

Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 3 Federation Value - Respect

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Important Dates - Term 4

- Tuesday 12th March – WL parents evening
- Wednesday 13th March – BJS parents evening
- Thursday 14th March – WL parents evening
- Thursday 14th March – BJS parents evening
- Thursday 14th March – Enrichment Morning 3
- Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day – non-uniform
- Friday 15th March – PTA Quiz Night
- Friday 15th March – BJS 4C Cake Sale
- Monday 18th March – BJS Y5 Church Day
- Wednesday 20th March – BJS Easter Service 2.30pm
St Andrew's Church
- Thursday 21st March – WL PTA Easter Disco
- Thursday 21st March – BJS Swimming Gala
- Friday 22nd March – Reception walk to the Post Office
- Friday 22nd March – BJS Break the Rules Day
- Thursday 28th March – WL Spring Sing at 2.30pm
- Thursday 28th March – Last day of Term 4
- Monday 15th April – Start of Term 5

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note donations are voluntary however if you would like to help support Comic Relief this year payments can be made via the following link:

[Comic Relief 2024 for West Leigh](#)

[Comic Relief 2024 BJS](#) For BJS

Please note we are unable to accept cash donations on this occasion.

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH



Arts Week - Reception

The kids have had a great time this week learning about African culture and art. We started the week by jet setting off to Africa on our class airline and looking at the globe of the world to find out where we were headed. We created beautiful silhouette pictures, inspired by safari sunsets, using special dyes to create a background and then cutting out animals in black sugar paper to showcase the wildlife. We looked at a video about Maasai Mara children living in Kenya and had the chance to wear a real Maasai necklace that was lent to us by Mrs Bowden-Green, who lived in Africa. We then used a paper plate to make our own necklaces and added paint, sticks, straws and pipe cleaners to create the bead patterns on the original. We were able to learn a special African dance with a dance instructor and move like a lion. A specialist music teacher also taught us an African song called Kye Kye Kule and let us explore the sounds of African instruments.



Arts Week – Year 1

Rabbit and Owl Class really enjoyed exploring the many art and craft activities inspired by the vibrant continent of Africa. Some of their favourite art work included Giraffe drawings with added Adinkra Symbols for a background. We were pleased that each giraffe looked different and had its own individual and quirky expression.

Sunsets across African savannahs were the inspiration for all year groups to practice their colour mixing skills. The Year 1 classes started with yellow paint and gradually mixed in varying amounts of red paint to create these amazing coloured skies. The children then cut out some silhouettes of African animals to complete the African sunset scene.

Rabbit and Owl Class also learned about Ndebele Art and how bold geometric patterns can be used to decorate houses and buildings. We made houses out of cardboard and decorated them with our own colourful Ndebele patterns.



As well as lots of arts and craft activities, we also enjoyed taking part in African drumming and dance workshops. A great time was had by all!



Year 2 had a brilliant week learning about Africa and creating some African inspired pieces of art. First, they found out about the continent and countries of Africa, and the Egyptian Pyramids. They carefully followed a tutorial in order to create a 3D drawing of the Great Pyramid of Giza, which they painted using watercolours. Next, they researched different African animals. They experimented with mixing primary colours to create pink and orange shades and used these to create a sunset background. Then they chose their favourite animals to sketch, before copying them onto black paper and cutting them out to create silhouettes against their sunsets. Some of them chose to add Baobab and Acacia tree silhouettes to their pictures. We finished the week by looking at traditional African clothing, and having a go at weaving. It was tricky but we persevered!

As well as developing our Art skills, we took part in a drumming workshop where we had the chance to try out different percussion instruments and create a piece of music. We also took part in a Lion King inspired dance workshop. We really enjoyed our music and dance!

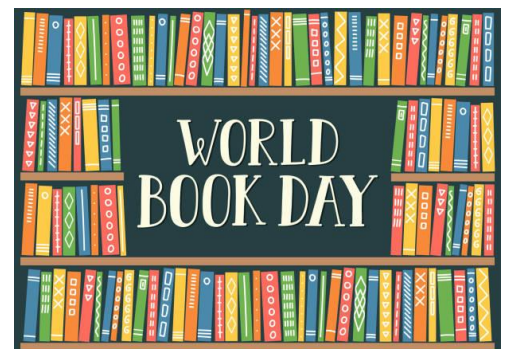


World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day and all children looked fantastic in their costumes! Our focus for the day was poetry and all year groups had a fun-filled day doing activities based around a poem. We also held a competition for children to decorate a potato as a book character, and we were amazed with the quality of the entries. Well done to all children who took part!



