

Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 3 Federation Value - Respect

Important Dates - Term 3 / 4

- Friday 10 February - End of term for both schools
- Monday 20 February - Start of Term 4 for both schools
- Wednesday 1 March - World Book Day (dress up as your favourite book character)
- Thursday 2 March - potential strike action day
- Tuesday 14 March - WL Parents Evening 3.30pm—6.30pm
- Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 March - potential strike action day
- Thursday 16 March - WL Parents Evening 3.30pm—6.30pm (open to change if the strike goes ahead)

(Federation Value for Term 4 is Responsibility)

Fundraising for Turkey - Syria Earthquake Appeal

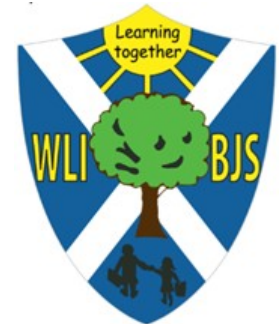
In response to the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria, we have decided that we would like to raise money to send to the Turkey & Syria Earthquake Appeal.

At BJS with the support of our fabulous PTA, we decided to donate the money raised from our 'Break the Rules' day to this appeal. The response has been overwhelming with in excess of £1700.00 raised so far! Thank you so much. The link to donate is still open, so please click below if you would like to support this worthwhile cause at this tragic time.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/backwell-federation-1675942479899>



LIGHTHOUSE
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We have signed up to a new online booking system for parents evening—more information to follow.

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Parents Evening

Wishing all our families a happy, healthy and enjoyable school holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 20th February.

Why not pop along to the cinema to see

Puss in Boots: The last Wish
(see later in the newsletter)



[On our website - Links](#)

[West Leigh - Letters to Parents](#)

[BJS - Letters to Parents](#)

WL Enrichment Morning

On Tuesday 24th January, we had our first Enrichment Morning of the year, in fact thanks to Covid-19, it was the first Enrichment Morning **ever** for all of the children at West Leigh!

Our theme this year is STEM and the teachers came up with four brilliant challenges for the children to get their science, technology, engineering and mathematical brains working. Oak House was given the challenge to use Lego WeDo; Beech House was given the challenge to design and make an egg holder to protect an egg when dropped at height; Sycamore House was given the challenge to create a bridge from newspaper; and Willow House was given the challenge to build a tower using spaghetti and marshmallows. The children worked incredibly well together and there was lots of fantastic collaboration. There are certainly some STEM stars of the future at West Leigh. Well done everyone! Thank you so much to the parents who were able to come in and help and also the teachers for organising such a great morning. Our next Enrichment Morning will be on Tuesday 14th March.





Book Fair at West Leigh



Thank you for all your support with the recent West Leigh Book Fair. You managed to raise a fantastic £672.07 in sales which will give the school £343.24 to spend on books for the library.



Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars:

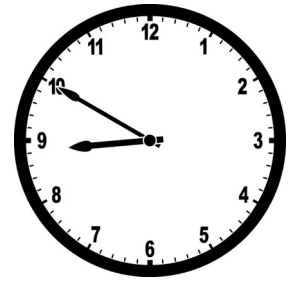
Thursday 20th January
Reception – Chiedza, Lila
Year 1 – Freddie, Raffie
Year 2 – Chester, Anais

Thursday 2nd February
Reception - Maxi, Louie
Year 1 - Rufus, Ivy-Belle
Year 2 - Reuben, Nevaeh

Thursday 9th February
Reception - Wilson, Harriet
Year 1 - Chloe, Freya
Year 2 - Joseph, Jessica



Please note the classroom doors open at 8.50am and school starts at 9am. We are shutting the gate by Meadowside promptly at 9am so any children arriving after this time will need to come in via the main office and will be marked as late in the register.



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 Respect and Individual Liberty.

Once we have learnt what these values mean, we try our best to demonstrate these values whenever we can in school. We have demonstrated respect by using manners, showing good listening and being kind to each other, and we have demonstrated Individual Liberty by confidently being ourselves whilst at the same time allowing others to be themselves too. 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:

Respect = Theo, Matty, Rosie, Dean, Reuben and Nell.

