

14 June 2021

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021 - NEWSLETTER NO 35

CERTIFICATE - Well done to these children who received the certificates for the last week from their teachers.

Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	-	Olivia Cook	
Mr Baykaa-Murray and Miss Winter	-	Annabel Baker	
Mr Dean	-	Charlotte Thomas	
Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy	-	Jacob Wiltshire	Mila Tudor
Miss Moore and Miss Ramli	-	Olivia Beard	Sebastian Timmins
Mr Evens	-	Frankie Young	Jaida-Paige Waterhouse
Mr Garcia	-	Samuel Roberts	
Mrs Leonard	-	Matthew Wilkosz	Zachary Taylor
Miss Hake	-	Valeria Pena Vallejo	Owen Lacoue-Negre
Mrs North	-	Matthew Berry	
Miss Wingett	-	Eddie Acford	

YEAR 1 AND 2 WOW DAY

The Year 1 and 2's had a great WOW day all about The Great Fire of London. The classes each participated in a drama workshop led by a specialist in the art of recreating special events and sharing their knowledge. The children were able to recreate the events of the great fire and shared their own knowledge and facts about how it started and what happened. There was then the opportunity to go outside and visit Mrs Vicary, who had the fire pit all ready and set up. The children helped mix the dough, whittle their own stick for the fire and place the dough on the stick to bake bread on the fire. The children all thoroughly enjoyed this part and the eating of course. Lastly the children had lots of fun creating pieces of art using different mediums to represent the fire. What a fab day.



HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND EATING

As part of the national agenda on Healthy Lifestyles we will continue to promote and maintain our healthy eating approach. The children learn about healthy lifestyles through Science and PE. They understand the need for a balanced diet and how exercise will enable them to feel fitter and healthier. I know that the vast majority of the children at school participate in either clubs in or outside of school and take an active role during PE lessons. It was positive that during lockdown walking was promoted as a main form of exercise and I am sure that as families you took the opportunity to either walk or cycle around the local area. We need to ensure that the children have healthy lunchboxes and food snacks during the day. We recognise that currently the schools meals are not fully operational due to the reduced menu choices. However, once we start the next academic year the full menu will commence providing the children with a wide range of healthy meal choices. We ask that parents sending children into school with home packed lunches that you limit the number of high fat items such as chocolate and crisps if possible. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support as always.



NEW STAFF

We can now announce that we have appointed Mrs Samantha McDowall who will join the Almondsbury team as our new SENCo replacing Mrs Duffy. Mrs McDowall is an experienced SENCo from another local school in Bradley Stoke and I am sure will be another asset to our staff. She will be visiting school over this term to familiarise herself with the children and meet some parents at the same time.



RECEPTION FUNDRAISING

An update on the fundraising exploits of the Reception class. The total they have raised is a very impressive £804.00. Well done to the 47 children in Reception and of course their parents and families for donating so much money. The classes will use the money to purchase new role play structures and resources. The children are looking forward to having these in their classrooms very shortly.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

The week before half term during Sports Week was our Walk to School week as well. The children collected points for the times they walked to school either from their homes or from a parking location away from the school like the garden centre. There were two winning classes for each key stage. The winners are in Key Stage 1 in 1st place with 783 points Mrs North's class and in 2nd place with 759 points Mr Garcia's class. In Key Stage 2 in 1st place with 828 points Mrs Long and Mrs Duffy's class and in 2nd place with 717 – Mr Evens's class. All children receive an extra playtime, gold pot stars and a treat. Well done to those classes and to everyone else who tried really hard to walk to school. As the weather seems to be improving and the sun will shine hopefully the walking will be maintained.



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.

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.

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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.

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: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

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 14 June

Thursday 17 June

Tuesday 22 June

Friday 25 June

Monday 28 June

Year 6 visit to Legoland

PA meeting – held via Zoom 7.30pm

New Reception 2021 parents meeting and tour

Year 6 visit to Barry Island

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

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

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Term 6	Monday 6 June 2022	Friday 22 July 2022
INSET DAYS confirmed	Thursday 2 September 2021 Friday 3 September 2021 Tuesday 4 January 2022 Friday 27 May 2022	Plus one other INSET Day to be confirmed