

9 June 2023

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

I hope you all had a lovely half term and managed to enjoy the lovely sunshine!
Term 6 has already got off to a great start and we have welcomed back happy, smiley children! Term 6 is always such a busy one with so many wonderful events taking place and we have already kicked off with a very successful sports day!

Well done to all the children for taking part and trying their very best in all they did! It is always so amazing to see how our children are so supportive and encouraging of each other. I don't think I stopped smiling all day!

Thank you and a huge well done to all the adults for their help in making the day run so smoothly, with a particular mention going to Mr Cracknell for organising the day (and doing so well with the race demonstrations!).

Thank you to those of you who came and showed your support. It is always so lovely to see you supporting your children at school events.

Well done to Harris House for being the winning House! For those of you would like to know the other house positions, you may or may not want to share this with your child:

1st - **Harris** 3rd - **Sperring**
2nd - **Kelston** 4th - **Mayne**

Another highlight this week for me was welcoming the new families of our September 2023 Acorns class to their Induction evening last night. It was our pleasure to welcome some new families to the St John's community and it was lovely to see some familiar faces with those of you who already have children with us.
Thank you to the EYFS team who made everyone feel so welcome. Over the next few weeks we will meet the children in school at the Teddy Bears Picnic and other transition events in the school.

Talking of transition - this time of year is an exciting one with children joining us in Reception, our Year 6 moving on to secondary school and others moving on to their next class. However, we also recognise that, for some, it

CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: HONESTY



'It is better to be honest and poor than dishonest and rich.' **Proverbs 16:8**

can be an anxious one. We are currently in the process of mapping out classes for next year and the adults who your children will be working with. Over the next few weeks, we will be finalising our class structure for September and will let you and your children know which class they will be in.

We are saying goodbye to Miss Banwell today as she goes on maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best and we will keep you updated on any baby arrival news when we receive it!

Have a lovely weekend - I hear we are due dramatic thunderstorms. My garden can definitely do with the rain!

Mrs Monks

Dates for Your Diary

12-16 June	Phonics Check
15 June	Yr 5 Holburne Museum Trip
23 June	New Starters Teddy bears Picnic
6 July	Shuffle Up Day
7 July	Yr 6 Pilgrimage Service (Bath Abbey)
7 July	PTA Summer Fete
12 July	Yr 3 Stonehenge Trip
13 July	Yr R & 1 Noah's Ark Trip
13 July	Yr 6 Production Performance
20 July	Yr 6 PTA Leavers Party
21 July	End of Term 6

Awards of the Week

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



Top Doodling Class

Doodle Maths: Hazel Class

Doodle Tables: Oak Class

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Charlie Maeva	Harvey Jasper
Ash class	Grace	Emily
Birch class	Freddie	Aurelia
Chestnut class	Bella	Maisie
Elm class	Tommy G	Tommy H
Hazel class	April	Finley
Holly class	Henry M	Aoife
Maple class	Ralphie	Seth
Oak class	Wesley	Albie
Pine class	Teddy	Oliver
Rowan class	Charlie	Tommy
Sycamore class	Elijah	Tyler
Willow class	Sam	Erin

Sports Day

On Wednesday, all the children competed fantastically in our Sports Day. The children took part in field and track events across the day, showing fantastic resilience and determination to complete the activities to the best of their abilities. It was a fantastic day and a massive thank you goes out to the parents, teachers and children who supported the day. The overall winners for this year's Sports Day are...Harris (Red) House! Congratulations to everyone on a brilliant day.



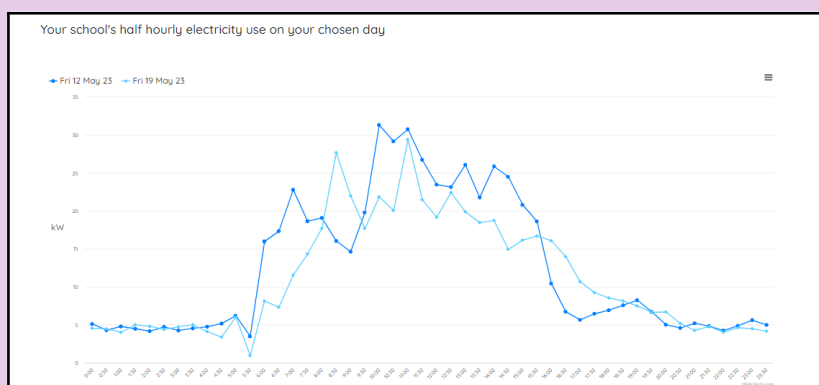
School Council Eco Update

As you will remember, last term we trialled our very first 'power-down' afternoon, whereby all lights and electrical devices were turned off in classrooms at lunchtime. We therefore did all of our afternoon learning tech-free in an attempt to reduce electricity consumption and reduce our carbon footprint.



