

Backwell Federation Newsletter

Term 1 Federation Value - Aspiration

End of Term 1 - Note from Mr Webster

As we reach the end of an extremely busy yet rewarding term, I wanted to thank you for your continued support towards all aspects of school life. It has been wonderful to see the children settle into their new class and school environments with our youngest pupils in Reception making wonderful progress in their first full weeks at school.

The children have been busy with a number of enriching activities, from Egyptian wow days to visits to the Tithe barn, School Council and House Captain elections, Harvest services and football tournaments.

All of this is down to the hard work and commitment of our wonderful staff at each school who I'd like to publicly acknowledge for the effort and creativity that they put in whether that's in the school office, playground, lunch hall or classroom. We are very lucky to have them.

Wishing you all a lovely half term period and we look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on Tuesday 1st November, following our INSET training day on Monday 31st October.

Best wishes
Nick Webster



Newsletter Format

Further to our recent parent poll/questionnaire regarding sending information home, we have decided that, based on the results, we will go back to a 'Newsletter' format, rather than the online blog. We appreciate all of your ongoing feedback and hope to continue to develop this in to an easy to read and access newsletter, containing important information and celebrating the fantastic work the children have done and activities that have taken place.

If you would like to any further feedback, please contact Clair, Sam or Gemma in the Federation school offices, or email: bjuenquiries@backwellfederation.co.uk

Harvest THANK YOU!

We would like to pass on our huge thanks to everyone who donated to our recent harvest celebrations across the Federation. Clevedon District Foodbank was very grateful for the generosity shown. All donations will help out local families in need,

The picture shows just a fraction of what was donated. Thank you so much!



Important Dates - Term 2

Friday 21 October - End of Term 1

Monday 31 October - INSET Day 3

Tuesday 01 November - First day of Term 2

Thursday 03 November - Yr6 SATS and Morfa Bay camp information evening @ 6pm

Tuesday 08 November -

- EYFS & KS1 Parents Evening (In person)

Wednesday 09 November - Yr6 School trip to NT Tyntesfield

- EYFS (Badger only) (virtual)
- KS2 Parents' Evening (Virtual)

Thursday 10 November -

- EYFS (Squirrel only) & KS2 Parents' Evening (Virtual)
- KS2 Parents' Evening (In person)

Wednesday 16 November - School Nurses in across Federation to administer Flu Vaccines

Friday 18 November - Children in Need

Please note - Parents' evenings will be taking place during the second week of Term 2. All information will be sent to parents and carers at the beginning of T2, Week 1.

All peripatetic music lessons (BJS) & after school sports clubs will start back on the first day of



Polling Day at West Leigh

West Leigh Polling Day took place on Tuesday 4th October. It was as if they had been voting for years as they all knew exactly what to do! They took their polling papers from Miss Hiscocks, voted in the polling booths and posted their ballot papers in the ballot box. The whole polling day was completed within 50 minutes and Miss Hiscocks was very impressed with everyone! Congratulations to all of our School Councillor candidates. You were all fantastic but sadly, we could only have two councillors in each class. However, there is a hung parliament in Owl class as two of our candidates had exactly

the same number of votes. Our school councillors for this year are:

Badgers = Matty and Vrutti.

Squirrels = Reuben and Lila.

Rabbits = Cole and Elin.

Owls = Freddie, Violet and Tess.

Foxes = Barnaby and Ingrid.

Hedgehogs = Monty and Bella.

We will be hoping to have the first School Council meeting before the end of term to discuss our next steps as a School Council.



School and British Value Champions

Each term, we have a focus school value and a focus British Value to learn about. This term we have been learning about aspiration and democracy. Once we have learnt what these values mean, we try our best to demonstrate these values whenever we can in school. We have demonstrated aspiration by wanting to make our work better or by taking on an extra challenge, and we have demonstrated democracy by using class votes and by making sure we can be fair. At the end of the term, Miss Hiscocks asked our teachers who has been a champion in demonstrating these values and we were rewarded with a special certificate and our photo has been displayed on the School and British Value Champions board in school. Congratulations to our champions of this term:



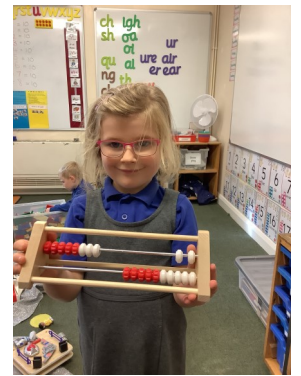
Aspiration = Maxi, Connie, George, Evan, Brascan and Brooke (Evan was absent for the photo).

