

Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 2 Federation Value - Challenge

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WEST LEIGH PTA
Christmas Fair
Saturday 25th November
1.30 - 4.00pm
West Leigh School Entry £1 per family

SANTA'S GROTTO * GAMES * TUCK SHOP
PRE-LOVED BOOKS & UNIFORM
FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS * CRAFTS
FACE STENCILS * TOMBOLA

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Important Dates - Term 2

- Friday 24th November – Friday 1st December – BJS Book Fair
- Saturday 25 November – WL PTA Christmas Fair 1.30pm – 4pm
- Monday 27th November – BJS Year 4 Church Day
- Tuesday 28th November – Year 2 trip to Aerospace
- Thursday 30th November – 5B Class Assembly -BJS School Hall
- Friday 1st December – BJS PTA Christmas Fair 3.45pm – 6.00pm
- Tuesday 5th December – School Nursing Team at WL to see Reception
- Thursday 7th December – Year 3 Egyptian WOW Day
- Friday 8th December – Year 5 Trip to Bristol Museum
- Friday 8th December – 6M cake sale & Fox cake sale
- Wednesday 13th December – 9.30am WL EYFS Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 13th December – BJS Carol Service 2.00pm and 6.00pm at St Andrews
- Thursday 14th December – 9.30am WL KS1 Christmas Performance (Year 2 parents only)
- Thursday 14th December – Year 5 Ancient Greek WOW Day
- Friday 15th December – 9.30am WL KS1 Christmas Performance (Year 1 parents only)
- Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 20th December – Last Day of Term – Non-school uniform day/wear a Christmas jumper day



BJS are delighted to invite you to our Christmas Fair, Friday 1st December 3:45pm-6pm. Featuring Christmas games, crafts & ever popular Children's Tombola! Plus mulled wine for the adults, a tuck shop with treats for the children and our Christmas Raffle draw. Start getting that festive feeling and help support the school!

Please note all children must be picked up as normal after school and enter accompanied by a parent/responsible adult/older sibling.

Christmas Fair Information & Help Needed!



This week, Squirrel class have been linking their learning to the storybook Stickman. One of our favourite activities took part in our Little Explorers session. First, went outside to collect three different sized sticks. Then, we brought them back to the classroom to use to assemble our own Stickman. Finally, we used pipe cleaners to attach Stickman's arms and legs and added googly eyes, leaves for hair, and a smiley face to finish. We think they look great! I wonder what adventures Stickman will get up to when the children take him home...I hope he doesn't run away!



WL Year 2 Wow Day

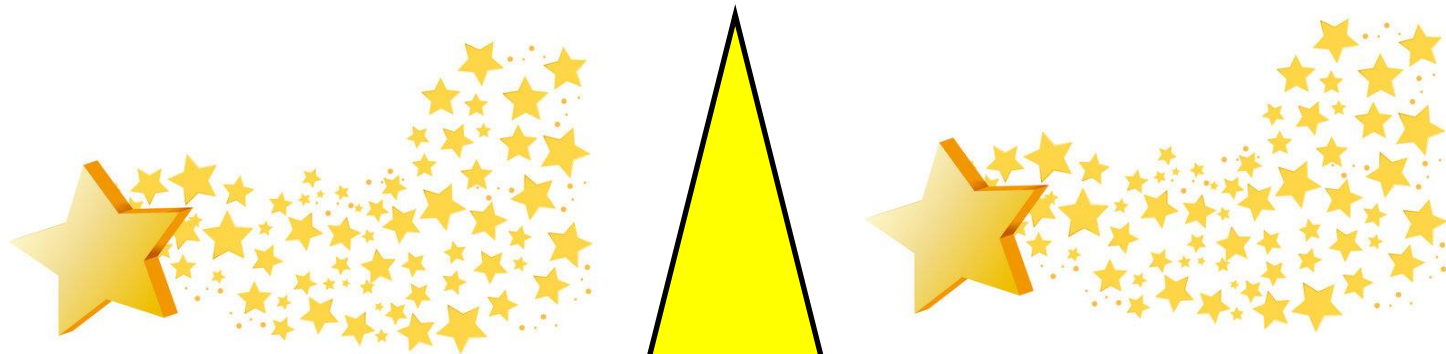
WOW DAY



On Wednesday 1st November, Year 2 had their 'History of Aviation' WOW day.

It was a fantastic day learning about different types of aircraft and designing and building our own. It got us excited to start our topic.





Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars

Thursday 9th November

Reception – Hattie, Brody

Year 1 – Seb, Pia

Year 2 – Lincoln, George

Thursday 16th November

Reception – Phoebe, Harriet K

Year 1 – Annie, Daniel

Year 2 – Dylan H, Violet

Thursday 23rd November

Reception – Lily, Ada

Year 1 – Lila, Cassian

Year 2 – Gus, Fearne

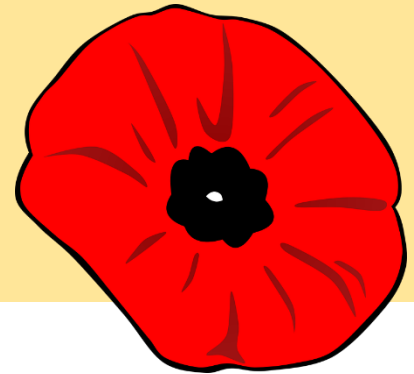


Poppy Appeal

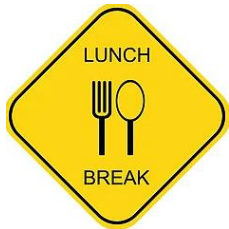
Thank you ever so much for your support of our 2023 Poppy Appeal. Generous donations amounted to a total of £194.41 for West Leigh and £443.93 for BJS. We have been told that this is by far the largest school donation across our area! So thank you all!

For your information, donations for Backwell and Flax Bourton totalled £6443.56. This was boosted by re-starting personal collections at Bristol Airport, Backwell Village Centre and Backwell Station and also helped along by the use of digital contactless technology for donations.

We would like to thank our wonderful House Captains at BJS who went to each classroom after lunch every day collecting for the appeal.



Polite Notices



Aspens Select

Please remember to book your lunches for December so that the kitchen can plan ahead. The Christmas Lunch options will be available very soon to book through Select. Many thanks.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please can you ensure that you leave a message or email the office to let us know by 9.30am on the day of absence.



Norovirus – 48hr rule

As we head into the Autumn/Winter season we would like to remind parents that if your child is unfortunate to catch this bug, regulations state that they are not able to return to school for a least 48 hours from the last episode. Please also remember to contact the school to record your child's absence each day.

BACKWELL C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

Celebration Assembly - 'Backwell B' Awards

Our Backwell B awards include: **Be your Best**, **Be Kind** and **Be Responsible**

Celebration Assembly - 3rd November 2023

Year 3 - Mason B, Aiza and Cole

Year 4 - Arlo and Hugo

Year 5 - Valeria and Evie A

Year 6 - Mishal, Gracie G and Lewis

Celebration Assembly - 10th November 2023

Year 3 - Asa and Austin

Year 4 - Casper and Aimee

Year 5 - Elisa

Celebration Assembly - 24th November 2023

Year 3 - Imogen and Grace H

Year 4 - Beau and Pippa

Year 5 - Amalie, Lydia and Rufus

Year 6 - Thomas C, Sam M-S, Olivia and Finley

CONGRATULATIONS!



6S Trip to Tyntesfield

On Friday 10th November, we were invited to Tyntesfield to make Christmas decorations for the trees that will be displayed in the house over Christmas.

All of the materials we used had been collected from the grounds of the house, such as: teasels, fir cones, seeds and acorns.

Our aim was to make woodland animals using the materials and glue guns. We had basic designs to follow for ideas but we added our individual flare!

The finished results were beautiful and we are looking forward to being able to see them on display in the house.



Pupil Chaplains trip to Tauntonminster

A group of our Year 6 Children went to Taunton and had the most fabulous day, we are incredibly proud of the feedback from Timi, the Children, Families and School Worker from St Andrews Church who organised this trip....Thank you Timi.

“We had a lovely walk through Taunton and we’re treated with hot chocolates. We had collective worship with the other schools then toured the building and learned about its history. We learned about the meaning of the “Body of Christ” and re-enacted the story of loaves and fishes (whereby Rory turned into the disciple John, and Willow into Matthew to tell the story and wowed everyone with their wit and humour!). Our team amazed everyone with a confident and joyful rendition of Bread and Fishes, which is a credit to Mrs Mason! They knew all the words and sang it so well that people visiting the minster were even impressed! (may I add I didn’t know this song- they suggested it!)

We then made paper churches and pipe cleaner people to represent our unity. To finish our day, the children in different schools worked together to lead collective worship, prayers and songs!

I have to say, the children were absolutely fantastic! Brilliant behaviour all day, great listening and team work. They really put themselves out of their comfort zones and talked to many other kids from different schools.

I have had many compliments from other teachers about how well behaved and kind they all were, and I was beaming with pride.” - Timi





BOOK CORNER



The Book Corner is an opportunity to celebrate everything we love about reading here at Backwell Juniors. From monthly book recommendations to reading support/ updates/ events- it can all be found here!

AUTUMN BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is on its way! Listen out for further information over the next couple of weeks but it will be running in the school hall from Monday 27th November to the morning of Friday 1st December!



LIBRARY



Term 2 has seen the re-start of the lunchtime Library Club! We now have two alternating groups on a Thursday lunchtime, with volunteers across all year groups.

