

13 March 2023

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 24

CERTIFICATES

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

Mr Dean	-	Mila Tudor
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Leo Bowen
Miss Abraham (Miss Maynard)	-	Corey Lillis
Miss Ramli	-	Tianna-Lily Aylett-Steele
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Charlotte Wing Li
Mr Evens	-	Izzy Tyson
Mr Garcia	-	Sophia Day
Mrs Leonard	-	Mia Lazz Onyenobi
Miss Hake	-	Phoebe Wallace-Daniells
Mrs North and Ms Hill	-	Jaxon Maggs
Miss Wingett	-	Myla Bendall



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs North (and Mr North) on the birth of their baby girl named Odette. She arrived a few weeks ago now and is doing extremely well. We hope that they are enjoying their family time together with Lachie as well.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

As you are aware through the communication from school before half term and the general media there is planned industrial action being taken by the NEU on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March. Individual classes that are affected have received a letter informing parents and children of the closure of specific classes. Those classes which will remain open have also received a letter via email. We would expect the children to be in school as normal from these classes.

PE AND SCHOOL SPORT AT ALMONDSBURY

At Almondsbury School, we recognise the incredible importance of physical activity on children, in ensuring their good physically and mental well-being.

Curriculum

All classes are timetabled, 2 hours of high-quality PE lessons a week. Our curriculum is fully inclusive and aims to develop children's FUNS - fundamental movement skills (Agility, Balance and Coordination) throughout the curriculum. In EYFS and KS1, FUNS skills permeate the children's games, dance and gymnastics unit of work. In KS2, these FUNS skills continue to permeate the games, dance and gymnastics lessons, whilst building on personal challenges, team work and competition elements of the activities. The KS2 curriculum also includes athletics, outdoor and adventurous activities, as well as swimming for the children in Year 3 and 4 and booster swimming sessions in Year 5 and 6.

Outdoor activities and Forest skills are also an important part of our outdoor learning in KS1 and Year 3 and 4 and Muddy Monday in EYFS.

Whilst FUNS skills ensure children progress up different levels and allow them to take ownership of their next steps, lessons focus on one of six multi-ability cogs within a unit of work. These develop the whole child's physical literacy and through its holistic approach, will also develop children's personal, social and emotional skills.



To enhance and enrich our RealPE curriculum, we have invested in becoming a RealPE Legacy school.



Real PE Legacy will bring the school, home and the community together to enable cultural change.

Our journey so far, has ensured that all staff have been trained and are confident in delivering the RealPE programme to support our PE provision to develop the whole child.

We will be building on this in the coming years, to include support for families and the wider school community.

- **RealPE home** activities and games for families to play at home to support home learning,
- **RealPlay** activities to bring families into school sessions, where families, teachers and children learn alongside one another developing lifelong healthy habits and skills, through fun games and activities.

Have a look at the programme online:- <https://realpe.co.uk/>

Resources and interventions within the curriculum

- Use of the Teach Active online programme – Learn and embed mathematical concepts through physical activity.
- Smartmoves and OT resources and interventions are used to identify and support groups or individuals to improve their large and fine motor skills to support inclusion and physical literacy such as handwriting.
- Movement breaks and activities – online yoga, dance, activities as well as 5 minute a day run to refresh children during lessons and other physical movement.

Pupil Leadership



In addition to the curriculum, we run leadership training and opportunities.

- Embedded in the RealPE programme and all lessons.
- In Year 5, playground leaders run games at lunchtime for the younger children encouraging them to get active and teaching them new skills.
- In Year 6, Sports Council members are the pupil voice for PE. They take on responsibilities including organising and maintaining equipment, supervising KS2 games and helping to run intra-competitions.

