



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

## New Online Safety Updates for families:

The DfE and the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) have added new guidance to the *Kids Online Safety* website to help families understand and support children with online bullying and gaming. The updated sections include signs of online bullying, what to do if a child is being bullied, tips for safer online gaming, and information on age ratings and parental controls. A link to the site is available for families to explore: [Kids online safety](#)

We have also updated our **Online Safety Policy** which includes our **Acceptable Use Expectations**. These can be found on our school website under **Key Information** → **Policies**.

## Amazing Mathematicians:



Congratulations to Amber, River, Abel, Enfys and Elodie for passing their Club 99 maths challenge on the first try. They had to answer 11 number bond questions in 1 minute, a fantastic achievement and start to their Club 99 journey.

The children work their way through mental arithmetic quizzes each fortnight until they can answer 99 questions on decimals, times tables, fractions and percentages in three and half minutes, an impressive feat, could you do it?

Children who have passed Club 99 are Brooke and Feyi - Year

6, Reilly- Year 5 and Eve - Year 4, they are now moving through the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, Amazing!



## Yorkley Values:

Each half term, our first assembly introduces a focus on one of our school values. Throughout the term, children work hard to show this value in their learning, behaviour, and interactions. In the final assembly, one or two pupils from each class who have truly demonstrated the value are invited to the front and celebrated for their efforts. This term, our focus was on *practice*, recognising the perseverance, commitment and steady improvement shown by our learners. Congratulations to Brodie, Tyler, Mireya, Amelie, Dante, Adelaide, Evelyn and Dora.



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### House Points:

Week ending 13<sup>th</sup> March = Red 226, Yellow 196, Blue 178, and Green 117

Week ending 20<sup>th</sup> March = Red 210, Yellow 198, Blue 182 and Green 160

House points Autumn and Spring term combined:

Red	Blue	Yellow	Green
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### Star of the Week:

#### Week ending 13<sup>th</sup> March



#### Week ending 20<sup>th</sup> March



Congratulations to:

Amayah, Amber, Phoebe, Talia, Emilia, Amelie & Cora. Arlo, Ariadna, James, Ophelia, Emyr, Reilly & Martha

### Attendance Matters:

Whole School Attendance = 95.56%

Class:	Week ending 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Week ending 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Week ending 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Calipso	91.60%	88.80%	94.40%
Apollo	97.31%	97.31%	96.15%
Phoenix	96.54%	93.46%	93.46%
Oberon	98.89%	95.56%	98.52%
Mercury	97.60%	94.80%	98.80%
Mariner	93.60%	92.40%	93.60%
Skylab	96.96%	95.22%	90.43%

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### Partnership with Parents:

Thank you to all our KS1 families who joined us on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate Mothering Sunday in our Share a Story with Someone Special activity. We also had a great turnout for our parents evening this week where parents had the opportunity to share their child's learning by meeting the class teacher and looking through their child's books.



### Big Walk and Wheel:

Today marks the last day for the Big Walk and Wheel initiative. Thank you to all our families who have supported with this. We know that our rural location and busy roads don't always make active travel easy, but it was lovely to see so many parents and children giving it a try. Your enthusiasm and willingness to get involved despite the challenges helped create a real sense of community and encouraged pupils to think about healthy, active journeys



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### Red Nose Day Donations:



We had a fantastic time celebrating Red Nose Day this year! Thank you to everyone who joined in with the fun and helped us raise money for Comic Relief, in total the amount raised was £146



### Community Links:

On the 12<sup>th</sup> March, we welcomed Dan from Forest Community Church into school to lead a special Easter assembly. Dan helped the children explore the meaning of Easter and why this Christian festival holds such significance for many people. His visit strengthened our links with the local community and gave pupils a valuable opportunity to learn directly from a member of a local church. A huge thank you to Dan for giving his time, we look

forward to continuing to build these positive and meaningful community connections.

