

27 March 2023

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 - NEWSLETTER NO 26

CERTIFICATES

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

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| Mr Dean | - | Kate Rybintseva |
| Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen | - | Imogen Thorne |
| Miss Abraham (Miss Maynard) | - | Jaida-Paige Waterhouse |
| Miss Ramli | - | Poppy Stevens |
| Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw | - | Dhriti Patel |
| Mr Evens | - | Owen Lacoue-Negre |
| Mr Garcia | - | Elaya Merlino-Thompson |
| Mrs Leonard | - | The Whole Class |
| Miss Hake | - | Florian Harris |
| Mrs North and Ms Hill | - | Sanaa Sahni |
| Miss Wingett | - | Mike Pataj |



NETBALL AND FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

The football and netballers did really well at Tockington Manor tournaments last week. We were one of many teams invited to play against local opposition. All our girls played really well and represented the school beautifully both in their performance and attitude. Both teams unbeaten throughout!

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| A Team V TMS Storm won 7-3 V TMS Dragons won 8-2 V St Peter's won 9-0 | B Team V TMS Stars won 2-1 V TMS Pulse won 4-0 V St Peter's won 3-2 |
| Most improved player Martha Rackham | Most improved player Sophia Evans |
| Player of the tournament Ria Jones | Player of the tournament Evie Tottle |

Boys Football Tournament

Brilliant day at Tockington, the event was a festival so there is no winners. However, both Almondsbury Teams more than held their own winning most of their matches and drawing the rest so the team remained undefeated, which was a great achievement. Great team spirit and some nice doughnuts!!!





Brimsham Green Netball Tournament

The Netball tournament at Brimsham Green on Thursday, proved a little difficult with teams not turning up and rules changing. However, the netball team took it in their stride and played some excellent netball. The matches were incredibly close. At the end of tournament, Almondsbury came a close second and have been put through to the county finals in April.

Player of the tournament - Evie Williams.



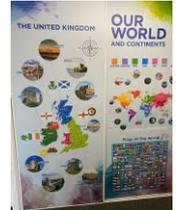
GEOGRAPHY AT ALMONDSBURY

Geography is one of the foundation subjects that we teach straight from Reception up to Year 6. We focus on three main aspects within the subject – locational knowledge, human geography and geographical fieldwork.

Examples of these areas include in locational knowledge - **Name, locate and identify characteristics of the 4 countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas.**

Human geography - **Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to: key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop.**

Geographical fieldwork - **Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage; use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key.**



The children work through and explore many different regions of the world starting with their local area of Almondsbury and surrounding areas, building up to investigating London, comparing parts of the UK with other countries, coastal areas as opposed to inland areas, the seas and oceans, the Amazon, river and water cycles and much more. They become natural explorers finding out about the world in an interesting way.



ECO COUNCIL EASTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Now that Spring is upon us and the weather is starting to warm up, the Eco Council would like to challenge the children to get out and enjoy their local environment. Whether that's going for a walk in your local woods or planting seeds in the garden, we would like the children to send in a picture of themselves doing an activity in the great outdoors. The class which sends in the most photos will even get a class prize! Please send your photos to Mr Garcia at nicholas.garcia@almondsburyprimary.co.uk with the child's name and class in the subject box.

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](#)

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk



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 31 March - Easter Cake Sale at school pickup

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.

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 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.

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

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.



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://www.activityvillage.co.uk/easter>

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2022/23

TERM 4

Monday 27 – Friday 31 March
Tuesday 28 March
Wednesday 29 March
Friday 31 March

European Week
Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 9.30am
Year 3 and 4 Easter performance 6.00pm
PA Easter Cake Sale
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 6

Monday 5 June
Friday 9 June
Monday 5 to Friday 16 June
Monday 12 to Friday 23 June
Friday 16 June
Friday 23 June
Friday 30 June

Start of Term 6
Mr Evens's class swimming
Year 4 multiplication checks
Year 1 phonics checks
Mr Evens's class swimming
Mr Evens's class swimming
Non uniform day for the Summer Family Fun Day
Mr Evens's class swimming
PA Summer Family Fun Day from 12 noon
Mr Evens's class swimming
Year 5 and 6 show 6.30pm
Year 5 and 6 show 6.30pm
Celebration Day and children's picnic
Leavers Service for Year 6 (more details to follow)
End of the school year

Saturday 1 July
Friday 7 July
Wednesday 12 July
Thursday 13 July
Friday 14 July
Friday 21 July

Term dates for 2022/23

| Term | Starts | Ends |
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| 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 | |