



St Briavels Parochial C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Letter from Mrs Frey



Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. The first signs of spring are upon us and I'm hoping that the weather improves so that we are all able to get outdoors during the holidays. With Easter being early this year, our term has flown by, but we have crammed in so much.

As we approached the season of Lent, we launched a class courageous advocacy challenge. This initiative aimed to encourage our children to use their voices and take action on issues that matter to them. Each class was tasked with identifying a cause they were passionate about and find ways to raise awareness and make a positive impact. This challenge aligned perfectly with our value of courage and empowered our students to become active citizens. There has been much excitement around the school as children have recycled single use plastic and old felt tip pens, picked litter in the community and found ways to try and reduce food waste.

I also want to celebrate the success of World Book Day. Our children truly embraced the magic of storytelling, with many coming to school dressed as their favourite book characters. It was a joy to see so many paper plates coming into school transformed into characters too - their creativity and the enthusiasm for our competition made my heart sing. On the day, we held a special assembly where we shared our costumes including those of the staff and the winning plates from our competition. Thank you to all of you who supported this event and helped make it such a memorable day for our school community.

Yesterday, we came together as a federation for our annual Federation Day in preparation for Malvern. Having both schools working together brings a wonderful sense of community to us all. I want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Kilty and her incredible team who put the day together, gave up their time and are supporting us to create what will doubtlessly be another phenomenal Malvern garden later in May. You are truly valued by us all and we are so grateful for all that you do for us.

This morning, our Easter Services were a wonderful opportunity for our classes to come together and celebrate the true meaning of Easter. We hope those of you who joined us enjoyed sharing with us all that was shared.

Finally, I want to wish you all a wonderful Easter break, I hope you all have a chance to relax and enjoy some quality time with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 8th April as we begin the final stretch of the school year.

With love

Natalie Frey

Sunflowers



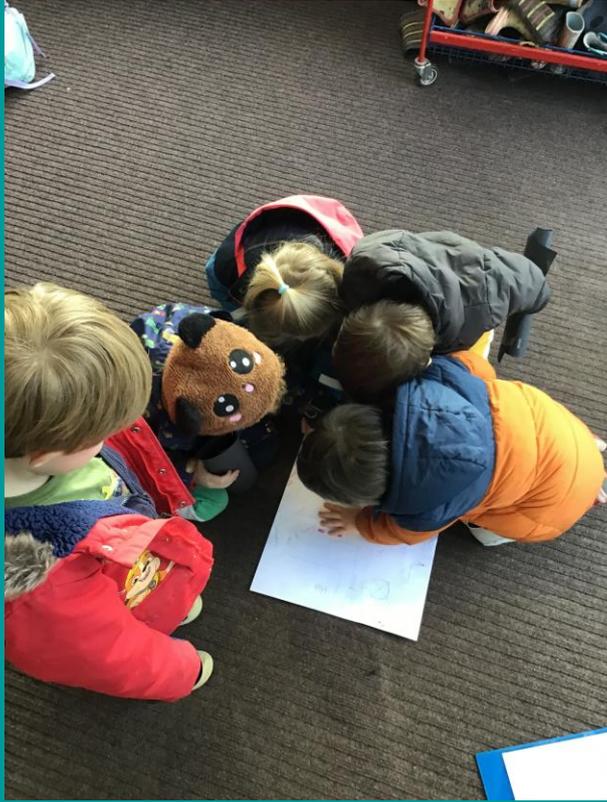
The Sunflower children had a wonderful time celebrating book week. Many of the children dressed up as characters from favourite books and shared books from home with their friends and staff.

We were also joined by some of the year 5 children who came into Sunflowers to read stories with our children.





The children found inspiration in these costumes and books and wanted to be pirates, so we made pirate masks, hats and telescopes and then the children were challenged to follow a map of the outside area to help them find treasure boxes with letters on. The children worked as a team to find all of the letters to make the word 'treasure' before they received their treasure reward.





Bluebell Class

Bluebell Class enjoyed book day and came dressed in some fabulous costumes! We did lots of reading, sharing our favourite stories with each other and designing our own book covers. We had an assembly so we could show off our costumes to the rest of the school and find out which plates had won the prize. We would like to say a big thank you to William for bringing in a fabulous selection of seeds for us to plant; the children have started to plant seeds in the vegetable garden. If you are having a tidy in your garden over Easter, please could we ask for any divisions of plants that you are moving or getting rid of, to help us develop our garden further. Many thanks, Bluebell Team.