We will be working hard to give the library a good old tidy up and thinking of ways in which to make each class' trip to the library the best experience it can be!

CALLING ALL FICTION/ NON-FICTION BOOKS

READY FOR A NEW HOME!

One of our projects this year in the library is to update some of our fiction and non-fiction titles.

If you have any books at home, that have been read but are still in fairly good condition and now ready for a new home, we would love to take them off your hands!

Look out for a box just inside the 1862 building (breakfast/ after school club entrance) over the coming days.

Many thanks!



Each month, we post a selection of 'hot off the press' recommended reads...

These are taken from 'The Reader Teacher' <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/> a fantastic source of reads, reviews and recommendations at KS1 and KS2. These books are not currently on the 30 Reads list but could be added under the 'your choice' section on the 30 Reads log. These books can also be reserved and borrowed from Nailsea Library ☺

NOVEMBER



Fiction book of the month

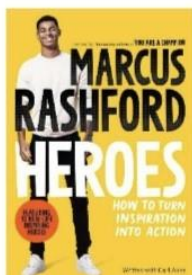
Interest age: 9+
Independent reading age: 10+
Kicked Out finds Ali and Sami living their dream, playing football for the school team and hanging out in their friend Mark's new luxury pool. But money goes missing and racism rears its ugly head when their friend Aadam is accused of the theft. Can the boys prove Aadam's innocence, keep their friendship – and help fight Aadam's threatened deportation? Can Ali navigate his emotions and stay focused now his dad is back on the scene and his half-brother has joined his school? A powerful story about friendship, being an ally and finding your place in the world.



Interest age: 8+
Independent reading age: 9+
The year was Something Something. Humans had spread like peanut butter across the galaxy, looking for new planets to call Somewhere. One of those planets was Somewhere Five One Three. When the humans arrive on Somewhere 513, they discover that the robots sent to prepare the planet for Humanity's arrival have chosen to keep it for themselves. Only one robot remains loyal – K1-NG, aka King of the Robots. But even with the most powerful robot on their side, the outlawed humans don't stand a chance.



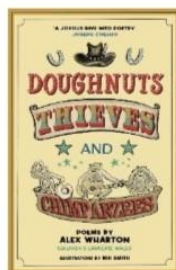
Interest age: 7+
Independent reading age: 8+
Have you heard the story about the bird that turned to stone? Did your parents warn you about the extra-specially-super-deliciously-fantastically naughty boy who got a frog stuck in his throat? No? Well, never fear: Onjali Q Rauf is here to entertain you with her sparkling collection of never-before-told fables for kids who want to make the world a better place. Written with Onjali's trademark heart and humour, this is the perfect gift that will entertain while also gently conveying messages of hope and the power of love and compassion, complete with beautiful full-colour illustrations by Katarzyna Doszla throughout.



Non-fiction book of the month

Interest age: 9+
Independent reading age: 10+
Starting on this journey was never something that he could have done alone, and in Heroes Marcus wants to shine a light on ten brilliant people who have inspired him to make a difference. Each person has changed Marcus's life in their own way, and now he wants to show YOU how his heroes can inspire you to be your best self, and make a difference to the world around you. Featuring profiles of 10 inspirational people from around the world who have inspired Marcus, this book is full of brilliant advice and top tips. Includes:

- Sir Alex Ferguson
- Beyoncé
- Muhammad Ali
- Serena Williams



Poetry book of the month

Interest age: 7+
Independent reading age: 8+
Doughnuts, Thieves and Chimpanzees is a playful, imaginative and curious 'how to' poetry book for children by the Children's Laureate Wales Alex Wharton. It encourages readers to enjoy, collaborate on and participate in different forms of writing, including limericks, haiku, rap and song lyrics. These fun, joyful poems play with language in a reader-friendly way that will inspire many to pick up a pen, even if they'd never thought poetry was for them before. Illustrated throughout with lively black and white illustrations by Rhiannon Smith.



Interest age: 8+
Independent reading age: 9+
Luna loves living on the moon. She enjoys helping her father – a Moon Miner – on his search for precious minerals and rocks. But when a devastating meteor strike destroys their base, Luna is left stranded alone on the moon. With no shelter and few supplies, she must find a way to survive.

The problem is – any hope of rescue is at least 3 days and 400,000 kilometres away ... and her oxygen is fast running out!

We'd love to hear from you if you read any of the above! Write or type a book review and hand in to either Mrs Barnard or the school office ☺



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Training is on Sunday mornings between September and May.
Training runs from 10:30 – 12:00.

Rugby available for boys and girls from school Reception year until 18 years old!

For new joiners, the first four weeks are free of charge – try, before you buy!

Come and join our great community club!

For details contact
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