



Excellence Confidence Enriched Nurtured Happy

Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 29: 10th May 2019

Message from Mrs Jones:

Thank you to **Year One** for leading assembly on Thursday about their learning inspired by the story of **Bog Baby** by Jeanne Willis. The children shared their writing, Monet art work and storytelling skills. It was all over in a flash! But we loved the children's confidence. There are some videos of the assembly on our school website under news.

We wish our **Year 6** children who will be participating in their **SATs** tests next week all the best; they are well-prepared and need to remain calm and show off what they can do. Year 6 children are invited to the 'SATs breakfast' served Monday-Thursday. The children should arrive no earlier than 8am and enter the school via the community entrance into the school hall.

Our **Plastic free day** on Wednesday created lots of discussion about the use of plastics, particularly in the dining hall. It would be great to keep the momentum going with this, so why not try to buy less plastic when you are out and about shopping this weekend. Please let us know your top tips for aiming to be plastic free or reducing your use, as we would love to share them.



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Yr 5 @ Beggar Bush Activity Centre

Y5 had a rather soggy start to their trip to Beggar Bush yesterday but, despite the torrential rain, they learnt some fantastic new survival skills. Traps and snares taught them how to trap or ensnare animals; bushcraft saw them learning how to start fires (yes, really!) and the campfire was the highlight of the day because the children were allowed to toast marshmallows, make smores and bake bread. By the end of the day, they had definitely warmed up and filled their tummies sufficiently! They are looking forward to their next trip to Beggar Bush in July, when hopefully the sun will be shining...



Yr 1 @ Beggar Bush Activity Centre

Year 1 had a fantastic time at Beggar Bush on Tuesday! We toasted marshmallows over the campfire, made bird feeders from plant pots and explored the woodland floor to see what interesting plant life and creepy crawlies we could find. We can't wait to visit again next term!



Yr 3 @ the Royal West Academy



Following on from last week's visit, the remaining Year 3 children from 3KC and 3TC visited the RWA yesterday. After a rainy walk down to the gallery we made our way to the amazing Open Sculpture exhibition. There was so much for us to feast our eyes on! A fantastically curated exhibition, the children were spoilt for choice looking at pieces made from different materials, using different techniques. The children showed amazing engagement towards the art and generated fantastic discussions about what they could see, what they thought it meant and how it was created. Once they had chosen their favourite pieces, the children settled down to some sketching, focussing on mark making, tonal range and observational skills. Every child was an absolute pleasure to take on this trip. Their behaviour was exemplary and they represented Christ Church School outstandingly. Thank you so much to the RWA for welcoming us and to our parent volunteers!



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5RB Leonardo Workshop @ Bristol Museum

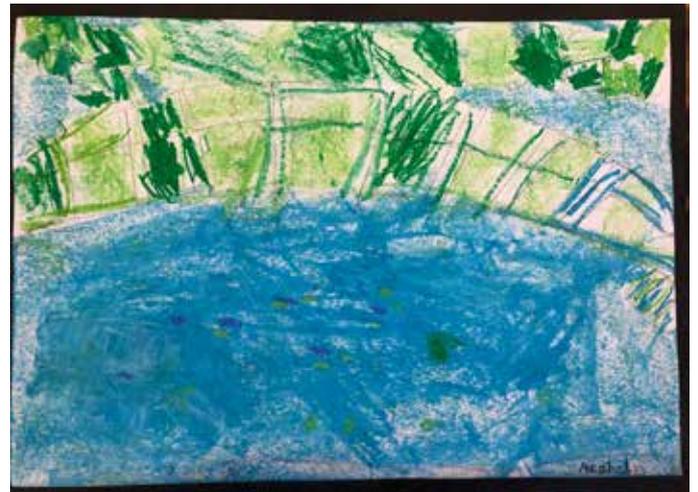
Last Tuesday 5RB headed down to the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery to take part in an art workshop based on portraiture. We first got to learn a bit about Leonardo da Vinci before visiting the Leonardo da Vinci: A Life in Drawing exhibition. The children loved learning facts about him before looking at some of his drawings. Did you know he was a polymath – an accomplished artist, scientist and inventor? Once we had looked at his drawings we headed upstairs to the permanent Art Gallery where we had a chance to create some of our own portraits. Led by an artist, we looked at facial expressions and how this can tell you information about the sitter of a portrait and had a go at drawing our partner and trying to capture their emotion. Finally we looked at symbolism in some portraits and thought about what symbols we could use to represent us. The children had a fantastic morning and the staff at the museum were very impressed with our budding artists.



