

26 September 2022

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 4

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	- All of Year 6
Mrs Goode and Mr Allen	- Riley Jenkins
Miss Abraham	- Eloise Payne
Miss Ramli	- Roxie Nelson
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	- Casper Male
Mr Evens	- Lia Drewitt
Mr Garcia	- Ronnie Young
Mrs Leonard	- Diana Savill
Miss Hake	- Marnie Rae
Mrs North and Ms Hill	- The whole class
Miss Wingett	- The whole class



YEAR 6 FRANCE RESIDENTIAL – The Year 6's had a marvellous time in Paris, France last week on their residential trip. It was a very smooth get away on Monday as the traffic was very light due to the state funeral of her late HM The Queen in London. We arrived at the Eurotunnel with plenty of time to catch an earlier crossing and arrive at the chateau an hour earlier than expected. A quick tour of the surroundings and then to the rooms to unpack and sleep.

Tuesday morning saw the group visit the local market town of Brie Comte Robert. After the completion of the town trail and seeing the sights it was time to buy some very priceless souvenirs to take back home. The next stop was the huge Carrefour and the chance to purchase some French sweets and chocolates to take home. The afternoon sessions were adventurous activities of orienteering, bushcraft and sensory trail. The children thoroughly enjoyed the latter walking around the planned trail with their thick blindfolds on having to rely on their group of friends to lead the way. The evening was filled with a visit to a snail farm to learn all about how snails are bred and raised for the vast market in France and the globe for these delicacies.



It was a full day in Paris on Wednesday starting with a walk up and down the 1340 steps to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower. We all made it up without stopping and for some being very brave of how high we were going. The clear blue skies made it perfect to see the sights of Paris. After that the River Seine beckoned

and a trip on the Bateaux Parisien. The children were superbly behaved and so quiet going around the Musee d'Orsay to look at some precious art from Van Gogh, Lautrec, Gauguin and others. It was then onto the coach once again for a drive around the centre of Paris and the infamous roundabout around L'arc d'Triomphe.



Thursday is Disney day on the trip and the children certainly were excited when they saw the signs at the entrance to the park. Despite being extremely busy we managed a full day of rides especially the two favourites of Hyperspace Mountain and Thunder Mountain. The visit to the shop and the Disney Stars Parade were a fitting end to a fun packed visit. A great day was had by all! There was a special treat at dinner for those who wanted to sample the snails in garlic butter. Over half of the children did so. Some actually liked them and had quite a few! The evening disco saw the children (and adults) throwing some great moves. Sadly it was then time to pack to go home.



Our final part of the trip was a visit to the chocolate factory at Lascelle. Here we saw how the chocolate was made and moulded into the various delights that were on sale in the shop. It was a tough decision as to what to buy, however everyone chose their chocolates in the end.

It was a fabulous trip with many wonderful memories made and what a great way to start the school year. Thank you to all the adults who accompanied the children and kept them entertained and safe throughout the week – Mrs Goode, Mr Dean, Mrs Vicary, Miss Bryant and Miss Hickey, I also had a great time as the children were a credit to themselves and our school with their enthusiasm and wonderful behaviour.

There are many more photos on the school website on the year 6 classes pages.

YEAR 5 PROJECT

While the year 6's were in France, the year 5's were preparing for their own live Wax Museum inspired by Madame Tussauds. The children chose a historical figure or celebrity that they wanted to research and spent the first part of the week finding out lots of information about their chosen person. They made posters, learnt speeches and drew portraits. On Thursday, the children came in dressed as their character and we set up the classrooms to be our own wax museum. Their families were invited to visit the museum. The year 5's did a fantastic job in acting as wax models and reciting their speeches. It was amazing to see their confidence and we are so proud of them.



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.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY

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.

SCHOOL CLEANER REQUIRED

We have recently made the decision to hire our own cleaners for school. We have a vacancy for a cleaner from 3.30pm – 6.00pm Monday to Friday term time plus a couple of days of holiday cleans throughout the year. Salary is approximately £10.00 per hour. If you are interested in the position please contact the office to collect more information and an application form.

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW PARENTS 2023 INTAKE

We have the dates now confirmed for the school tours for new prospective parents for the intake in September 2023. It will be lovely to show new parents around and share all that is great about our school.

Tuesday 1 November 9.00am	Tuesday 1 November 11.00am
Monday 7 November 9.00am	Monday 7 November 11.00am
Monday 14 November 1.30pm	Tuesday 22 November 1.30pm
Tuesday 22 November 2.30pm	

PA NEWS

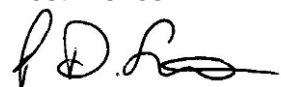
We will be holding our AGM on Monday 17 October 2022 at 7pm at the school, in the staffroom. This will be a chance for the new co-chairs to meet the invaluable team, who have already been working brilliantly together, to plan events for this next coming academic year. We welcome anyone who would like to contribute their ideas and time to these events. Remember, all events are to raise funds for the benefit of our children at Almondsbury School. Our main fundraising project this year is the KS1 play area, however, throughout the year there will be smaller items that may be needed (as well as some other projects that are needing funding for on a more immediate need - we have already been approached about two further areas that need funding). We realise that we are entering financially hard times and we are truly grateful for all continued donations made.

Auction Ball Update

PA members have had to make the tough decision to postpone the Auction Ball until February 4 2023. Those that have already bought tickets/tables should have received an email on Friday evening; we apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope you can still make the new date.

Tickets remain on sale at: [Almondsbury School Parents Association \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://pta-events.co.uk). We believe the new date will be more appealing to more parents, something to look forward to in the New Year and raise some fantastic funds for the school, whilst having a fun night out. We hope you will be able to join us.

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT LAST WEEK AND POSTED ON WEBSITE

CONTENT	YEAR GROUP	INFORMATION OR ACTION
		Information and action
		Information and action

DATES FOR 2022/23

TERM 1

Tuesday 27 September
Wednesday 28 September
Thursday 29 September
Friday 30 September

Year 3 and 4 School Cross Country pm
Reception parents Drawing Club workshop 9.15am in the Hall
Year 1 and 2 School Cross Country pm
Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
Year 5 and 6 School Cross Country pm

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Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Friday 7 October
 Thursday 13 October
 Friday 14 October
 Monday 17 October

Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
 Harvest Festival afternoon
 Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
 Diversity Week in school
 PA AGM starting at 7pm in the staffroom
 Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
 End of Term 1

TERM 2

Monday 31 October
 Tuesday 1 November

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
 Start of Term 2 for all pupils
 Book Week in school

New Reception Tour for September 2023 intake 9.30am and 11.00am

Friday 4 November
 Monday 7 November

Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
 New Reception Tour for September 2023 intake 9.30am and 11.00am

Friday 11 November
 Monday 14 November

Individual photographs in school
 New Reception Tour for September 2023 intake 1.30pm
 Swimming for Miss Ramli's class

Tuesday 22 November

New Reception Tour for September 2023 intake 1.30pm and 2.30pm

Friday 18 November
 Friday 25 November
 Friday 16 December

Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
 Swimming for Miss Ramli's class
 End of Term 2

Term dates for 2022/23

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Thursday 1 September 2022	Friday 21 October 2022
Term 2	Monday 31 October 2022	Friday 16 December 2022
Term 3	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Friday 11 February 2023
Term 4	Monday 20 February 2023	Friday 31 March 2023
Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023	Friday 26 May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023
INSET DAYS confirmed for next academic year	Thursday 1 September 2022 Friday 2 September 2022 Monday 31 October 2022 Tuesday 3 January 2023 Friday 26 May 2023	