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Dear families,

**Around school this week: Year R had dinosaur adventures, Y1 learnt about healthy teeth (a reminder to all children to brush at least twice a day), Y2 played cricket, Y3 also learnt about their teeth at a more advanced level, Y4 made Chinese crafts, Y5 are learning to play the recorder and Y6 continue to prepare for their SATS and learn about the Mayan civilisation.**

1. **Congratulations to our LEARNING CHAMPIONS ~**



Congratulations and Well Done to Danny, Ava, Jalisa, Ethan, Oliver, Lauren, Bobbi, Giovanni and Jasmine for being amazing role models at school and doing their very best with their learning. These awards are not given out lightly- they are a reward for great attitudes to learning and having the motivation and effort to achieve their own individual potential- and that is what learning is all about!

2. **EXCELLENT NEWS ~** The Palladian Academy Trust working with us, submitted bids to the Governments Schools Condition Improvement Fund for building improvements. We are very pleased that the bid to refurbish our school kitchen was successful and we are planning for this work to take place over the summer break.
3. **VOICE 21:** As part of a focus on speaking and listening, we will be partnering with an organisation called **Voice 21**. We believe that every young person should leave school able to express their ideas, communicate with confidence and speak eloquently. These vital skills are captured by the word '**oracy**' which was coined in the 1960s to give spoken language parity with literacy and numeracy. **Voice 21**, an educational charity, is working with teachers and schools across the UK to support the development of oracy in schools. Over the course of the year ahead, we are looking forward to using more talk to support learning in lessons and creating more opportunities for our young people to be heard beyond the classroom. If you would like to find out more about oracy or Voice 21 please take a look at their website: [www.voice21.org](http://www.voice21.org)



4. **BIG PEDAL 2018** is in full swing! **Thank you to everyone who has taken part so far, B&NES council even tweeted us this week!** Big Pedal 2018, is the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that aims to inspire pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. **The challenge runs from 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May.** It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. We are competing to become one of the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes (parent and sibling journeys count too!) You and your family can also **win prizes** during Sustrans Big Pedal. Simply **post a photo of you and your child cycling or scooting to school** on social media during the challenge using **#BigPedalWin** (don't forget to tag **@HeadSMGP** in any Tweet) to be in with a chance of winning. Follow Sustrans on Instagram [instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), Twitter [twitter.com/sustrans](https://twitter.com/sustrans) or Facebook [facebook.com/Sustrans](https://www.facebook.com/Sustrans). Be sure to check the terms and conditions found on the Big Pedal website prior to entering the competition.
5. **DON'T FORGET ~ BATH CITY FC INVITATION.** Our pupils have **FREE** entry to the **Home Match on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April** (v St Albans City) **KO at 3pm**. Accompanying adults pays only £6. Please do go along, enjoy, meet Bladud the Pig and make lots of noise!!
6. **CAR PARKING FOR BREAKFAST CLUB ~** Please can we ask Parents arriving for breakfast club to park at the far end of the staff car park and not block the driveway. Thank you.
7. **CORRECT EQUIPMENT IN SCHOOL AT ALL TIMES ~ PLEASE** make sure that your children have the correct equipment in school at all times, especially **PE and Swimming Kits**. PE and Swimming are part of the national curriculum and all children are required to participate in these lessons. One day this week **one third of a class** did not have their PE kit in school, this is not acceptable. Thank you for your co-operation.
8. **DANCE UMBRELLA PERFORMANCES** will now take place on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45pm** in the Keystage Two playground, weather permitting.





9. **KEYSTAGE ONE PLAYGROUND** ~ Please can we ask that children do not take the play equipment out of the shed on the Keystage One playground before school starts. We cannot be responsible for use of the equipment at this time. Thank you.
10. **EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS** ~ Please make sure that we have your **up-to-date contact** details especially **mobile numbers and email**. Thank you.
11. **ROCKTOPUS** ~ A reminder that our school song that our children developed last week is available to listen to at: <https://soundcloud.com/rocktopusmusic>

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April** ~ **FREE admission for all pupils** to Twerton Park for Bath City FC v St Albans City FC.
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** ~ BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (school closed to all)
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** ~ School Photographer in to do class photos and Individual photos for Year 6.
- **SATS week** ~14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** ~ Term five ends
- **May Half-term** ~ **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June** ~ Term six begins

**Wishing you all a lovely weekend from Mr Stone and all the staff at St Martin's Garden Primary.**

#### Community News

**TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY**  
**THE HUT**  
**PRE-SCHOOL & NURSERY**  
**OPEN DAY**

Please join us for The Hut's Pre-school & Nursery Open session for new and prospective parents  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 3.30 – 6.30pm.**

Pop in and find out how children are supported to grow and flourish.

- Flexible spaces available from September 2018 (with extended opening hours 8am – 6pm)
  - Engaging activities
  - Friendly and experienced staff
  - Healthy nutritious snacks
  - Great school transitions
- Children can receive 2 & 3 year old funding here

"Thank you so much for everything you have done to support me and the children. I would not have survived without The Hut." Former parent

[www.bapp.org.uk/play-provision/hut-pre-school/](http://www.bapp.org.uk/play-provision/hut-pre-school/) call us on 01225 832479 or 01225 571511

Ofsted registered  
**'Good' Early Years setting**

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Small and friendly  
**Child focused setting**

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Children aged from  
**birth to 4½ years**

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**Soft play room**

**Sensory room**

**Garden**

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