Individual Liberty = Amber, Louie, Allegra, Violet, Joseph and Mani.

Congratulations and well done everyone!



PTA - Save the Dates:

- Friday 10th March: West Leigh PTA Quiz evening - for Parents & Carers (tickets available soon)
- Thursday 23rd March: Easter Disco for kids (after school)
- Thursday 30th March: Cake & Uniform Sale (by Squirrel Class)



World Book Day - Wednesday 1st March

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Wednesday 1st March**. On this special day, your child can come to school dressed as a favourite character from any book.

West Leigh Arts Week

¡Bienvenido a america latino!

The last week of Term 3 was Arts Week for West Leigh Infant School and our inspiration was Latin America! On Monday, we had a samba drumming lesson from señorita Clough from the North Somerset Music Service. Although it was very loud, it was great to see the children trying something new. Señorita Clough was very impressed with everyone's rhythm and perseverance. On Wednesday we had señora Hardy teach us a Samba dance. Although some of the children were a little nervous to begin with, they all LOVED it in the end! In addition to music and dance, there were lots of fantastic pieces of art being created including Guatemalan Worry Dolls, Carnival masks, Maya Temples, Amazonian Animals, día de los muertos Sugar Skulls and even some weaving in Year 2! Thank you to all teachers for making Arts Week a fantastic fiesta! ¡Gracias a todos!





Boys County Football Finals - By Edward & Ted

We were lucky to be joint captains for this intense tournament. The team did very well through the group stages of the tournament, not losing a single match!

We played really well, with confidence and great skill, going in to the knock-out stage.

The team all played brilliantly during the semi-finals and kept the score at a very tense 0-0 until the end, when we had to face off in a penalty shoot-out! Sadly, we lost on penalties. All the team did amazingly well and were so proud to be representing BJS.

Thank you to Mr Webster for accompanying us and cheering us on. We all had a great day!



Year 4 Roman WOW Day - By Georgie 4W

As we marched in to the classroom, Mr Williams was laying out Roman themed word searches for us to complete.

After assembly, we went into 4JC to play a roman against Celts! I won one but lost the other. That was so much fun! Next we looked at artifacts. Did you know the romans used to scrape off the dirt using a tool called a 'Strigil'. Don't believe me? Look it up!

Then we took a fun quiz and used the ipads and books to help find the answer. Can you imagine a life without technology? I wouldn't have done well on the quiz without the help of the ipad.

Last, but not least, we learnt of different shield formations. First the 'Testudo'. The Testudo is a formation you would use if you need to cover the front, top and sides of an arm. Next we made the Orb. This formation is used if you are in danger. You'd circle around with your backs facing inwards and your shields facing out towards the enemy/threat. Next was the 'Wedge'. The 'Wedge' is quite straight forward. You have two triangles, one on the outside and one on the inside. Finally, the 'Repel Cavalry'. You can probably guess what this is! The formation is two lines. The front line crouches and puts their shields at an angle and the back line stands behind with their shields in front of them.

We all had an enjoyable day, full of fun and learning.

Many thanks to all of our teachers for organising such a fun day.

BJS—Celebration Award Winners

Friday 27 January 2023

Year 3 - Millie H & Zara W
Year 4 - Oaklie W & Chase T
Year 5 - Daisy M
Year 6 - Reece D & Elsie D

Friday 03 February

Year 3 - Gabe W & Harvey G
Year 4 - Eva C & Will T
Year 5 - Ivy T & Thomas C
Year 6 - Oliver Hu

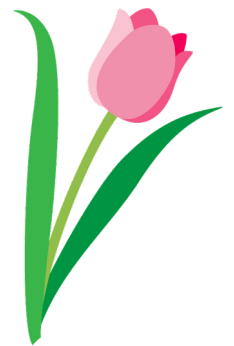
Friday 10 February

Year 3 - Jack B & Annabel B
Year 4 - Debbie B
Year 5 - Sam F & Louis A
Year 6 - Roxie W , Lenny F-Z & Elsa F