Daisy Class



We had the most wonderful World Book Day. It was lovely to see the children enthusiastic about all things books and reading. We shared stories, did quizzes to see how well we know familiar stories and characters and designed alternative book covers too. One of the highlights for most children were the reading dens in Daisy Class. The children loved reading their own books and sharing stories in the light of a torch with their friends.



1 - Book Quiz



2 - Name the book -quiz



3 - Designing alternative front covers to our favourite books



4 - Book Hunt in the library



5 - Reading in the reading den



6 - Quiet time with books



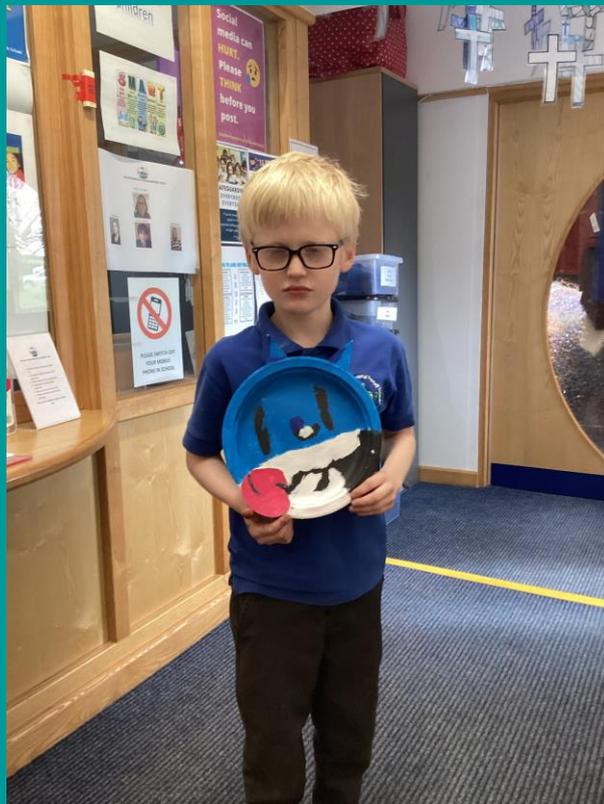
7 - Sharing stories with our friends

Poppy Class



Poppy class had an amazing book day. We started off with a book treasure hunt, watched the BBC online lesson and then created a library of fiction and non-fiction books.

Congratulations to Alex Blair for winning the paper plate competition.



Speedwell Class

Speedwell had a wonderful time during World Book Day. The children's ideas for costumes were incredibly creative and I was amazed by their imaginations! During World Book Day, we looked at children's books they had brought in and discussed just why they were their favourite. We also summed up our books with 3 words that most stood out to us. After that, we created our own book covers and had a go at making bookmarks based on stories we liked. As a challenge, some pupils even wrote their names in Viking runes on these bookmarks.

Finally, we looked at world building in the afternoon. We created our own world maps to base our stories in and then created our own supervillain to be the big bad guy in our story. I've attached an imagine of their costumes and the work display. Apologies for the angle!



Foxglove Class



Wow, what a term! Foxglove have really enjoyed learning the clarinet and put on a super performing to parents. The children had great fun dressing up for World Book Day and creating a map of where books are set around the world.

Congratulations to Georgina for winning the plate competition.

Foxglove Class had a great day a Slimbridge learning all about how birds have adapted to their environments and pond dipping. The children were fascinated with the flamingos and loved feeding the birds.





Sports News



The girls football team were in action again this term.

They were in a pool with 3 others schools. They draw the first game and went on to win the next two games.

They then played the team who came third. This then sent them through to the final.

It ended a draw and went to penalty's The girls came out victorious winning the penalty shoot out 2-1.

Well done Girls.



ELSA News



Well that term has flown by! This term, some children have been thinking of what qualities and characteristics make up a good friend and thinking about how we can deal with conflict when it arises. We've been using a traffic light system of 'Stop, Get Ready & Go' whereby they stop when a conflict arises and use a calming method or seek an adults help, before using 'I statements' to talk through what happened and express their feelings before reaching a mutual resolution.