For World Book Day, Rabbit Class and Owl Class were given the challenge to create a poem inspired by On the Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan. We started by investigating a few rhyming words and onomatopoeia. We then created our own background illustrating what our nonsense world looked like and added colour using watercolours. Once it had dried, we wrote our own mini versions of the poem. Everyone worked incredibly hard, well done Year 1!







We are delighted to let you know that French club is restarting on Tuesday lunchtimes. If you are interested in a space, please email admin@clubs4kids.com for more information.

West Leigh PTA – dates for your diary!

WEST LEIGH PTA

Dates for your diary!

→ **The Big Quiz!**
Friday 15th March
7.30pm for an 8.00pm start



After the success of two solo quizzes last year, BJS and West Leigh PTA decided to join forces and create an even bigger and better quiz night this year. The Big Quiz will be held in the Theatre at Backwell Secondary School. Teams to be between 4 - 6 people. Overall winners will receive a prize, trophy/medals and of course get all the bragging rights knowing they are the ultimate quiz champions of Backwell!

To save any hassle remembering login details, you can buy tickets from **either** BJS or West Leigh as we will be splitting the funds raised between the schools equally.
West Leigh Quiz Tickets: [CLICK HERE](#) BJS Quiz Tickets: [CLICK HERE](#)

→ **Easter Discos!**
Thursday 21st March
Reception: 3.15 - 4.00pm
Year 1: 4.15 - 5.00pm **Year 2: 5.15 - 6.00pm**



We are egg-cited to invite all West Leigh children to an Easter Disco! Party outfits or Easter fancy dress are very much encouraged! Tickets are £3.50 per child and include a cake, a drink, the disco and huge amounts of fun! Tickets can be booked via the PTA events website very soon!

www.pta-events.co.uk/backwellfederationpa/

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 - 9th February 2024

Year 3 - Thomas, Imogen and Arthur

Year 4 - Harry L and Rudi

Year 5 - Frances and Nancy

Year 6 - Miles, Ben R and Poppy N

Celebration Assembly - 23rd February 2024

Year 3 - Anais and William

Year 4 - Ada and Albie

Year 5 - Etta and Sam C

Year 6 - Arabella and Reuben

Celebration Assembly - 1st March 2024

Year 3 - Fred and Max

Year 4 - Henry W, Eliza and Dylan G-W

Year 5 - Cara and Poppy B

Year 6 - Kai, Louis and George

Celebration Assembly - 8th March 2024

Year 3 - Harry and Brooke

Year 4 - Jacob

Year 5 - Bobbie-Mai

Year 6 - Heidi

CONGRATULATIONS!



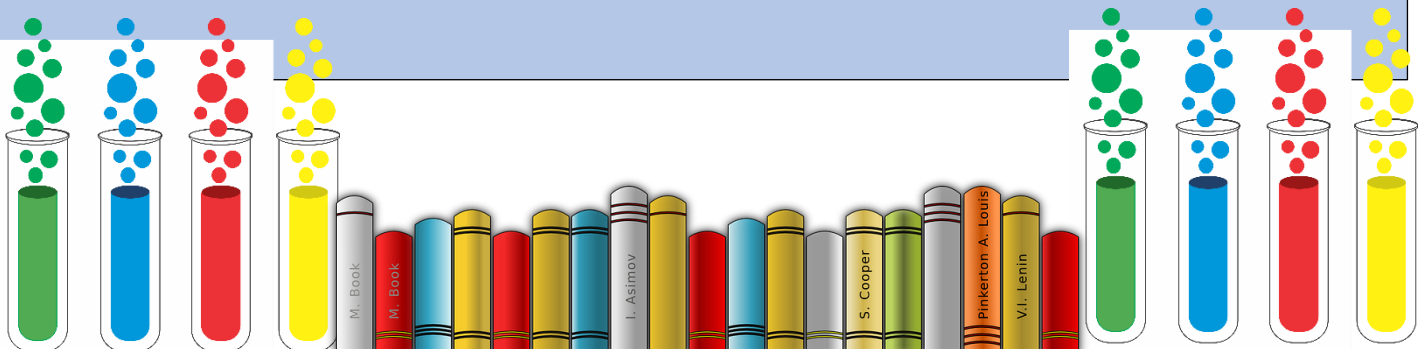
World Book Day 2024

What a brilliant last two book-related days we have had!!
With our Author Visit on Wednesday and World Book Day yesterday – we have had great fun sharing our love of reading



Jack Challoner visited us on Wednesday and spoke to us about his passion for writing science-based books. Once a Science teacher, Jack has written over 55 books, mostly non-fiction books but more recently poetry books about different science topics. We loved listening to his poems about Water and Forces in our morning assembly and each year group was then treated to a workshop where Jack spoke to us about being an author as well as doing some mind-blowing science experiments- I still can't get my head around the invisible oil one!!