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Backwell B' awards include:

Be your Best, **Be Kind** and **Be Responsible**



Roman WOW Day Gallery -

We hope you enjoy some of our pictures



Toby on the big screen

Back in December, Year 5 completed a piece of learning log homework, that was entered in to a national competition to design a film classification board for the new film Puss in Boots: The Last Wish. Out of more than 7000 entries, our very own Toby was selected as the winner with his incredible winning design. The last couple of weeks have been a whirlwind of excitement for Toby and his family, including a trip to London to attend a very special private viewing of the film, including seeing his design on the big screen. Then followed several press and radio interviews, and even a report on News Round! This afternoon, the whole of Year 5 have been treated to a private cinema trip courtesy of the BBFC and Universal Pictures . We look forward to bringing you more news on this trip in our next newsletter. Toby, we congratulate you for this incredible design.

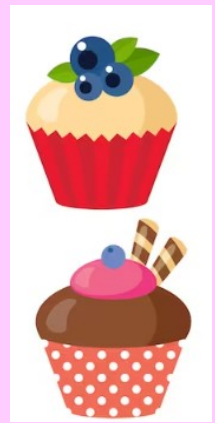


Feel Fab February - Half Term Activities

“Check out our Feel Fab Feb keep fit activities! If you need to keep the kids active throughout the holidays check out the information overleaf for challenges.”



Feel Fab Feb! Half Term Activities



FEEL FAB FEB HALF-TERM



FIND YOUR HAPPY BEANS!



NAME _____

HOW MANY 😊 ❤️

DID YOU COLLECT?



Can you 'Feel Fab' this February half-term and be an Active, Healthy and Happy Bean? Can you think about these things that could help your wider well-being? Tick off 3 to earn your gold certificate available from your teacher at school or can you even collect everything to spell February?! Make sure one of them is Fitness! Always get permission from your parents or a responsible adult before doing any of the activities and if you can get any of your family involved, even better!

We would love to see some of your attempts on Twitter using #FeelFabFeb and tagging:

@AshtonSSP @CSETSports1 @NSSPEA1

Fitness - do something every day to improve your fitness. Can you run, scoot, jog, skip or bike every day? 😊

Eat healthily - can you eat some more fruit and vegetables or reduce your sugary snacks? ❤️

Bake - baking is a great way to relax and put a smile on the face of friends and family. How about a heart-shaped cake? 😊

Rest and recuperation - find time to relax. Try yoga, listen to music etc. Quality sleep is really important to your wider well-being ❤️

Use your time to think about others. Perform an act of kindness every day. ❤️

Artistic - do something creative to increase your mindfulness. You could draw, paint, dance every day. 😊

Read - reading is a great way to relax and wind down. Reduce your screen time and get lost in a good story. ❤️

Yourself - think about YOU! Take part in one of your favourite activities every day – games, sport, family walk, etc. 😊



Parents and Carers, the British Heart Foundation has nominated February as Heart Month.

They are offering a free online 15-minute CPR course – are you up for the challenge?

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/learn-cpr-in-15-minutes>



Don't be shy!

Come and show us your certificates at the beginning of Term 4.
Mr Williams loves to see what sporty activities you have been up to
over the school holidays!

BJS World Book Day

01 March
2023

WORLD
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Save the Date!

World Book Day- Wednesday 1st March

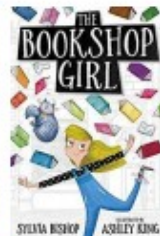
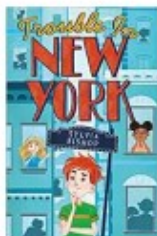
WORLD
BOOK
DAY

With just under a month to go, we wanted to remind you that World Book Day 2023 is now on the horizon! Please note that we will be celebrating World Book Day across the Federation this year on **Wednesday 1st March**.

The message behind World Book Day this year is '**You are a Reader!**', where we will be continuing to celebrate reading for pleasure within our school community.

Author visit- Sylvia Bishop

Sylvia Bishop, author of 'The Bookshop Girl' and 'Trouble in New York' will be visiting Backwell Juniors to talk to the children about her books and life as an author.



