

20 February 2023

Dear Parents

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 21

### CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	James Green
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Imogen Street
Miss Abraham (Miss Maynard)	-	Harriet Day
Miss Ramli	-	Jessica Moody
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Zachary Taylor
Mr Evens	-	Amalie Price
Mr Garcia	-	Aarav Prasanna Balaji
Mrs Leonard	-	Layton Wakeham
Miss Hake	-	Tia Lillis
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Martin Lacoue-Negre
Miss Wingett	-	Ewan Smith



### LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Well done to these children who received the Letters of Commendation for last term from their teachers. They were awarded for many different things including: positive attitudes to learning, being conscientious, behaviour and kindness.

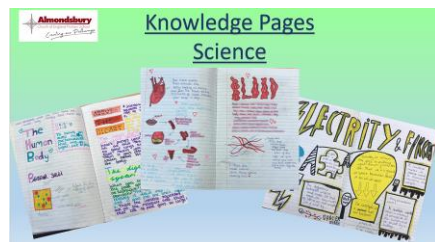
Mr Dean	-	Alex Laczik	Grace Smith Gray
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Lola Hutt	Sebastian Timmins
Miss Abraham (Miss Maynard)	-	Gianni Armstrong	Eloise Payne
Miss Ramli	-	Poppy Stevens	Clara Harrex
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Danny Gaffori	Charlotte Wing Li
Mr Evens	-	Evie Gardner	Aarna Sanadhya
Mr Garcia	-	Ella Osborne	Ozzy Knapp
Mrs Leonard	-	Luca Trematore	Brooks Parratt
Miss Hake	-	Edward Wilkosz	Phoebe Wallace Daniels
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Theo Pinteala	Leonor Barrela Graca
Miss Wingett	-	Rosa Sackett	Costas Vogiatzis

### NUMBER DAY

On Friday 3 February, all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in the NSPCC Number Day. The children came to school dressed in numbers or in Maths related costumes, like dominoes, Number Blocks and dice. They enjoyed spending the day completing Maths activities, including playing Maths games, sing Maths songs, listening to Maths related stories and playing the online game Numbots. We raised £65.00 for the NSPCC charity.



## SCIENCE AT ALMONDSBURY



Science is one of the core subjects and is treated as such with the subject being taught on a weekly basis. The children are exposed to all three areas of science each year including Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The children's knowledge is built up over time with some of the areas revisited over the seven years including the study of plants.



Here the children start with identifying parts of the plant and conditions for growth moving through to the process of photosynthesis and links to the water cycle.



Children gain a vast amount of knowledge over their time learning about these aspects. Integrated into the science learning is working scientifically where the children learn how to conduct a fair test including predictions, methodology of organising and running an investigation, observing, collating and analysing results in a variety of ways. The children have assistance in the form of the flowchart of the processes that they undergo during the investigations. Depending on the focus of the learning they may not do all aspects until they are confident in employing their knowledge in all aspects. Of course as with all of our subjects we identify the specific vocabulary needed for the children to explain their thinking. These are listed on the knowledge organisers you receive each term. The children also record their learning both of knowledge acquisition and application of processes in their books in 'double page' spreads in key stage 2 or on supported recording sheets in KS1. Do ask the children about their scientific learning and knowledge.



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## PARENTS EVENING

We have Parents Evenings coming up after half term. These will be face to face. It will provide parents with an opportunity to look at the children's books. However, we realise that parents may also prefer to have a virtual meeting. If this is the case, please let your class teacher know so they can set up an online meeting for a specific time. Please look out for an email for you to book your time slot to meet your child's teacher(s).

## SEND OPPORTUNITY

Over the coming months we will be hosting parents workshops and projects for those parents who feel they would like more information or advice on certain aspects of supporting their children. These will all be run through and by Jigsaw Thornbury.

The first of these is on Tuesday 28 February from 10.00 – 11.00am. This will be a workshop of Speech Language and Communication needs. Here is the detailed information for you.

*'Do you observe difficulties in attention, listening and following instructions; a difficulty in making sense of language heard around them?*

*Does your young person find it difficult to follow or engage in social conversation?*

*Do you have a young person who finds it difficult to express their ideas, wants or feelings?*

*Speech, language and communication are central life skills. It is linked to learning, attainment, behaviour, social and emotional development as well as mental wellbeing. This Awareness session will help you to identify your child, young person's speech, language, and communication difficulties and will introduce you to the foundations and tools for supporting them.*

*These Connect sessions, identified by parents, set to improve the awareness, engagement and connections for parent's supporting their young person's physical, educational, or emotional wellbeing. Our Connect series has been funded by South Gloucestershire Council and are FREE to attend. The session will be delivered by our team within schools at school times.*

*Connect aims to:*

*Increase the awareness and confidence of parents/carers on 6 topic areas:*

*Sensory Awareness, School Anxiety and Avoidance (EBSA),*

*Behaviour Regulation, Speech Language Communication, Recognising Emotions and Sleep.*

*Increase parent/carer connection and engagement; to know how to support their child, or seek additional guidance with confidence.*

*Each session will be accompanied with a 'fridge sheet', a reminder tool of the session, and what parent's need in their toolkit when supporting their child. There will also be an opportunity to view some useful*

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resources from our Sensory Lending Resource Library and Toolkits to purchase from our linked Toolkit sessions.

