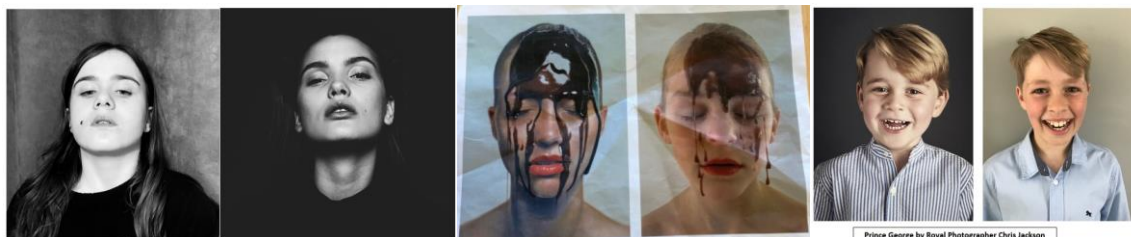
Year 5 and 6's Art Week began with a portrait challenge - to find a portrait (painting or photograph) and recreate the pose at home. They were certainly very creative!

The artist we chose to investigate was Ivan Guaderamma, a Mexican born artist who presented a new technique called 'Glass Expression'. We were inspired by his use of



background colours, a printed image of Jesus Christ, a depiction of the Last Supper and his stencilled word 'LOVE'. We created our own using Guaderamma's style but instead of 'LOVE', we chose one of our Christian values to write.

We created Easter Cards, participated in 'the Big Sing', created our own illustrations to the song 'Glorious Day'. Some of us even wrote our own Easter songs! Finally, we spent some time outside in the beautiful sunshine and created natural crosses.



JUSTICE HOME DISCUSSION SHEET

This term's theme for our Collective Worship is Justice. We have attached the home discussion sheet for you to read through and talk to your child/ren about the themes within it. Please do take the time to do the activities and discuss the different questions posed with your children. As you know the theme runs throughout the term and we will also be investigating 'Too Much Selfie isn't Healthy' in our Heartsmart lessons for PSHE and Rule of Law within our British Values. Below is our Bible reading linked to our Heartsmart theme for this term.

Mark 12:31

"Love your neighbour as you love yourself."



VACANCY FOR LUNCBREAK SUPERVISOR

We currently have vacancies for two lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested in becoming part of our lunchtime team, then please contact the office for more details. The hours are 12 noon to 1.30pm Monday to Friday. I hope that we will be able to recruit very shortly.

ROAD CROSSING PATROL

We are very pleased to announce that after so many years of trying to recruit people to help out at the beginning and end of the school day we finally have not one but two people who will be our School Road Crossing Patrol persons. The two ladies will begin their duties from this Wednesday with Jackie Hartley at the start of the week and Taj Kaimouz at the end of the week. The crossing, which is at the junction of Church Road and Sundays Hill by the doctors entrance will be supervised as from this Wednesday. Thank you in advance to Jackie and Taj for coming forward. We look forward to working with them for a long time to come.

PARKING

We have been requested by Glebe House that parents should not be parking in the car park at Glebe House. The residents are now starting to move out and about the grounds a lot more and increased car parking and people who should not be there is putting that freedom in jeopardy. Thank you for co-operating.

PA NEWS

LOTTERY NEWS

You can still sign up to the lottery by going to www.onelottery.co.uk and searching for Almondsbury School.

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

EASTER BAKE OFF WINNERS

Well done to everyone who entered the Easter Bake Off. We had 22 fantastic entries making it a difficult job for our judge GBBO semi-finalist Briony May Williams.

The results are

KS1 winner is Euan Laing KS1 Runners up are Libby Bendall and Neve Bennett



KS2 winner is Mia Church KS2 Runners up are Emilia McCarthy and Ellie Williams.



Secondhand Uniform

Due to COVID restrictions and keeping everyone safe, we have moved our second hand uniform sale online. We currently have a wide range of age 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 8-9 and 9-10 years clothes available via the PA Website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/almondsburypta>

Age 6-7, 7-8 and 10+ are not yet available online, but can be purchased via the contact numbers below;

Age 6-7, Sarah 07813 777109

Age 7-8, Louisa 07967 975761

Age 10+, Sam 07426 611531

Summer dresses, which can be worn after the Easter holidays will be added soon.

How does it work?

Click on 'Shop' and then 'Uniform and Merchandise'.

From there you can browse what is available by item and size. Payment is made online to avoid cash exchange. Once you have placed an order, the parent holding your item will be in contact via email to arrange delivery.

We have also started to add a selection of WOW days clothes online and have recently restocked the online bookstore. Purchase of both products work in the same way as the uniform shop. Items can be viewed via the events section.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

There are a number of websites that will be helpful for each child to investigate to help them with their home learning. This week's website is: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith
Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
Clubs for Term 5 and 6	All	Information and action

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

DATES 2020/21**TERM 5**

Monday 19 April

Thursday 22 April

Tuesday 18 May

Monday 24 to Thursday 27 May

Friday 28 May

Start of Term 5

PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

Class photos

Sports Week including key phase house games and mini sports afternoons

INSET day – school closed

TERM 6

Monday 7 June

Thursday 10 June

Tuesday 22 June

Monday 28 June

Friday 9 July

Monday 12 July

Monday 19 July

Wednesday 21 July

Start of Term 6

PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

New Reception 2021 parents meeting and tour

Year 1 phonics week

New Reception children to stay for lunch

Celebration Day (details to follow)

Reports to be sent home

Year 6 leavers and family celebration afternoon picnic and activities (details to follow)

Leavers Service for Year 6 pupils (details to follow)

End of the school year

Term dates for 2020/21

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 5	Monday 19 April 2021	Friday 28 May 2021
Term 6	Monday 7 June 2021	Wednesday 21 July 2021
INSET DAYS confirmed	Friday 28 May 2021	

Term dates for 2021/22

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 2 September 2021	Friday 22 October 2021
Term 2	Monday 1 November 2021	Friday 17 December 2021
Term 3	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Friday 18 February 2022
Term 4	Monday 28 February 2022	Friday 8 April 2022
Term 5	Monday 25 April 2022	Friday 27 May 2022
Term 6	Monday 6 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022
INSET DAYS confirmed	Thursday 2 September 2021 Friday 3 September 2021 Friday 27 May 2021	Plus two other INSET Days to be confirmed