



Resilience

Newsletter 9 – 11th November 2016
'We are resilient and celebrate our efforts.'
Diary Dates

Anti-Bullying Week House Event (wear House colour T-shirt)
 Y3 Lime Class WOW Event – Crumble Tasting and Quarry Photos
 Spotacular – Wear spots for Children in Need
 Year 4 Maple Class trip to Bristol Zoo
 Year 1 Oak Class Pedestrian Training
 Year 5 Sycamore Class Assembly
 Choir at Clifton Cathedral Carol Concert
 Infant Nativity Afternoon Performance
 Infant Nativity Evening Performance
 Infant Nativity Evening Performance
 Non-Uniform Day for Tombola bottle donation
 PTA Christmas Fayre
 Carols by Candlelight
 School Christmas Dinner

Monday 14th November
 Thursday 17th November
 Friday 18th November
 Friday 25th November
 Friday 25th November 1.00pm
 Monday 28th November 2:40
 Friday 2nd December pm
 Tuesday 6th December 2:00pm
 Wednesday 7th December 6:00pm
 Thursday 8th December 6:00pm
 Friday 9th December
 Saturday 10th December 11am-1pm
 Wednesday 14th December 7.00pm
 Thursday 15th December

INSET Days
Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Headteacher's News

This week, I thought I would explain to you how pitch our teaching at Courtney. In previous years some of our lower achieving pupils were having a 'ceiling' put on their learning as their work was usually lower pitched so they were never exposed to age-appropriate content; and for the higher achieving learners, they were racing on to harder content but their understanding of what they had already learned was very shallow. We now teach all of the children the correct content for their age (with the exception of a handful of children whose special needs make this impossible) with the expectation that every child will be working within that age-expected level throughout the year. In order to differentiate the learning, the children predominantly work on the same learning objective but the teacher will differentiate the expectation in terms of task. So they will either be:

Learning (L) – imagine a child with armbands who still needs teaching;

Using (U) – imagine a child practising their swimming on their own;

Exploring (E) – imagine a child diving deep and finding new ways to apply their learning.

Next time you see your child's book look out for the L, U or E beside their learning objective. Have a good weekend.

Deborah Wood

This week's Crown Values Certificates awarded to:

Year 1 Oak: Edie Adams
 Year 2 Ash: George Gris
 Year 3 Lime: Cole Adams
 Year 4 Maple: Julian Freeman
 Year 5 Sycamore: Kelsey Clark
 Year 6 Cedar: Jacob Gris



Attendance

YR Cherry 97.0%
 Y1 Oak 95.6%
 Y2 Ash 96.2%
 Y3 Lime 96.4%
 Y4 Maple 97.1%
 Y5 Sycamore 96.2%
 Y6 Cedar 95.0%
Total 96.2%



Multiplication Masters

Samantha, Brandon, Pathum

Reading Certificates

Rosie

School Council

This years' School Council Members have been voted in, the results are as follows:

Year 2 – Mark and Bryony

Year 3 – Henry and Bethany

Year 4 – William and Amelia

Year 5 – Freya and Tyler

Year 6 – Eloise and Seb

Congratulations.

Governor Vacancy

Governors perform the most important voluntary role in education and a full and diverse Governing Body can be a source of enormous strength to a school. Volunteering as a Governor is a great way to contribute to your school, meet new people and improve the lives of our children. You will develop transferable skills and learn more about the education system whilst putting existing skills and experience to good use.

We currently have 2 parent and 3 Co-Opted Governor vacancies; it is a very rewarding role, you do not need any qualifications to become a Governor, enthusiasm and the desire to make a difference is the most important qualities a volunteer can have. A comprehensive variety of training sessions are always available free of charge and you would be well-supported during your induction.

If you are or you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Governor please see myself or Mrs Wood

Janet Hincliffe (Chair of Governors)



How it works

1. Look out for the bags which will be sent home with children

2. Fill the bag with good quality second hand textiles. Items accepted

are clean and tidy re-usable clothes, paired shoes, belts, handbags and soft toys.

3. Bring the bag back to school on Thursday 24th November.

4. This will raise funds for lunchtime play/clubs.



Courtney is going Spotacular! Friday 18th November

As you may remember, Children in Need have kindly donated £9,600 to the school to pay for some Play Therapy sessions. We would therefore really like to raise money for Children in Need in return. Next Friday, 18th November, is Children in Need day and we would like all the children to go Spotacular! Please can they come in to school in spotty non-school uniform. They can wear spotty clothes, spotty ties, spotty headbands or even spotty face paint in return for a donation to Children In Need. Thank you for your support!

Year 3

Year 3 Parents are invited to eat our homemade fruit crumble and see the photos from the quarry visit on Thursday 17th November @ 2.50pm

Warmley Rangers

Reception Year & Year 1 Children - Want to play football?

**Winter Training at The Grange School:
Mondays 6-7pm**

**For more information, please contact: Darren Nichols
On... 07472167742**



Longwell Green Sports JFC proud to have been awarded GFA Community club of the year 2014 & 2015

Each year we set up a new football group for boys and girls in the reception year providing safe and enjoyable football training as part of the Longwell family with award winning coaches. Sessions are held on a Saturday morning and we have a good number now coming along each week in this group but still have some spaces.

As you would expect coaches are FA qualified and DBS checked.

If you are interested in trying this out email goaliegriff@tiscali.co.uk

Further details on our web site www.longwellgreensportsjfc.co.uk

Or 'like' our Facebook page 'Longwell Green Juniors FC boys & girls'

Enquiries are also welcome for any age group as we start from 2 upwards boys and girls.

Paul Griffin
General Manager
Longwell Green Sports JFC