*Any presentation slides will be sent by email following the session. No mobile phones will be permitted during the session or whilst on school grounds and should remain turned off and in bags. In case of emergency the school office can be contacted to connect you.'*

If you would like to book on this workshop then please follow the link and state you are a parent at Almondsbury to gain this for free.

<https://jigsawthornbury.charitysuite.com/events/uq84ybkw>

## HOUSE POINTS

The children have been busy collecting House Points from a variety of people in school and for lots of reasons, good learning, behaviour, tidy uniform, having correct PE kit, etc. We have been totaling up the number of house points each week. The winning team last term was **WATER**. As their reward for collecting the most house points they were able to come into school on the last day of term in their own clothes. Well done to everyone in **Water**. We will see how well we get on this term.



## CHARLIE FROUD FOUNDATION

This year the School Parliament have decided to support a very local charity, which is based in Almondsbury – The Charlie Froud Foundation. The charity support mountain rescue teams as well as other local charities such as the Jesse May Trust. The children have been set the challenge of collecting as many

one penny coins as possible between now and 30 June 2023. We know that at the moment there are some tough choices being made by families so please do not worry if you are unable to give anything between now and then but if you are able to then please do send in your one penny coins. This is also a competition between the other local schools. The school which collects the most coins will receive £1,000 as a reward kindly donated by the Forss family who are trustees. Thank you in advance.

**We can see those collection jars in each class growing daily and weekly. Thank you so much for your contributions so far.**

## PA NEWS

### AUCTION BALL

What a wonderful night was had by all in attendance after a three year hiatus. The PA Auction Ball was once again a huge success. The parents generously bid against each other on a long list and variety of action lots. Mr Smith and Mr Evens were superb at being the auctioneers and pushing the bids up throughout the action. This along with subsidies of the tickets from the Village hotel, 10% of bar takings, the raffle and donations helped the evening to raise an impressive and substantial total of over £3,000. Many thanks to all who gave so generously in terms of their bid money, those who donations prizes both for the auction and the raffle. It was extremely well organised by Emma Tottle, Kelly Jenkins and Amy Atherton. Thank you to those people for putting so much time and effort into making it a hugely successful night.



### Upcoming Events:

#### March - Disco

Further details to come.

#### Saturday 22 April - Grounds Day

These have been a great success in the past. We will be looking for volunteers to help spruce up the school grounds (likely to be focusing on the pond area). More details closer to the date.

## PA ADMIN

We are looking to recruit a second Vice-Chair to assist our team. You will be working alongside our existing Vice-Chair and our two co-chairs and our Treasurer as part of the Core Team. If you are interested then please contact the team at [almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com)

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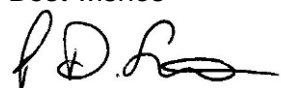
Website: [www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk](http://www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk)



## 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://games.e4education.co.uk/groupone/>

Best wishes



**Mr Paul D Smith**  
Executive Head Teacher

## DATES FOR 2022/23

### TERM 4

Monday 20 February  
Wednesday 22 February  
Friday 24 February  
Thursday 2 March  
Friday 3 March  
Thursday 9 March  
Friday 10 March

Monday 13 March  
Tuesday 14 March  
Wednesday 15 March  
Thursday 16 March  
Friday 17 March  
Monday 27 – Friday 31 March  
Tuesday 28 March  
Wednesday 29 March  
Friday 31 March

Start of term 4  
Year 1 and 2 WOW day  
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon  
Industrial Action affecting specific classes which may be closed  
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon  
Parents Evenings 4.00- 7.20pm  
Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon  
Multiplication Check meeting for Year 4 parents 2.30pm  
Year 5 and 6 visit to Cadbury World, Birmingham  
Parents Evenings 4.00- 7.20pm  
Industrial Action affecting specific classes which may be closed  
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Comic Relief Day  
European Week  
Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 9.30am more details to follow  
Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 6.00pm  
PA Cake Sale and uniform sale after school  
End of Term 4

### TERM 5

Monday 17 April  
Friday 21 April  
Saturday 22 April  
Friday 28 April  
Monday 1 May  
Friday 5 May  
Saturday 6 May  
Monday 8 May  
Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 May  
Friday 12 May  
Monday 15 – Friday 19 May  
Friday 19 May  
Monday 22 – Thursday 25 May  
Tuesday 23 May  
Thursday 25 May  
Friday 26 May

Start of Term 5  
Mr Evens's class swimming  
Schools Grounds Day – all welcome to help out  
Mr Evens's class swimming  
May Day Bank Holiday – School closed  
Mr Evens's class swimming  
HM King Charles III Coronation Day  
Coronation Day Bank Holiday – School Closed  
Year 6 SAT week  
Mr Evens's class swimming  
Year 2 SAT week  
Mr Evens's class swimming  
Sports Week  
Provisional Sports Day TBC  
End of Term 5  
INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

## 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 10 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 this academic year	Friday 26 May 2023	

