

Purple Pages

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Our School Christian Vision - 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'

Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'

Message from the Headteacher

Although short, this week has been a busy one at St John's. The Year 6 children have been working hard with their revision in readiness for SATs next week, the Mini Police have visited the Police Headquarters in Portishead and Miss Wood has been busy practising our coronation songs with the whole school.

It was lovely to see so many children dressed in red, blue and white today and hopefully you'll all agree their singing was superb.

Don't forget Monday is a bank holiday and so we return to school on Tuesday 9th May. Year 6 are invited in for breakfast club from 8am everyday next week to give them a kick start to their morning.

I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend, fingers crossed the weather improves!

Mrs West-Gaul



CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: FRIENDSHIP



The writer of Ecclesiastes puts it very simply: 'if one falls down, a friend can lift him up'. Ecclesiastes 4:10

Dates for Your Diary

8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday
9-12 May	KS2 SATs Week
15-19 May	Year 6 Residential Trip
22 May	School Photographs
26 May	PTA Non-Uniform Day & Cake Sale
29 May	Bank Holiday
30 May - 2 June	May Half term break
5 June	Start of term 6



Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week!



Top Doodling Class

DoodleMaths: Birch

DoodleTables: Holly

Congratulations to all the pupils
in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Fletcher Harrison	Dylan Remy
Ash class	Harry	Sophia
Birch class	Darcey	MacKenzie
Chestnut class	Maisie	Jessica
Elm class	Oscar	Daisy
Hazel class	Ava	Jack D
Holly class	Elliot	Poppy-Mae
Maple class	Jake	Rocco
Oak class	Harry	Poppy
Pine class	Ella	Rowan
Rowan class	Will	Charlie
Sycamore class	Dylan	Freddie F
Willow class	Dillon	Rosie

Visit to Police Communications Centre

On Thursday, our Mini Police visited the Police Communications Centre in Portishead, with their group leader PCSO Paul Thatcher.

They had a fantastic time touring the communications centre, meeting two working police dogs, and visiting the museum.

The children were impeccably behaved, and represented St John's wonderfully - well done to them all, we are sure they all gained a lot from their experience. Thank you to PCSO Thatcher (and Mrs Pughe) for taking them.



School Council Eco Update

The school council have now finished 'dotting' light switches and electrical appliances around the entire school. All children should now be aware that the coloured dots mean the following:

- Green dot = turn the appliance off if nobody is using it.
- Amber dot = ask an adult if it is ok to turn off this appliance.
- Red dot = this appliance must remain switched on, so please do not touch.



By becoming better at turning things off when they are not in use, we will be saving a huge amount of money on electricity. This could therefore mean that we have more money for useful things in school, such as stationery and other learning resources. It also means that we can reduce our carbon footprint as a school, which, as we know, is hugely important for the health of our environment. Why not have a chat about this with your child and encourage them to do the same at home.

Reading in Year 4

In Year 4 this term, the classes have been reading books all about protected characteristics. This week we have been reading *My Shadow is Pink* by Scott Stuart and discussing gender stereotypes and the importance of valuing each individual for who they are.

Nola says "I think the boy in the story feels angry that his shadow is pink, he likes fairies and ponies whilst all the other men in his family have blue shadows and like things assumed to be for boys."

Jake says "The boy struggled to say hi to his classmates because he feels different. I think he feels awkward and anxious because he is wearing a boy wearing a dress."



Learning in Year 6

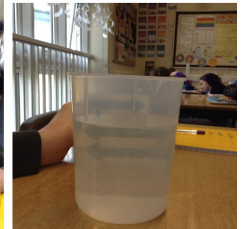
This term in science, our year 6 pupils have been learning about light.

We began by investigating how light enables us to see non-luminous objects and we discovered that white or brightly-coloured objects with smooth surfaces are the easiest to see. This is because they are the best at reflecting light.

Next, we investigated shadows and how they are formed when an opaque object blocks light and creates an area of darkness. We discovered that the size of a shadow is affected by the distance and angle of the light source in relation to the opaque object. We also took measurements to prove that shadows increase in size as the light source travels closer to the object.

We have also investigated light refraction, which is when light travels through water, slows down and changes direction slightly. We discovered that this can create optical illusions. For example, sticks appear to magically bend, letters on a page can be magnified and arrows appear to change direction!

Next week, we are going to be creating our own periscopes to investigate how reflecting light in different directions can enable us to see around corners! Therefore, we'll be combining our scientific knowledge with our super spy skills!



Citizenship and Character Award

The Coronation weekend ahead will certainly present some amazing opportunities to work towards your Citizenship & Character Award. Here are a few suggestions:

- Make a scrapbook (Wellbeing Me) - the Coronation events that take place this weekend will go down in history! Why not keep any newspaper clippings and other types of memorabilia in a scrapbook, which you can show your own children forty years from now. Alternatively, you could create a time capsule, which is also an activity on your passport.
- Do a litter pick or raise awareness for a charity (Developing Me and Local Me) - on the bank holiday Monday, thousands of people all around the country will be taking part in 'The Big Help Out,' which is an opportunity to get involved in charity work. Perhaps have a chat with your grown-ups and see if there is anything you could do as a family to help out.
- Learn and perform a song (Developing Me) - everyone did this at our Coronation party on Friday afternoon! Get your teacher to tick this activity off on your passport!
- Go on a neighbourhood scavenger hunt (Local Me) - have a wander around your local area and see how many things you can find that are linked to the King's Coronation. This might include celebration bunting, posters or flags.

Help Needed - PTA Summer Fete

Our Summer fete on the 7th July is fast approaching but we desperately need parent volunteers to help it run.

The fete runs from 3pm-6pm, so if you can help even just an hour please contact the PTA to make this the success it has always been: stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com

Out of School Achievements

Freddie won the Manager's Player of the Year 22/23 award at the weekend for Paulton Rovers U10's JPL football team.

Brilliant Freddie - we are proud of you!



Coronation Events

Join us for some coronation themed fun at the Library!

Bath Central Library		
Crown Making	Suitable for children of all ages	Saturday 29 April and 6 May 1.00 - 4.00pm
Coronation Crafts	Suitable for children of all ages	Saturday 29 April and 6 May 1.00 - 4.00pm
Nature Trail	Suitable for children of all ages	Saturday 29 April and 6 May During opening hours
Ghillie Wakes up	Open to ages 4 - 8	Saturday 29 April 2.00pm
Recycled Gardens	For Adults and Children	Saturday 29 April and 6 May 1.00 - 4.00pm

Midsomer Norton Library		
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Keynsham Library		
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All our activities are free, just drop in and enjoy yourself!

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 8 May



Bath Central Library

Storytime Session
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 9 May

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 10 May

Art in the Library - Immaterial by Alison Harper
Mon - Sat During opening hours 3 - 26 May

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In
Mon - Sat During opening hours

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 9 May
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 11 May

Cubing Club, Drop In 'KS2 & 3 - Please bring your own cube if you can
Saturday 10.30 - 11.30am 13 May

Midsomer Norton Library

Storytime Sessions
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 10 May

Mermaid Storytime, Family Fun
Saturday 11.00 - 12.00pm 13 May

Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition

11 Feb - 22 July

Collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath or Midsomer Norton library

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

