



Horfield CEVC Primary School

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Science Day

We all enjoyed a fantastic, investigative Science day on Tuesday! The children made an incredible flock of plastic birds in the morning and in the afternoon they tested them in the hall. The children worked in mixed aged groups from a range of classes during the day and many have forged new friendships. The birds were sent down a zip wire to try and catch as many magnetic fish as possible.

The winning KS1 group was Meg, Livi, Dante, Minty, Theo and Emma with their bird 'Diving Dash', and from KS2 - Safa, Sam, Amelia and Jaiden with 'Zig-Zag'. These groups of children will represent our school at a special Science Summit to be held on Thursday 28th March at Bristol University. A huge thank you to everyone who came in and helped on the day and to Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Edwards for organising the event.



UKLA Conference at Horfield

We hosted the UKLA Conference at our school on the weekend. The day included a number of key speakers and workshops related to excellent practice in Literacy.

The choir, Year 6 Macbeth cast and Lost Words Choral Speaking performance group were all magnificent performing to a large audience. You can watch the choir perform at:

https://twitter.com/The_UKLA/status/1106889545788866560

Some comments from delegates

'Such wonderful displays'

'Wow! What a powerful, emotional performance!'

'Congratulations to all at Horfield Primary school. Such beautiful singing by the children. What a wonderful welcome to all who attended the Conference - showcasing an outstanding Bristol school.'



Choir

We will be creating a video of children singing 'Our Song of the Sea' and will record it in choir on Tuesday 26th March. We are likely to get requests to use this video on social media, TV and YouTube. If your child sings in choir and you would prefer for them not to be on this video, please let the office know before 26th March.

Please note that next Tuesday (26th) will be the last choir of the term. Next term choir will restart on Tuesday 23rd April but there will be no choir on Tuesday 30th April. **Date for your diaries** – Yrs. 4, 5 and 6 choir members will be taking part in the Bristol School's Summer Concert on Monday 1st July.

Orchestra will be back to normal next week 26th March.

Teacher Consultation Meetings

Following a recent learning review we have decided to make some changes to how we conduct the upcoming parent consultation meetings. (Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March) For children in Year 2 upwards we would like the children to attend with their parents for at least part of the meeting. This would give us the opportunity to talk about issues related to learning and set new learning goals. We understand that this may not be possible for everyone, but would like you to know that we are keen to develop a more 'family learning conference' type of approach towards these meetings. You should have received your appointment time and date by now. Please remember that appointments are for 10 minutes. If you require more time you need to arrange a further appointment at a later date.

Some of our Year 5 children have been busy helping us to set up our new Reading Cloud library system. We will send out full details about this soon.

Year 5 Easter Trail

The Redland Green Education Centre trip was very inspirational and creative.

"We really enjoyed making the clay fish. Everything on the Easter Trail looked really realistic and the people were very helpful. We all learned a lot during the trail" – Thomas G-C and Albert C.

Year 6 Trip to St Braivels

Please note that the deadline for all payments is 5th April 2019.

Music Invoicing

You should have now received invoices for terms 3 and 4. Please ensure payments are made either by EZ Pay or via the office by Friday 29th March.

Cross Country at Colston's.

Last Thursday 24 children took part in Cross Country races against 9 other schools at Colston's Independent School. Individual medals were won by Lydia who came 2nd in the Yr 3&4 race and Erin who came 2nd in the Yr 5&6 Race. In the team events the Girls Year 3&4, Boys Year 3&4 and Boys Year 5&6 teams all came third place.

Well done to all the runners who took part and thank you to all the parents who helped transport and support the children.

Mathletics

This week's Mathletics champions are Class 10.

Year 6 Students of the Week are Eddie A – Class 13 and Ravi S – Class 14 for excellent effort and progress in maths.

The theme of the week next week will be Mothers.

Special Achievements

Jack L- Class 8 took his first Karate grading and is now an orange belt.

Congratulations to Ravi who has qualified for the Bristol Schools Swimming Finals on Saturday. He will be swimming in the 25m Breast Stroke, 50m Back Stroke and the 100m Individual Medley. Good Luck Ravi!

Celebrating Brass and Djembe

In assembly on Tuesday 26th March, parents of all children in Year 5 and in the brass group are warmly invited to come and hear them perform at 10.10am. Those in the brass group include Amelia D, Grace D, Josh M, Josh B, Joseph J and Cordie E.