Physical opportunities and enrichment outside of the curriculum

- A PE specialist is in the playground three lunchtimes a week to organise and run a range of timetabled activities including football, basketball, cricket, dodgeball and team development.
- Access to playpod resources during the lunchtime, where they are free to get creative and work actively together.
- Our PA have been and are continuing to work hard to enhance our outdoor area including creating our fantastic forest schools area and installing our popular adventure playground.
- Scooter training in Year 2 and Bikeability training in Year 6.
- Walk to school week.
- Sports weeks.
- Intra competitions within school – football, netball, rugby, zoneball, cross country, Tour d'Almondsbury.
- Inter competitions and events – football matches/tournaments, netball, athletics, cross country, rugby, dodgeball, tennis, hockey, swimming, swimathon, cricket, festival of youth sport. etc.



- Our extra-curricular clubs offer a vast array of activities for children across the school to participate in throughout the year both before and after school.
- Breakfast club and Wraparound care.
- Outside specialist run training sessions to engage children in different sports e.g. Almondsbury Tennis Club providing school tennis training in Year 2, Cricket training in Years 1,3 and 4.



FRIDAY 17 MARCH

COMIC RELIEF

This Friday 17 March, is Comic Relief day. As usual we will be collecting for the charity and engaging the children with the reasons for the fund raising. We will be asking the children to come into school wearing red for the day with a suggested £1 donation. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

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SEND OPPORTUNITY WITH JIGSAW THORNBURY

Our Connect sessions were identified by parents and are set to improve the awareness, engagement and connections for parent's supporting their young person's physical, educational, or emotional wellbeing.

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

Our Connect series has been funded by South Gloucestershire Council and are FREE to attend. To book a place on an upcoming session, please follow the attached links:

[Connect: Behaviour Regulation](#)

[Connect: Emotions](#)

[Connect: Sleep](#)



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

Upcoming Events:

Friday 24 March 2023 - Disco

KS1 5pm-6pm

KS2 6:15pm-7:30pm

Tickets are available from the Almondsbury School Parents Association website - £5 and will include drinks, snacks and glow sticks.

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 focussing on the pond area). More details closer to the date.

Saturday 1 July - School Fun Day

We are busy making plans for the Fun Day already. In order for the event to run we do need a few volunteers. Please can you contact us at almondsburyschoolpa@gmail.com to put your name forward to help with either the setting up, to run one of the stalls and with the packing up. If we can get enough volunteers this can be done on a rota basis so that you can enjoy the fun day yourself too. The more people that help the lighter the work. The event will run from 12:30-3:30 (with a disco from 2:30-3:30). Set up will be from 9am and the majority of the packing up afterwards can be done whilst the disco is running.

VACANCY FOR ROAD CROSSING PATROL HERO

We are still looking for our very own School Road Crossing Patrol Hero. We are very keen for someone to join the Road Safety team to ensure that the children (and parents) remain safe on their way to and from school. If you are interested in helping out and doing your bit for our local community please see the details below.

Post Details:

Role: School Crossing Patrol - Almondsbury

Site Location: Sunday's Hill, Opposite Church

Times: 8.30am – 9.05am

3.20pm – 3.55pm



Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Hourly rate: £9ph

Full training and uniform is provided, we are happy to consider part time and/or job share for further details please contact myself, Martina Byrne-Obee 01454 863611.

VACANCY FOR CLEANER

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner within school. This is to join the rest of the team in making sure the classrooms and cloakroom areas are clean each day for the children. The hours are between 3.30pm – 5.30pm daily. This equates to 10 hours per week. We can be flexible if needs be. If you would like more information and the salary for the post please contact Mrs Heaps in the office. If you know of someone, other than yourselves who read the newsletter, who may be looking for a part-time role please pass on the details.

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://my.risingstars-uk.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2022/23

TERM 4

Monday 13 March

Tuesday 14 March

Wednesday 15 March

Thursday 16 March

Friday 17 March

Friday 24 March

Monday 27 – Friday 31 March

Tuesday 28 March

Wednesday 29 March

Friday 31 March

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

No swimming for Mrs Williams's class

Mrs Williams's class swimming afternoon

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

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Term 6	Monday 5 June 2023	Friday 21 July 2023
INSET DAYS confirmed for this academic year	Friday 26 May 2023	