Year 1 Bog Baby Assembly



Year 1 presented our learning from Term 4 in our class assembly on Thursday. We performed our story The Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Milward and shared our paper mache Bog Baby artwork. The spring theme of the story inspired us to write spring poems and create spring pictures based on the work of Monet. We learned about seasonal changes and showed off what we'd learned with a weather report.



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Reception Sibling Story

On Tuesday the children in reception invited their younger siblings into their classroom for story time. The siblings loved sitting and hearing the story and being in the classroom. Thank you to the parents and carers who kindly brought them in.

PTA News:

Mile of Pennies, Thurs 23rd May



On Thurs 23rd May we are going to try and create a MILE of PENNIES to raise funds for the school. Each class will create a line of donated pennies.

The class with the longest line will win a prize (to be chosen by the children) of a Golden Time game.

On Thursday 23rd May please can the children bring in their coins in a sealed envelope or bag ready for the event.

CampFest - 12th, 13th, 14th July

Save the Date for Christchurch's annual camping festival.

Come for a night, day or the whole weekend for fun and games for all the family.

Venue - Cotham Rugby Club - Beggar Bush Lane



Information from the School Office:

Contact details

If your contact details or any aspect of your child's personal medical details have changed since last term, please inform the school office as soon as possible

Punctuality

Please remember that school starts in the morning by 8.55am and doors open at 8.45am. If your child arrives after 8.55am, they are late for school and will need to go to the school office to come into school. Playground gates will be locked from 8.55am.

School Lunches

It is the responsibility of parents/ carers to pre book children's lunches through ParentPay; this also applies to Free School and Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please pre book **before 8.30am** as the system closes at this time and meals cannot then be booked for that day. To avoid this, we would recommend pre booking for a week, and ideally a term, at a time.

Job Vacancies:

We are looking for a school Premises Manager to help us look after our lovely school - see our website <http://www.christchurch.bristol.sch.uk/website/vacancies>

Our caterers AiP are looking for a Chef Manager - advertised with the Job Centre - reference 2149675

Communications home this week - if you havent received these and feel you should have done, please speak to the school

office:

Plastic Free Day Info
Yr 6 SATs Timetable
Yr5/6 gym comp – invite
Yr6 Upcoming Trips
Reception Beggar Bush Trip



Term 5&6 2019 Dates

Term 5:

May:

Mon 13th Yr 6 SATS Mon-Thurs, SATS breakfast begins at 8am, enter via community door off the car park

Thurs 16th Reception to Beggar Bush Activity Centre
Yr 3/4 Gymnastics competition, pick up from Bristol Gymnastic Centre, 3.30pm
Yr 5 Tea Afternoon

Tues 21st EYFS learning diary visit, 8.45am
KS2 Choir to UWE - rehearsal

Thurs 23rd Yr 5 Class Assembly, 9.10am
Yr 6 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre
Yr 2 Elvers release in Harbour
PTA Mile of Pennies
Reception Tea Afternoon
Term 5 finishes

Fri 24th INSET day - children not in school

Mon 27th - Fri 29th May - HALF TERM

June:

Weds 5th Yr 6 to Bristol Cathedral

Thurs 6th Yr 2 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre
Yr 6 Tea Afternoon

Mon 10th Yr 1 Phonics screening all week

Thurs 13th Yr 3 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre
Yr 1 Tea Afternoon

Thurs 20th Yr 4 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre
Yr 4 Tea Afternoon

Thurs 27th Yr 1 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre
Yr 2 Tea Afternoon

July:

Mon 1st Yr 6 Camp all week

Tues 2nd Yr 2 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre

Thurs 4th Reception to Beggar Bush Activity Centre
Yr 3 Tea Afternoon

Tues 9th Yr 6 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre

Fri 12th Whole school sports morning, New Fields, Clifyton College

Tues 16th Yr 5 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre

Thurs 18th Yr 6 Leavers Assembly

Fri 19th Enf of Term 6

Inset / Academy days: Friday 24th May - Academy Day
Mon 22nd, Tues 23rd July - Inset days
Mon 2nd, Tues 3rd Sept- Inset days