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**Dear Parents** 

# SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 34

## LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Well done to all of these children who received the Letter of Commendation for Term 5. They have all shown their prowess of working hard, enthusiastic about their learning and being a great class mate.

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen Anna Flack Zac Stooke Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter -Zane Gaffori Beniamin Mason Mr Dean Lily Tuck Tyler Rew Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy Martha Rackham Millie Farler Miss Moore and Miss Ramli Leo Bowen Honey Jenkins Gianni Taylor Mr Evens Frankie Young Mr Garcia Poppy Stevens Dougie Layson Mrs Leonard Rocco Bear Jenkins Tia Belcher Miss Hake Valeria Pena Vallejo Finley Stewart Mrs North Eli Horsfield Miriam Payne Leo Sansum Miss Wingett Diana Savill

# SPORTS WEEK RECEPTION

The children in Reception thoroughly enjoyed their Sports Week activities. On Tuesday, they came to school dressed as bugs, in preparation for their minibeast themed sponsored obstacle course event. They had so much fun scaling the course, crawling like caterpillars along benches and spiders through



webs, marching like ants, wiggling like worms through the tunnel and carrying hoops on their backs as they crawled along pretending to be snails! Hopefully, they have raised lots of money to buy new resources for their role play areas.



On Thursday, they took part in a mini sports day, where they completed various races including the running race, egg and spoon race and their favourite race, the sack race! All of the children cheered on their friends and participated well, taking winning or losing in their stride. Well done Reception!



## YEARS 1 and 2

KS1 Sports Week kicked off with the children enjoying a fun day at Mojo Active. We were very lucky that the rain held off and the children could enjoy all the activities on offer. The children worked well in groups to make dens in the forest and were very brave as they attempted the tree climbing and tunnel maze. It was

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lovely to see them enjoying the natural outdoors. We also had our KS1 house matches where the children competed in their house teams in lots of different fun games and races. There was ball rolling, bean bag balancing, obstacle courses and more. After a very enjoyable morning, the children sat down to find out which was the winning house. It was a very close affair, with all houses performing well but in the end Sun were awarded the KS1 house cup. Well done to all the children for an excellent week.



## YEAR 3 and 4

All the children in Years 3&4 had a great time at Mojo Active. They were climbing trees (set up like a climbing wall with ropes), den building - depending on teamwork and great problem solving. Finally, they worked on confidence building activities around the low ropes and finishing off by crawling through a tunnel maze in the dark on their hands and knees. They returned to school a little muddy, well exercised and smiling! The children had a great time outside playing together in the house matches despite a little rain. There was a lot of team spirit, enthusiasm and smiles as all the children participated in their first competition in over a year. We are looking forward to many more!



## YEARS 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed their House Matches on Monday, despite the downpours! They showed excellent sportsmanship towards one another and were really encouraging. It was great to see them apply their skills from PE too. On Thursday the Year 5 and 6 children took part in house team challenges. During a series of challenges, teams were scored for criteria such as teamwork and including all team members. All children showed great collaborative skills and had a great time completing the challenges.



## **HOUSE MATCHES RESULTS**

KS1 – Multiskills Festival – The winning team were Sun. Well done.

KS2 – House Matches – The winning team were Earth with Sun just one point behind. Well done.



## **NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS**

The National Book Token company are currently running a competition for which the winning school will win £5,000 worth of book tokens to spend on books. This would be a fantastic prize should we be lucky to win. To enable the school to be in with a chance we need as many nominations as possible from staff, parents, governors and the wider Almondsbury community. To nominate the school all you need to do is click the link and enter your details and our school name. Win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school If your nominated entry is picked you will also win £100 worth of book tokens for yourself. The closing date for this is 31 July 2021. Thank you in advance.





# **MAY HAIR MAYHEM**

What a collection of hair styles for our inaugural Mayhair Mayhem day on the last day of term. Some very ingenious designs, colours with some real creativity and flair. Fantastic! Thank you for supporting the day and collecting £240.00 towards our playground project.



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## **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.

## **PA NEWS**

# **Launching our Playground Project**

How you can help?

If you'd like to donate directly to the Playground Project:

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Almondsburyplayground

To support the project on a more regular basis, sign up to:

- One Lottery: www.onelottery.co.uk and search for Almondsbury School.
- Amazon Smile Sign up via Amazon and we get 0.5% from any purchases.
- Easy fundraising -download the app and sign up! Just remember to use every time you shop online.
- Volunteering, and utilising matched giving employee schemes.

This is the biggest fundraising project the PA has taken on in many many years, it's going to be a huge, but incredibly rewarding to see the children enjoying the improved outdoor space. We are all enthusiastic and positive that if we ALL pull together it is achievable, so please support however you can.

Aztec Hotel have chosen our school to support as one of their June charities, pop in for a coffee and use your token to gain the PA £150 towards our Playground Project – see PDF attached.

## **FAMILY GROUNDS DAY - SUNDAY 27 JUNE**

Come along and support the PA on Sunday 27 June, 10am to 2pm to help make improvements to the school grounds, i.e. weeding, painting, planting etc. Please see the poster attached.



SOLAR BUDDIES SUNCREAM APPLICATOR AFFILIATION:

As the weather gets sunnier and the children need suncream applied more regularly, Solar Buddies are fab! For use by children, refillable and easy to apply. We've negotiated a 10% discount, and additionally for every sale, 10% goes towards our fundraising initiatives. https://www.solarbuddies.co.uk?ref=1921



Coupon code: Almond10

## **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: <a href="https://www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part/try-this-at-home.html">https://www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part/try-this-at-home.html</a>

Best wishes

Mr Paul D Smith Head Teacher

| LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE |            |                        |  |
|--|------------|------------------------|--|
| CONTENT  | YEAR GROUP | INFORMATION OR ACTION  |  |
|  |            | Information and action |  |

**DATES 2020/21** 

TERM 6

Monday 7 June Start of Term 6

Wednesday 9 June Year 1 and 2 Fire of London workshops

Monday 14 June Year 6 visit to Legoland

Thursday 17 June PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

Tuesday 22 June New Reception 2021 parents meeting and tour

Friday 25 June Year 6 visit to Barry Island Monday 28 June Year 1 phonics week

Year 2 Scooter training

New Reception children to stay for lunch

Friday 9 July Celebration Day (details to follow)

Year 6 school sleepover and BBQ

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Monday 12 July Reports to be sent home

Monday 19 July Year 6 leavers and family celebration afternoon picnic and

activities (details to follow)

Tuesday 20 July Year 6 MAD activity day in school

Wednesday 21 July Leavers Service for Year 6 pupils (details to follow)

End of the school year

# Term dates for 2020/21

| Term   | Starts             | Ends                   |
|--------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Term 6 | Monday 7 June 2021 | Wednesday 21 July 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            |
|           | Thursday 2 September 2021 | Plus one other INSET Day to be |
| confirmed | Friday 3 September 2021   | confirmed                      |
|           | Tuesday 4 January 2022    |                                |
|           | Friday 27 May 2022        |                                |

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