

15 January 2024

Dear Parents

SCHOOL YEAR 2023/2024 - NEWSLETTER NO 16

CERTIFICATES

Well done to these children who received the certificates for last week from their teachers. The certificates are given for a variety of reasons from positive attitude, great work and learning, showing the three elements of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Miss Ramli	-	Eloise Payne
Mrs Goode and Mrs Owen	-	Verity Tuck
Miss Whittingham	-	Danny Gaffori
Mrs Williams and Mr Ramshaw	-	Daniel Evans
Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown	-	Jacob Little
Mr Evens	-	Eddie Acford
Mr Garcia	-	Ife Osukoya
Mrs Leonard	-	Dishitha Rastogi
Miss Hake	-	Antonia Leung
Ms Hill and Mrs North	-	Harriet Arnott
Mrs Giles	-	Aaron Davies



MINI ORCHESTRA VISIT

On Thursday, the children from years 5 and 6 were visited by a mini orchestra. The orchestra consisted of four members who each played a variety of instruments. Each member spoke about the different instruments of the orchestral family and the children joined in with activities that focused on elements of music such as pitch, tempo and dynamics. Alongside learning about the instruments, the children were treated to a number of live performances by the orchestra. They played a variety of songs and musical pieces, ranging from classical to contemporary (plus some well-known theme tunes). The children had a fantastic afternoon and really enjoyed learning about the instruments and listening to the wonderful performance.



BIG AMBITION SURVEY

The Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel De Souza has launched a campaign to gather views and opinions on children's ambitions and wellbeing across the nation. More than 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers have participated, making it one of the largest surveys of its kind, but I want to give even more people the chance to have their say. You can make sure that the children and young people of Almondsbury are fairly represented in the results. 'The Big Ambition' which will be closing on Friday 19th January.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here:
www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

YEAR 3 AND 4 ROMAN WOW DAY

During our Year 3 and 4 WOW Day the children were transported to the heart of the Roman Empire. It was a day packed with exciting activities that brought history to life! With Mr Ramshaw, everyone had the opportunity to become a master mosaic maker where they designed and created mini mosaics, just like the ones that adorned Roman villas. Secondly, with Mrs Lansdown children needed to crack the code of Roman numerals where we learnt the secrets of this ancient counting system and participated in fun activities to test our new found knowledge. There was even an opportunity to win some Roman 'chocolate' coins.

Step back in time to the age of togas and gladiators! Look how amazing our costumes were. Thank you parents for providing your children with these.



With Mr Evens children marched like a mighty Roman soldier! We put on our helmets and shields and learnt the drills and discipline of the Roman army.

Here's what some of our children thought:

"I enjoyed everything. I don't have a wish for next time. I learnt lots about the Romans" James

"I learnt the Romans had a formation called the tortoise" Dara

"I enjoyed the role play activity where I was teaching everyone about the Roman Numerals" Bella

"I enjoyed having fun learning about the Romans with my friends" Evie

"I learnt lots about the Roman mosaics" Poppy

"I loved all the fun activities" Calvin

E-SAFETY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

Please find attached the latest online e-safety newsletter for parents. The main aspects within this month's newsletter links to setting up of parental controls on new devices, Lego Fortnite, information on What's app for parents as well as you tube content warnings. There is also a link to Childnet which highlights the many different parts of the world where conflict and suffering is taking place.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In these difficult times we would like to remind you that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please check out this link www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals. This even applies to children in Reception and KS1 who are already entitled to Universal Free School Meals as this brings in additional funding to support your child.

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.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

PA NEWS

Thanks to all who helped and contributed to the uniform sale on Friday, **we raised £62**, so a big thank you to all involved.

Year 6 cake sale is this Friday 19 January after school from 3.30pm onwards. Loads of delicious cakes on offer, including some fabulously decorated by Year 6 themselves. Bring cash if you can, QR codes and card reader also available.

Date for your diary - Film night Friday 2 February. This time we're showing **Lyle Lyle Crocodile**. Tickets go on sale soon, so watch out for more comms. Limited spaces available so book early. Price includes popcorn and a drink.

As always if you'd like to join in the fun and be part of the PA, let us know at almondsburychoolpa@gmail.com.

VACANCY FOR LUNCHTIME PLAY SUPERVISORS

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime play supervisors within school. This is to join the rest of the team in working over lunchtime to support the children in the hall and outside whilst at play each day. The hours are between 12.00noon– 1.30pm daily. This equates to 7.5 hours per week. We can be flexible if needs be with number of days.

If you would like more information and the salary for either 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: £11ph

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.



Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.D. Smith'.

Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher

DATES FOR 2023/24

TERM 3

Friday 19 January

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

3.30pm Year 6 Cake Sale

Saturday 20 January

Swimming gala at Soundwell pool

Tuesday 23 January

School Choir to attend Young Voices in Birmingham

Friday 26 January

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

Friday 2 February

KS1 Number Day

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

6.00 – 8.00pm Movie Night

Friday 9 February

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

3.30pm Year 3 Cake Sale

End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday 19 February

Start of Term 4 for all children

Friday 23 February

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

Friday 1 March

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

Saturday 2 March

Swimarathon at Thornbury Pool

Thursday 7 March

4.00 – 7.00pm Parents Evening

Friday 8 March

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

3.30pm Year 1 Cake Sale

Tuesday 12 March

4.00 – 7.00pm Parent Evening

Friday 15 March

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

Wednesday 20 March

Tockington Manor Netball and Football festivals

Friday 22 March

12.30pm Mr Dean and Mrs Lansdown's class swimming

3.30pm Year 5 Cake Sale

Monday 25 March

European Week

Tuesday 26 March

Year 5 and 6 visit to Houses of Parliament, London

Thursday 28 March

End of Term 4

Term dates for 2023/24

Email address: office@almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Website: www.almondsburyprimary.co.uk

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Friday 1 September 2023	Friday 20 October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 October 2023	Friday 15 December 2023
Term 3	Tuesday 2 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024
INSET DAYS	Friday 24 May 2024	

Term dates for 2024/25

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 2 September 2024	Friday 25 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 November 2024	Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025	Friday 4 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 June 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025
INSET DAYS	Monday 2 September 2024 Friday 23 May 2025 Plus 3 other dates to be confirmed	