We now have access to the data, which proves that this did in fact have some positive results on our energy usage. As you can see in the graph, on Friday 19th May (light blue line), our energy consumption was a bit less between 12:30pm and 3pm in comparison to the previous Friday (dark blue line). Even though the reduction appears quite small on the graph, it will make a huge difference if we keep this initiative going each week.

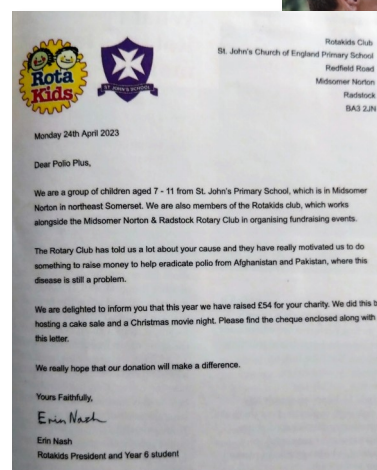
Therefore, the school council intends to continue promoting our power-down afternoons in the hope that this will be a regular activity every Friday. Furthermore, it would be great if you could continue talking about energy reduction at home. The more our children appreciate the importance of energy reduction, the more likely they are to adopt sustainable activities.



RotaKids

Rotakids have had another successful week! Following their fundraising efforts for many charities including Polio Plus, the Rotakids wrote a letter to the charity which was featured in Rotary magazine. They have also received a thank you letter from Bath Mind for their hard work. We are so proud of their motivation and determination to make a difference, as shining examples of the St John's community.

Rotakids are still collecting donations for a book/clothes sale for charity at the summer fête. Please donate any clothes and books of good quality to us as soon as possible in preparation for the summer fête!



Reading in Acorns

This term we have started our new topic 'Down at the bottom of the garden'. We have read the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and been looking at information books to find out more about the life cycle of a butterfly.



Citizenship & Character Award

For those of you who are thinking of working towards your Citizenship and Character Award this weekend, here are a few suggestions, all of which make good use of the glorious weather:

- Paddle somewhere (Physical Me) - Paddling in water is an amazing way to cool down on a hot day. Perhaps your grown-ups know the perfect place where you can **safely** paddle! Why not take a picnic along with you and get two ticks on your Citizenship and Character Award passport!
- Climb a tree (Physical Me) - Make sure you're with your grown-up and stay within a safe height!
- Conduct an outdoor science experiment
- (Developing Me) - Perhaps you could investigate the relationship between heart rate and exercise! What is your resting heart rate? What is your heart rate after running around a field for ten minutes? What is your heart rate after playing in the park for ten minutes?



Special Church Service Invitation

On **Sunday 18th June at 10am**, the church will be celebrating the birth of St John the Baptist with a special service led by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. We would love as many children and their families as possible to join us for this special occasion!





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.

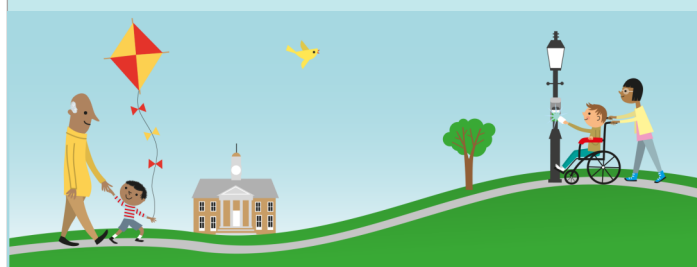
The fete runs from 3pm-6pm, so if you can help even just an hour please contact the PTA to make this the success it has always been: stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com



Beat the Street

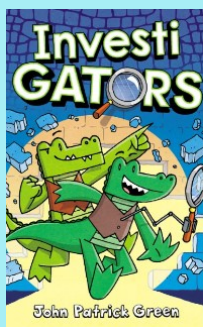


Well done to Oli who has been out with his Beat the Street Card, gaining us some valuable points - don't forget to take your card if you are out and about this weekend!



Author Book Signing at Mr B's Emporium, Bath

Tuesday 13th June 4:30-5:30



Calling all investigators – join Mr B's Emporium for an after school signing with best selling author/illustrator of the InvestiGators comic book series, John Patrick Green. John will be signing and doodling in books from 4:30 – 5:30pm on Tuesday 13th June.

Mr B's Emporium is a wonderful independent book shop in Bath, just off Queens Square. His Investigators series has been wildly popular in Hazel Class and Miss Isaac spotted this and just had to share it. John Patrick Green is an American author so visits to the UK are rare and he's going to be right here on our doorstep.

Book here <https://mrbsemporium.com/articles/2023/05/an-after-school-signing-with-john-patrick-green/>

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Bath Central Library

Storytime Session
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 13 June

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 14 June

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

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 13 June
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 15 June

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 12 June

Storytime Sessions
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 14 June

Tessa Bide Creative Writing Competition

27 May - 8 July. Collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath, Midsomer Norton and the Mobile library.
Or find out more and download an entry form from our blog - bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Bath, Keynsham, & Midsomer Norton Libraries.
Book a Session via Eventbrite

w/c 5 June

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.

Visit bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