**The Federation Wellbeing Champions** enjoyed a fantastic morning at Viney Hill, exploring the *Five Ways to Wellbeing* and taking part in an exciting tunnelling challenge. The activity put their perseverance, resilience and teamwork skills to the test as they navigated the tunnels together. It was a brilliant opportunity for the children to support one another, build confidence, and deepen their understanding of wellbeing in a fun and memorable way.



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**Apollo** have enjoyed their biking sessions this term and had regular opportunity to ride outside in the sunshine. The children have been developing their balance, coordination and confidence on their bikes, showing great perseverance as they practise new skills. Apollo Class have shown fantastic enthusiasm and teamwork during each session. It has been wonderful to see their progress and the joy these sessions bring each week.



"I feel really happy and proud because Ian is helping to teach me to ride a bike!" Gabi

"I tried the pedal bike without Ian holding me!" Skye

"I have practised and now I can ride pedal bikes at Cannop Ponds!" Charlie"

"At biking, I learnt how to ride a pedal bike and I had to try very hard but I did it" Thea

"I like riding bikes because now I have learnt and can go super fast on the bike." Ariadne



**Oberon** have enjoyed learning about prehistoric art. To really understand how difficult it was to draw on the rough caves, the children created textured backgrounds using seeds, lentils and couscous. They then painted using natural colours to complete their paintings.



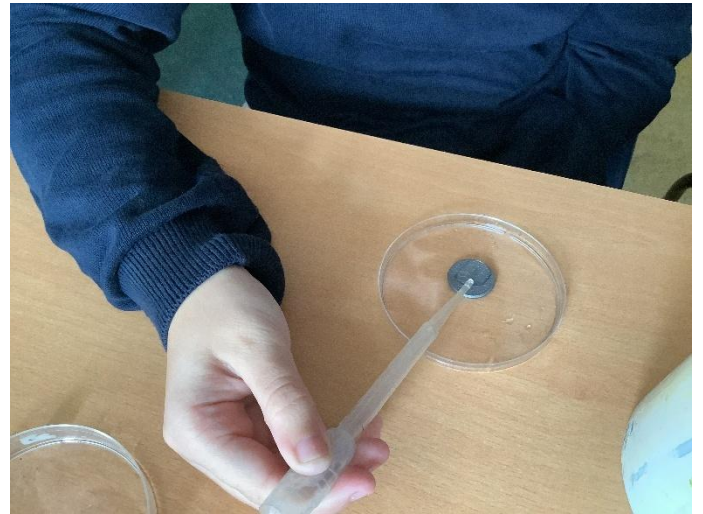
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This week, Skylab welcomed Laura from Young Minds Matter to talk with the children about coping with stress. We discussed how stress is a normal part of everyday life and why it's important to recognise not only what might cause us to feel stressed, but also the strategies we can use to manage those feelings and move forward positively. Laura used the analogy of a "stress bucket," helping the children understand how stresses can build up and how healthy coping strategies can help "let the water out."

In science, the children also practised their observation skills and fine motor control. Using pipettes, they carefully dropped water onto a coin and watched what happened as the surface filled. They were fascinated to see a dome of water form due to surface tension before it eventually spilled over the edge.



### School Games:

Newent Community School hosted their annual 'Give it a Go Day'. Alfie, Jaxon and Toby attended with their parents and had a fabulous day, really enjoying everything that was on offer.



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As we come to the end of a busy and successful term, we would like to wish all our families a wonderful and restful Easter break. We hope you enjoy time together, whatever your plans may be.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 13th April**.

Happy Easter!