Sylvia is an internationally renowned author and we are incredibly lucky to have secured her visit to BJS through funding from the PTA. She will be talking to the children to provide inspiration for their own writing and enthusing them about the joy of reading.

There will be a chance to buy one of Sylvia's books on the day- watch this space for more information early next term!

Dressing up

To keep up with tradition, we would love the children to come in dressed as a character from one of their favourite books. Please don't feel like you need to purchase a costume for the day. There are so many ideas for homemade costumes on the internet- sometimes the simplest of ideas can be the most effective!

Blind Date with a Book!

We would like to invite every child in the school to each bring in a book from home (which has been read and ready for a new home). The book must be wrapped in brown paper and then just a few clues about what the book is about e.g. 'Do you like funny stories about cats?' and a suggested age range for the book are written on the front of the wrapped book.

The idea being that every child in the school will exchange a book and be able to take home a new one at the end of the day. See below for some inspiration!



World Book Day £1 tokens

We will also be handing out the World Book Day £1 tokens, which can either be spent in bookshops or swapped for one of this year's specially produced £1 books OR...! **they can also be saved for our BJS book fair which will be running from Friday 17th March!**



A reminder/ further information about the day will be sent out closer to the time but for now, add the date to your diary and we look forward to celebrating this special day with you soon!

Mrs Barnard and Mrs Jones

LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS...



Talking about your feelings and asking for help when you feel sad or worried is a really good idea...

...and there are lots of people you can talk to – **you are never alone with your worries.**

The Children's Commissioner listens to children and makes sure their voices are heard.

Recently we asked all the children in England how they were feeling, and we had over half a million replies!

Children told us the pandemic had an effect on them and it's sometimes difficult to know who to talk to about your feelings.

It is completely normal to have more difficult times, and to ask for some extra help.

LONELY?

SAD?

Worried?

**TALKING
REALLY
HELPS**

**Children's
COMMISSIONER**

Children told us:

"Lockdown really stops children because they can't do that much stuff we love."

- Girl, 9

"It was hard not seeing your friends all the time."

- Boy, 12

"Having someone to talk to helps a lot as young people are struggling more and having someone that will listen to you would definitely help."

- Girl, 14

"We need someone to listen to us - all I really want is someone to talk to."

- Girl, 11

Have you felt anything like this?

Here are some people you can talk to:

- An adult in your family: your parents, carers, or grandparents.
- A professional: a teacher, social worker, or doctor.
- Call Childline free on **0800 1111**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or visit their **website**, and they will talk about anything you want.
- Text **Shout** on **85258** if you need help quickly.



Children's
COMMISSIONER

Climate Café

Everyone welcome – including little ones

At: 65 High St Nailsea

On: First Monday of each month
10.30 - 11.30am

Come for a cuppa (please bring a beaker for your child)

Meet others concerned about the planet

Find out what's going on locally & nationally

Share ideas and thoughts

Tell us what you'd like to see and what you need



Climate Café Nailsea

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Prizes to win
throughout
both days!

PRIMARY
SPORTS & EDUCATION

Great way to
be active and
healthy!

Court De Wyck, February Half Term Holiday Camp!

Thursday the 16th and Friday the 17th of February

8:00am – 17:00pm - £23

9:00am – 15:30 - £18

Book now as spaces are limited!

All the brilliant usual activities such as football, dodgeball, netball, capture the flag, dance, gymnastics, Lego and crafts! Plus a great opportunity to have a go at glow in the dark dodgeball and nerf gun activities!

For more information and booking link scan the QR code or visit:

<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2023/02/16/court-de-wyck-february-half-term-holiday-camps>



Hide and Peek

Wild Place Project

SECRET DOOR TRAIL

11 – 26 FEB

Book in advance for 10% off!*

wildplace.org.uk

*Day before visit or earlier. Reg charity no. 1104986

FEB HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS

Monday 13 Feb - Friday 17 Feb
Nailsea School | Reception - Year 7

STRIKER DAY!
Friday

GIRLS GROUP
TUESDAY

9am-3:30pm (Early drop-offs available)
£20 per day | Multi Day Discounts

Book: www.priorityfootball.co.uk/holidaycamps
pete@priorityfootball.co.uk | 01275 261 004

"WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT CLIMATE"

You are warmly invited to join parents, young people and members of our local community for a lively, informative evening of talks and discussion.