Democracy = Pia, Aya, Gracie-Mae, Gruff, Ingrid and Cole (Cole was absent for the photo).



New Traverse Wall at West Leigh

This week the children have been able to use the new traverse wall in the Reception playground. They love challenging their friends to see who can make it to the end without falling off, and it has been lovely to see what resilient children we have, who persevere when faced with a challenge.



**Congratulations to our
West Leigh Superstars:**
Reception—Maxi
Year 1—Nina G, Lucille
Year 2—Monty, Rafferty



Owl Class News

Owl class have been very busy this week. We have been thinking about addition and subtraction in maths, using lots of resources to make our number bonds. We have also been getting used to using the rekenrek abacuses in our Mastering Number sessions (thanks to the PTA for purchasing these!).

In our Art lessons, we have been looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy. We enjoyed making spiral collages from natural materials and we loved experimenting with clay to make shapes inspired by his sculptures.

We've also been back to the Reception playground to have a try at using their new traverse climbing wall. It was trickier than we thought it would be but everyone tried their best to get across the wall!



West Leigh PTA News

Halloween Party thanks

A huge thank you for supporting our first in-school event of the year - the Hallowe'en Dis-cos. We hope your children enjoyed it - we loved seeing their amazing costumes and enthusiastic dance moves! A total of **£400** was raised which is a fantastic start to the PTA fund-raising year. Big thanks in particular to the West Leigh teachers, the After School Club team and to all the parents who helped out (especially the fantastic cake bakers!).

Save the Date - West Leigh Christmas Fair

Roll up, roll up...our Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 26 November 2022 at West Leigh Infants School (1pm to 4pm).

You can expect festive games, stalls and more for the kids, some mulled wine to keep the grown-ups feeling festive, plus a chance to meet Father Christmas!

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

A reminder to please return your Christmas Card artwork (with online payment confirmation) to your class teacher by **Wednesday 2nd November**.

Orders will be turned into Christmas Cards, ready to collect in the first week of December.



BJS - Barnacle Buoys visit Year 4

Barnacle Buoys is a **non-profit group of a cappella sea shanty singers based in North Somerset**.

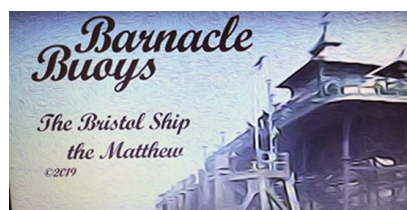
We exist to enjoy our craft, entertain our audiences and raise money for our chosen charities. Donations collected following the visit to BJS will be going straight to the RNLI.

The Barnacle Buoys were such fun! We signed up for a number of different jobs we could help them with, including, the coxswain, the cook, the surgeon and many more! The group entertained us by singing loads of Acapella Sea Shanties (The Bristol Ship, The Matthew, Drunken Sailor, Wellerman and more).

The Buoys told us all about how people had to climb up to the top mast and if they fell, they would die! We heard all about the punishments used in Tudor times. These were pretty gruesome.

It was a brilliant afternoon and we would like to say a massive thanks to the fabulous Barnacle Buoys. A great start to Year 4. We are absolutely loving our topic – 'In to the Unknown'.

We hope you enjoy the photos!
By Lauren 4JC



BJS—Celebration Award Winners

Friday 14 October

Year 3 - Alice Re & Joseph C
Year 4 - Ruby, Eve & Lucy
Year 5 - Logn & Grace K
Year 6 - Arthur G & April M

Friday 21 October

Year 3 - Oli & David
Year 4 - Seb H
Year 5 - Arthur & Sonny
Year 6 - Gregory & Skye

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Backwell B' awards include:

Be your Best, Be Kind and Be Responsible



"We certainly experienced all of the drama of the beautiful game this time around!" Tuesday 18 October.



Year 6 Boys Football Tournament

We certainly experienced all of the drama of the beautiful game this time around!

With some 0-0 games to start we knew that the level of talent at this qualifier was extraordinary!

Our boys in Navy came up against some very talented teams but managed to score some goals and make it very difficult for them.