Chartwells Colouring Competition

Children need to return their colouring to the kitchen team before Friday 22nd March. Winners will be notified before the Easter holidays.

Red Nose Day

Last Friday we raised a fantastic £319.91 towards Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Mr Harvey, Deputy Head

Diary Dates

March 2019

Thurs 21st Drama Club visit (Severn Beach)

Fri 22nd Y6 & Y3 Swimming pm
School Association Nutty Noah

26th/27th/28th Parent Consultation Meetings

April 2019

Fri 5th End of Term 4

Tues 23rd Start of Term 5

Fri 26th Swimming starts for Y1 & Y4

Sun 28th Stages Dance Festival

Mon 29th-3rd Y5 Residential Trip
May

May 2019

13th-17th Y6 End of KS2 Tests (SATS) Week

Fri 24th End of T5

June 2018

Mon 3rd Start of T6

Sat 8th School Summer Fair

Fri 28th School BBQ

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a child please talk to our school safeguarding team (Mrs Taylor, Mrs Harfoush and Miss Kielczewski). Anyone can also contact Bristol's First Response Team on 0117 9036444 or visit

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/social-care-health/reporting-concerns-about-a-child-first-response>

Treat the earth as if
your life depends upon
it. Genesis 2:15

Attendance

Please be aware that a Penalty Notice could be issued for unauthorised absence. All unauthorised leave of absence of 5+ days will automatically incur a penalty notice from April 2019 onwards. A Penalty Notice fine is £60 per child, per parent. If the fine is not paid within 21 days the amount increases to £120 per child, per parent. If it remains unpaid after 28 days then the matter will proceed to Court. Please note that if your child/ren have 20 unauthorised sessions (each half day counts as one session), this will also incur a penalty notice. All appointments in school hours for Doctors, Dentists, Clinics, Hospitals, etc, must be accompanied by an appointment card – either a paper copy or we can see it digitally on your mobile phone.



If you haven't already, please join our **Facebook page:**

Horfield C of E School Association to keep up to date with all our events.

Nutty Noah is coming on Friday!!

22 March 18.00-19.00, doors open from 17.30 (with drinks and refreshments on sale).

See flyer sent home via book bags.

Please note: ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PAYING ADULT

Mother's Day Gift Sale – gifts from £1 - £2.50 on sale near the Red Shed on Friday 29 March.

Years 5 and 6 Cake Sale this Friday - Please bring creations/donations to the Sounds Inspiring Room in the morning, or to the sale after school. Outside unless weather is bad otherwise in the hall. Volunteers needed to sell please.

Community News

All violinists and cellists - There is a 'Listen and Play' day on Saturday 23rd March at Bristol Plays Music, (Stanton Rd, Southmead). All are welcome and the timetable for the morning is;

9:30-10:15 Starter Strings (for beginner strings to Grade 1)

10:15-10:45 - Break and Refreshments

10:45-11:30 - String Group - for children who are approximately Grade 1 standard.

FREE Love Horfield Community Food Event- Friday March 29th 5.30 – 7pm @ Horfield C of E Primary - Crafts, cooking demos, share a recipe, fitness zone and more. For all ages!! More details and book your FREE place.

www.lovehorfield.co.uk/blog/horfieldcommunityfoodevent

Parents' Coffee Morning

Every Monday @ 9-10 am

In the Partnership Room

Come along for a cuppa, biscuit & a chat!

Please call Kate Harfoush for more details on 07342 719487.

SHINE Breakfast Club

All bookings for Breakfast Club need to be made **online at:**

<https://www.myshine.co.uk/activity/breakfast-club-term-4-2018>

Shine Cricket – Shine will be starting a cricket club for years 3-6 in Term 5 on a Tuesday after Easter. Please see their website for details of how to book.

FREE Parents Plus Adolescents Programme (PPAP) - Parenting Programme for parents of children aged 10-16. Starting Weds 24th Apr 9.45am to 12.15pm. Running here in school, every Weds in term time for 10 weeks. Perfect timing for children transitioning from Primary to Secondary!! Programme looks at; teen brain development, pressing the pause button, understanding & connecting with your teen, establishing rules & routines, active listening, communicating positively, creating a rewards system, using consequences, dealing with conflict & aggression, problem solving & sibling rivalry. Please speak to Kate Harfoush (Family Link Worker) for info & to book; 07342719487 or kate.harfoush@bristol-schools.uk.

Hill House Summer Camp for 7-11 year olds

Explore Week is on 29th July to 2nd August 2019

Only £70 per child.