OUR FUTURE NEEDS YOU!

Are you worried about the Climate Crisis?
Would you like to know what we can do about it?

Tuesday 21st March 2023
6.30 to 8.30 pm.

Doors open for refreshments @ 6.15pm

Venue kindly provided by:-

Nailsea School
Mizzymead Road
BS48 2HN



Event organiser: Nailsea Climate Emergency Group
www.facebook.com/NailseaClimateEmergencyGroup
(For more information call Kingsley on 07791 413454)

"This is a planetary emergency, We are on the edge of an abyss and moving in the wrong direction. Our world has never been more threatened, or more divided..."

Antonio Guterres - UN Secretary General

...YET EVERY CRISIS CONTAINS THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFORMATION

The event will include speakers and representatives from :-

- Parents For Future - parentsforfuture.org.uk
- Greenpeace - greenpeace.org.uk
- Bristol Youth Strike 4 Climate - bristolys4c.org
- Green Party - greenparty.org.uk
- Extinction Rebellion - extinctionrebellion.uk
- Christian Climate Action - christianclimateaction.org

Come and find out about the positive impact YOU can make as we work together towards a liveable planet for our children.

Everyone is invited to share ideas and issues of concern

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Please pass this leaflet on, post it in a window or recycle it - thank you.

HARCHESTER
Celebrating Life

EASTER & SPRING BUNTING COMPETITION

Celebrate Easter and Spring with Cadbury Hall Care Home hug the home in bunting competition!

We're looking for triangle shaped bunting with an Easter and / or Spring theme to decorate our residents' lounges and all around the home ready for Easter weekend.

It's time to get creative - you can be as imaginative as you like. Just have fun and see what you come up with!

Age Groups
Pre-School up to 4 years
Infants ages 4-7
Reception - Year 2
Juniors ages 7-11
Years 3-6

Easter chocolate prizes for each age category!

CLOSING DATE
31st March
2023

How to enter and Competition Rules

1. Bring all entries to The Activities Team, Cadbury Hall, High Street, Ashton, RS29 4JW to arrive by Friday 21st March 2023.
2. Please write the entrant's name, age, school / year and either the school e-mail address, parent's e-mail address or both on the back of the picture along with the pre-school, primary or school name.
3. The bunting triangle can be any size and entrants can be as creative as they wish using paints, pencils, markers, SPS a light bulb, etc. There are no rules for your bunting! We plan to search homes in the hope of the bunting and ribbon ribbon through in display around the home.
4. Residents will judge the bunting over the Easter weekend and the winning bunting in each age category will be posted on the Cadbury Hall Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/harchester/cadburyhall>
5. Entrant names will not be published online, only the pictures and school name. The winning entries will also be notified by email.
6. Prizes will be delivered by Cadbury Hall's Manager and winners items on a table to be arranged with the pre-school, primary or school during the first 2 weeks of the summer term.

Cadbury Hall Hug the Home with Bunting Competition
We have run this competition in other homes and it really has made a wonderful display. Residents have so enjoyed seeing all the bunting created by the children, here are some examples.





Playing Out

Do you want children to be able to play freely outside their own front door? Apply for a temporary road closure, bring the community together and have fun! Sessions are usually between 1-2 hours on a day that suits you.

Local Contact:

GetActive@n-somerset.gov.uk

01275 882 732

Playing Out sessions are temporary road closures to let children play safely and freely in their street. Through traffic is diverted and neighbours supervise resident car access at walking speed. Parents are fully responsible for their own children as normal.

To find out more visit www.playingout.net or call 0117 953 7167

North Somerset Family Wellbeing Parenting Team

Scan the QR code to view the
Advanced Parenting Groups and how to refer