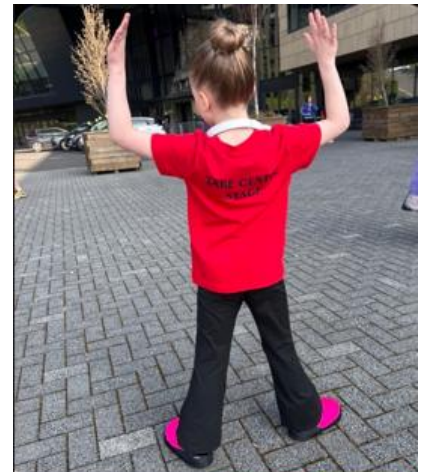
Kind regards,

*K. Burke*

Mrs K Burke  
Executive Headteacher  
Forest of Dean Community Schools Federation

**Out of School Celebrations:**

Congratulations to Ophelia as she has completed her Brownies Promise ceremony! She had a wonderful time making her promise surrounded by her fellow Brownies. She also performed at The ICC Wales with the Angel School of Dance on the weekend. She took part in Ballet and Street Dance routines, and it was an amazing experience for her.



Congratulations also to Lilly for passing stage 2 at swimming. She also wanted to share that she received 3rd and 4th rosettes at the Dean Forest Riding club showing show last Sunday.

**Community Links:**



**Beezee FAMILIES**

## Hello Easter Holidays!

Longer days, lighter mornings and a fresh little window to reset as a family. This Easter break, let's move more, eat well, and feel good together with no pressure, just progress. Here's a few tips to get you started:

**Activity 1:**  
**Get active as a family**  
Park trip, bike ride, or follow along movement video

**Activity 2:**  
**Try a mini "mission"**  
A nature walk, screen free hour, new fruit/veg, or learn some new dance moves

**Activity 3:**  
**Keep it simple with food**  
Why not bake something wholesome together like Easter carrot cupcakes or wholemeal hot cross buns

Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Hop into a healthier you this Easter holidays and see the difference all year round!

Gloucestershire  
Want more healthy lifestyle support?  
Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.\*

Scan here or Click the link



gla.maximusuk.co.uk

\*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.



## Children's POETRY WRITING COMPETITION

Bream Book Fair

Write a poem about  
**rain, sunshine, snow, storms, wind,**  
or any type of weather you like!

**Who Can Enter:**

- 5-7 years
- 8-11 years
- 12-16 years

**Prizes:**

£10 book voucher for the winner in each age category!

**How To Enter:**

Include your name and age, and hand your poem to a member of **Packed With Love**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

Packed With Love' Poetry competition.

Prizes to be presented at the Bream Book Fair on Sunday 16th August.

There are 3 age groups, and closing date is 3rd August, but we'd love to have entries before then, if possible.

Entries and queries to: [Jkhcrafts@aol.com](mailto:Jkhcrafts@aol.com). Thank you.

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**IMPORTANT DATES:** - New dates in Red

DATE	EVENTS
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5 - Children in
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Dental Survey - selected Reception & Year 1 children
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> April	September Reception Allocation Day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Look Who's Talking Final - Guildhall in Gloucester
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight check
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Wellbeing Champions to Viney Hill
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Mercury Trip to Slimbridge Wetlands
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Disco 5.30 - 7.00
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Archery competition (letter to follow)
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> May	5.30 Parent Residential Evening - information for children and parents at Yorkley School Hall
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Oberon and Foxes Federation trip to Caerleon (letter to follow)
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End of Term 5
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Start of Term 6 - Children in
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Scholastic Book Fair arriving
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Check Week
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Yorkley's Sports Day followed by family picnic (9.00-12.30)
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> - Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 London Residential - Federation
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day - (Infants) share a book with a special person
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Maths Challenge at Five Acres (letter to follow)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Day at Wydean School (Year 6)
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Five Acres Transition Day Year 6 (Day 1)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Five Acres Transition Day Year 6 (Day 2)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July	PTA Disco 5.30 - 7.00
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 5 Taster Day at The Dean Academy
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Wellbeing Champions to Viney Hill
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> July	The Dean Academy Transition Day Year 6 (Day 1)
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July	The Dean Academy Transition Day Year 6 (Day 2)
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Written Reports out to Parents
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 6