All of this wouldn't have been possible without the generosity of the PTA so a huge thanks again to them for funding Jack's visit.



Word Book Day 2024 Part 2



World Book Day was a brilliant poetry filled day yesterday, with poetry sharing and writing taking place in classes, culminating with a poetry sharing assembly at the end of the day. Add in a few (very unrecognisable?!?) Masked Poets and Where's Wallies and a lot of fun was had!

Thank you so much for getting into the spirit and supporting the children with dressing up for the day. It was a very difficult decision to make in most classes but a huge congratulations to the following pupils for winning most creative costume in each class:

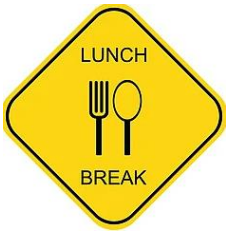
3J- Mani
3W-Joseph
4C-Joseph
4W-Rosie P

5B-Wren
5PB-Bea
6S-Amelia
6M-Oliver

A very happy World Book Day 2024 was had by all!



Polite Notices



Aspens Select

Please remember to book your lunches for the rest of the term so that the kitchen can plan ahead. 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 and each day thereafter. In your message please could you give a brief overview of the symptoms rather than just saying "unwell". The reason for this is so that we can identify if there is a certain illness that is circulating and take any steps possible to minimise the spread.



Wrap Around Care – Important Information

Please ensure that Premier Education are contacted directly for any amendments to bookings or collection arrangements, all contact details are detailed here:

Backwell Junior School:

Site Phone: 07707878334 - Active between 7:15 & 8:30am for BSC / Active between 2:30pm & 6pm for ASC. Any queries for day-to-day club changes with collection, or information that may be relevant with regards to children attending or not attending.

Email - c.clarke@premier-education.com for information regarding updates for the day, or collection passwords if somebody different is collecting.

Email - info@premier-education.com for any queries around bookings, cancellations, changes to bookings.

West Leigh Infant School:

Site Phone: 07707800019 - Active between 2:30pm & 6pm for ASC. Any queries for day-to-day club changes with collection, or information that may be relevant with regards to children attending or not attending.

Email - info@premier-education.com for any queries around bookings, cancellations, changes to bookings.

Hi everyone

We are excited to be offering Easter Tennis Camps at Backwell Tennis Club. The camps will run on Tuesday 2nd Wednesday 3rd Thursday 4th and Friday 5th April 2024.

We have Mini Tennis Camps for children aged 4-9 9am-10.30am and All Ability Camps for children aged 9-15 10.30am - 12noon.

Our excellent accredited coaches Tommy Simpson and Tom Jackson will be delivering these sessions, with LTA assistant coaches if needed. All groups will be split into ages and levels if possible. Just use the links below to book on. Places are limited.

Mini Tennis Easter Camp Backwell Tennis Club:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=4f765163-e67b-4efd-9485-c5e1874749c7>

&

All Abilities Easter Camp Backwell Tennis Club:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=078f63b8-93b7-4a0b-9b97-b2f0ed532e99>

Best wishes Ben and the coaching team.
Ben Tilling LTA Level 4 Accredited Plus Coach
Tennis Manager for matchpointtennis
matchpointtennis@live.co.uk



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Dates: Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April

Times: 9-15:30 (15:30-17:00 session available)

Ages: 5 - 12 (school attending 4 year olds can go 9-1pm)

Additional info:

PLEASE BRING

- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the Easter holidays.

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Wednesday 3rd April 2024
10am-12pm or 12pm-2pm
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He has lost the secret password to the place he hides his Easter eggs. Hunt for giant eggs scattered around the garden, each containing a letter.

Unscramble them to reveal the password and claim your delicious chocolate treat!

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Children's tickets £8 (adults go free!)
pennybrohn.org.uk/event/easter-egg-hunt-2024
Booking is essential

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DATES:
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MONDAY 8TH - FRIDAY 12TH APRIL



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Wednesday 3rd April
10am - 2pm

Week 2
Monday 8th April
Wednesday 10th April
10am - 2pm

Any enquiries contact Head Coach Bex on 07967 402061

All prices are inclusive of VAT. VAT Registration No. 404812921