Our second team in Blue and White redoubled their efforts and kept up the intensity winning or drawing every game. In the end, Backwell came out on top along with Portishead to qualify for the regional event.

This is our second year in a row qualifying and we clearly have a very tal-

ented and hardworking pool of budding athletes at BJS – Well done!

Ted C-S 6M

"I loved playing for my school this Tuesday! I enjoyed scoring lots of goals for the school and it was such a thrill to win in the semi finals, so send us through to the next round. I can't wait to play with the team again in November



BJS - Year 6 Visit to Tithe Barn, Nailsea

We hope you enjoy some of our photos from our recent school trip to Tithe Barn, Nailsea, as part of our topic -

"The Victorians"



Autumn Travelling Book Fair

The Autumn Book (which was advertised to run from Mon 7th to Friday 11th November) will now run from Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December. Further details to follow closer to the time.
Many thanks,
Mrs Barnard



BJS Class Cake Sales 2022-2023

Friday 18 November – 5Y
Friday 09 December – 3W
Friday 20 January – 5PB
Friday 24 February – 6M
Friday 10 March – 6B
Friday 31 March – 3AJ
Friday 28 April – 4JC
Friday 19 May – 4W

More details to follow at the beginning of Term 2



BJS - Road Safety when dropping off and leaving school



Please may we remind all parents and carers to be considerate in their parking when dropping off/collecting children from all schools and before/after school activities and events.

- *There should be absolutely no parking on the yellow zig zags outside of school at any time.*
- *Please be considerate of our neighbours and keep clear access for vehicles (including emergency vehicles) around the school location at all times.*

The road outside BJS in particular, is very narrow. We must continue to work together to ensure the safety of the children, parents, carers, staff and other pedestrian around our school.

We will continue to reinforce the safety message to children, when arriving and leaving school. Please may we ask you chat about this at home and ensure your child is aware of the sensible and safe way to cross the road. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

"Take part in our 'Happy Active Autumn' challenge!"

Children and families are being encouraged to keep active and creative during the holiday.

Children can earn their Autumn Gold certificate by ticking off 6 of the activities, with at least three encouraged to be active challenges.

They are deliberately simple challenges that can contribute to the recommended daily 60 active minutes."



HAPPY ACTIVE AUTUMN



FIND YOUR HALF TERM BEANS



NAME _____

HOW MANY LEAVES

DID YOU COLLECT?



MAKE SURE YOU ASK PERMISSION AND MAYBE ASK FOR SOME HELP FIRST FROM AN ADULT & STAY SAFE WHEN TRYING ANYTHING NEW. Activities can be completed in any order. Certificates are available from your school. Can you achieve Autumn GOLD by achieving at least 6 from the list? Try and include at least 3 active challenges.

We would love to see some of your attempts on Twitter using #HappyActiveAutumn and tagging: @AshtonSSP @CSETSports1 @NSSPEA1

Carve a Pumpkin and display it somewhere for all to see.



How many skips can you do in 60 seconds? Can you improve your personal best?



How many step-ups can you do in 60 seconds? Try to improve your personal best.



Get creative with Autumn finds and make some natural and wild art. Take a photo of your creations and show your teacher.



Make (and hopefully enjoy) a homemade soup (Pumpkin or Butternut Squash)?



Housework can be a really good workout! Do twenty minutes a day to keep active and help out at home!



Can you go for a walk, scooter or run every day in the holiday?



Go on a minibeast hunt in your garden, local park or woodland. www.nationaltrust.org.uk



Enjoy a family Autumn Walk; put on your wellies and wrap up warm to go for an Autumn walk. Come home to enjoy a warm drink.



How many Star Jumps can you do in 60 seconds? Try to improve your personal best.



Washing the car can be a really good workout too! Can you help clean the car?



Perform a random act of kindness for a friend or one of your family.



Can you help nature this Autumn by feeding the birds, encouraging hedgehogs, or creating a bug hotel?

www.nationaltrust.org.uk



How many catch and claps can you do in 60 seconds? Try to improve your personal best.



Every day try a 10-minute shake-up game

www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups



Enjoy a family reading or board game day (or both). Or can you write your own poem to share with family and friends?



HAPPY ACTIVE AUTUMN



GOLD

CERTIFICATE AWARDED TO



HAPPY BEANS