It was great to see everyone on World Book Day and I thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the decorated plates, they are making our corridor very colourful.

Have an enjoyable Easter!

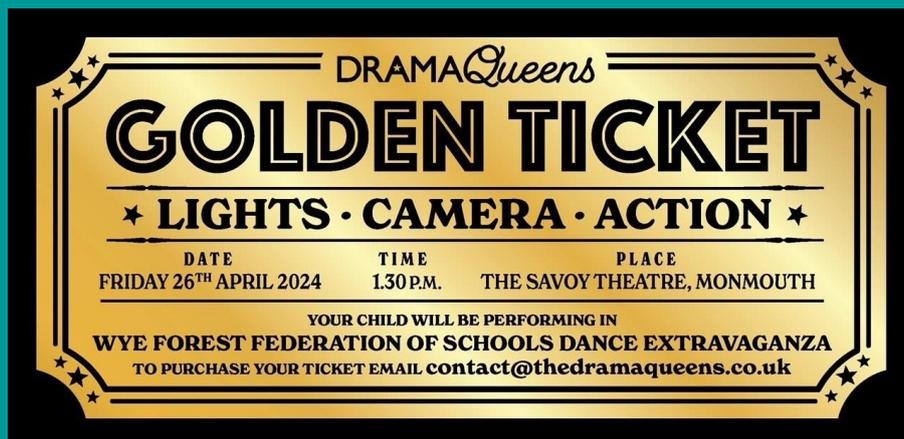
Mrs Hill

Dance Extravaganza April 26th

Both schools will be performing the dances they have been working on at the Savoy Theatre on April 26th.

More information about the day will follow in due course.

Tickets are available now, to purchase email: contact@thedramaqueens.co.uk



Choir

Our 40 strong KS2 choir have been busy learning new songs and rehearsing for our show on the 5th and 6th of July in the Assembly Rooms. All the information on ticketing and times etc will come out next term. We'd like to be able to invite the younger KS1 children to watch a dress rehearsal as we get nearer to performance time – more details of this to follow. It's shaping up to be a fantastic showcase of the children's musical and dramatic abilities alongside being loads of fun.

After several years of applying we've finally been accepted into the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme which means that during April, May and June you can support the choir's fundraising by opting to pop a blue chip into the appropriate box at the Lydney, Coleford and Cinderford branches when you're out shopping! Please remember to do this (chips are by the tills – self service and manned – you can even start collecting them now....) as it will make a huge difference to us – we will win up to £1500! You need to look out for the following:

St Briavels Primary School Choir, Helping St Briavel's children find their voices and build confidence using song and performance.

Have a lovely break and see you next term.

From Team Choir x



Malvern Pig Race Success

Huge thanks to everyone who came and supported the Malvern Garden pig race on Friday at St Briavels.

We made almost £700, which will go a long way to helping with transport for this year's Malvern competition.

A good time was had by all and we took home some exhausted piggies!

A special thanks to all the people who helped behind the scenes, setting up, in the kitchen and clearing away.





Volunteer Panel Members required

Gloucestershire County Council are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. They are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education).

To apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member , click the link below:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Vicki Hopson, Democratic Support Officer

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Dates for your diaries

Please check letters home for more details about events. Dates may change.

Easter Services - Friday 22 March - morning, St Briavels Church, see email for details

LAST DAY OF TERM - Friday 22 March

EASTER HOLIDAYS - Monday 25 Mar - Friday 5 April

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Monday 8 April

MOnday

Tuesday 7 May – Fri 10 May – Malvern week - details to follow

Thursday 9 May – Sun 12 May – RHS Malvern Spring Festival

Mon 13 May – Thurs 16 May – Yr 6 SATS

Thursday 23 May – Daisy Cake Sale

LAST DAY OF TERM – Friday 24 May

HALF TERM – Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

INSET DAY – Monday 3 June

FIRST DAY OF TERM - Tuesday 4 June

LAST DAY OF TERM – Friday 19 July

(INSET DAY – Monday 22 July)

We update key dates on our website (www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk), please check there and in your emails for notifications

Term Dates 2023-2024

There is a downloadable version of this, together with our 2024-2025 term dates, on our website at:

https://www.wyeforestfederation.co.uk/web/term_dates/372930

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Term Time		Holidays	
Bank Holiday		INSET days	