

Dear Parents,

*Mr Tucker has been on a Headteacher's conference for the last two days and so has been unable to write his piece for the newsletter this week (that's ten minutes of your life you've reclaimed this weekend). In his absence it has fallen to the classes to give a brief summary of their week. I for one have found it a thoroughly enjoyable couple of days, the perfect way to build up to a long weekend. Infact, not only do I have a set of perfectly manicured nails but I have completed a knitting project and caught up on 5 seasons of Game of Thrones. Still, all good things must come to an end so enjoy your long weekend and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday. Beth*

Learning has literally 'taken off' in Reception this week as the children have embraced their topic about Space. Big questions have been asked. "Why is it dark in space?" "Why do stars appear to have jagged edges?" "Which was the first vessel to travel into space?"

My brain hurts, but I needn't have worried. Freddie, our resident space expert had it covered, whilst in the corner of the classroom Fin, Otis, Molly and Isabella orbited planet earth using the flight simulator on Google Earth. Tim Peake, watch out! Mrs Hayward :)

When Mr Tucker asked us to write about the fun things we have been doing this week in key stage 1 we thought he was joking! We have been working, working, working!

However, we have thought very hard and realised we have actually had a few highlights.....

All the children have written the story of Dick Whittington in their own words. Hannah has written the whole story by herself and Holly's version fills three sides of beautiful joined handwriting!

Theo completed thirteen sets of calculations in one sitting and earned two work marks. Oliver found reading scales in maths really challenging but he persevered and cracked it!

Whilst playing outside, the year 1 children discovered a bag of Christmas decorations and made our outside area look a lot prettier!.....Talking of which, we are really keen to develop an outdoor learning area for year 1 and 2 children. If you have any suitable toys or equipment we would be very grateful for them. Thank you, Mrs Yandall.

Yesterday year 3 & 4 went to @Bristol to learn about forces. The class's favourite activities were: bubble racing, magnetic sand, running, jumping, stationary cycling, the leaning lounge, magnetic tubes, magnetic liquid and launch it. In the workshop we learnt about air resistance, friction, gravity, magnetism, pushes, pulls and twists. In the forces show Ollie got ready to take off as he was strapped into a harness and hoisted up to deliver an egg back up to a chicken's nest! As we applied a force to imaginary puddles many of us got drenched! Louis P. heaved and didn't give up when trying to push Woody in a cart with the brakes on! We had an amazing time and would go again! Would you like to go too?

This week has been a real treat for year 5 & 6, providing you consider non-stop revision to be a treat. Occasionally - and I do mean very occasionally - the children have been allowed outside, but only for long enough for them to wake up enough to sit another practice paper. I am sure that the children will come and thank me (as soon as they stop crying) in due course. Mr Fossard

This week's stars of the week are: William in reception, hannah & Harrison in year 1 & 2, Georgia & Holly in year 3 & 4 and Luke & Isabella in year 5 & 6.

Phoenix had the most work marks this week and Griffin and Phoenix were tied for conduct marks. A special congratulations to Alex B for earning his gold badge, April M her platinum badge and Zoe, Nelly, Ollie B & Scarlet P their ruby badges. Well done everyone!

### **Coming up next week:**

**Monday - Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday - Back to school (Monday's menu)**

**Please return your student support leaflet today.**

### **FWSA**

#### **TEXTILE RECYCLING COLLECTION - FRIDAY 6 MAY 8.15-9am Church Car Park - Please don't forget!**

This fantastic fundraising programme recycles old and unwanted textiles (clothing, shoes/boots, handbags, belts, hats, curtains, bedding, towels etc.) and turns it into cash for the school. No need to wash or sort, can be in any condition, the heavier the better. So please get collecting this weekend (using bin bags or similar) - every bag counts!

#### **FWSA Meeting - Wed 4 May 8pm**

Everyone's welcome to come along to the FWSA Meeting this Wednesday 4 May, 8pm at the Battleaxes pub. Come along and have your say or simply enjoy a drink with fellow mums and dads. If you cannot make the meeting but can offer help or assistance in anyway (especially for the upcoming Summer Fayre) please see Helen Morgan or Maggie Heeley. See you there!

Thank you, as always, for your support FWSA

### **Community News**

Please find attached a flyer for a musical workshop event which will be taking place in half term at Long Ashton Village hall.

### **Church News**

#### **Sunday 1st May 10:00 - All Together In Church (ATIC), All Saints' Wraxall**

We will be looking at the beginning of the Lord's Prayer, 'Our Father in Heaven', and exploring what this means with a mixture of song, dance (!) and other things. Please join us for this service (which lasts about 50 mins) and a drink afterwards.