

Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 6 Federation Value - Celebration

Wishing all our families a
lovely half term break - we
look forward to seeing you all
back on Tuesday 5th June



Mrs Gardner

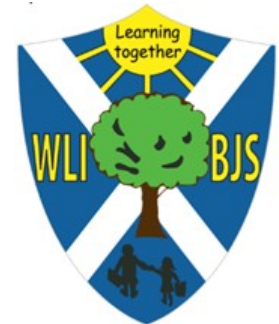
Thank you, Goodbye and
Good Luck in your new job
Mrs Gardner!

On Friday 9th June we will say
goodbye to Mrs Gardner who
has worked in the Junior
School Office for nearly 8
years.

She will be hugely missed but
we wish her all the best in her
new job at Backwell School.



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Important Dates - Term 6

- Monday 5 June: Inset Day 5 - both schools closed to pupils
- Tuesday 6 June: First day of Term 6
- Thursday 15 June: 3W Class Assembly @ 10.15am - parents/carers invited
- Thursday 15 June: BJS Summer Music Concert - 6.30pm
- Saturday 17 June: PTA Summer Fair
- Tuesday 20 June - Year 6 to Morfa Bay Camp
- Thursday 22 June: WL Sports Day @ 9.15am
- Monday 03 July - 6pm New Year 3 Parents Meeting @ BJS
- Tuesday 04 July - Year 6 Induction Day @ Backwell School
- Move up day - Both schools
- Wednesday 12 July - Year 6 production of Peter Pan to parents and carers @ 6.30pm
- Wednesday 19 July - End of year service at St Andrew's Church @ 2.30pm

Our Visit from a Paralympian

On Monday 22nd May in the afternoon, we were visited by Katrina Hart. Katrina is a Paralympic sprinter and has won Olympic, Commonwealth and World Championships medals. We each had a session on the field and were challenged to complete as many spotty dogs, star jumps, leg raises and push-ups as we could in one minute (one minute for each activity). We all worked really hard and Katrina was impressed with our athleticism. Once everyone had an opportunity to show-off their fitness skills on the field, we all met in the hall and Katrina told us more about how she got in to running and we were able to ask some questions. We even got to watch a couple of videos of Katrina racing. Thank you for coming to our school, Katrina!

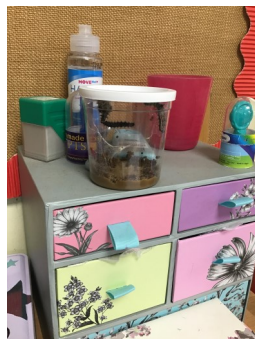


Badger Class News

What a fantastic term it has been for the Badgers. Our topic was called 'Ready, Steady, Grow' where we learnt about different habitats and the suitability of those habitats for various animals. We explored our local environment, hunting for minibeasts and looking at the habitats in our school grounds, including a trip to our school pond. Next term we look forward to our (2nd attempt) at our school trip to Lower Stock Farm.

We have also been exploring life cycles where we have looked after our class caterpillars and watched them get bigger and bigger and then turn into a chrysalis. We can't wait to watch them hatch out and become butterflies.

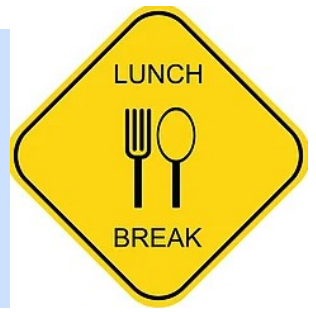
We then finished the term with a super exciting sports week. We enjoyed a variety of activities including: dance, lacrosse, smoothie making, kidz fit, speed stacking, trim trail and speed cricket field games. The children loved being active and trying out new sports.



Notices

Aspens Select

Please remember to book your lunches for next term so that the kitchen can plan ahead. Please note there is a special menu for 15th June so please check you have an order placed for that date. Many thanks.



Congratulations to our West Leigh Superstars

Thursday 18th May

Reception – Alastair, Eva

Year 1 – Malachi, Gus

Year 2 – Austin, Elizabeth M, Archie



School Value Champions

This term has been a little bit different. Due to the coronation of King Charles III, we only had our School Value focus of Confidence and Self-esteem.

After discussing what confidence and self-esteem means in our assemblies, we tried our best to demonstrate these values whenever we can in school. We have demonstrated confidence and self-esteem by tackling challenges positively and believing in ourselves. At the end of the term, Miss Hiscocks asked our teachers who has been a champion in demonstrating confidence and self-esteem 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:

Confidence and Self-Esteem = Seb, Reuben, Ezra, Jack, Max and Elizabeth
Congratulations and well done everyone!



Sports Week

To finish a fantastic term, from Wednesday to Friday of the last week of term was Sports Week. We took part in lots of different activities including cheerleading, cooking, Kidz Fit, tennis, lacrosse, Speed Stacking, field games and circuits. Everyone took part in the activities with confidence and many learnt new skills. All children showed great levels of fitness, enthusiasm and determination. Well done everyone!



Backwell Junior School

A few important reminders...



- ♦ The school gates are open every morning from 0830 and close again at 0900. Anyone that arrives after the gates are closed will be marked as 'U' which is a late mark and is registered as a half day unauthorised absence (unless previously authorised). Please do try to arrive to school on time, the attendance for your child can be dramatically affected.
- ♦ Please remember to book or cancel your child's school dinner via the Aspens SELECT app before 0830 every morning. We have a number of children who regularly have no lunch booked for them.
- ♦ With the weather (hopefully) warming up for summer, please remember to send your child in to school wearing sunscreen (if required) and with a clearly labelled sun hat. We hope to be able to spend lots of time outside over the rest of Term 5 & 6.
- ♦ There will be a change of menu to the advertised school dinner menu on Thurs 15 June. Please see the new menu attached. Sandwiches, Jacket potatoes and Hot tomato pasta, will still be available to order on this day.



BJS—Celebration Award Winners

Friday 19 May

Year 3 - Erin & Arlo

Year 4 - Vela, Abi and Martha

Year 5 - Samirah, Covey & Eliza

Year 6 - Tor, Zachary, Flynn & Isla



CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Backwell B' awards include:

Be your Best, Be Kind and Be Responsible



Our Unicorn - progress so far!



Our unicorn is coming along nicely!

Thank you to Toby and Lara's daddy and to Mrs Pearson for helping to draw the outlines of our winning designs on to our unicorn foal.

Our competition winners, along with our school councillors and house captains (and some friends), have been helping to paint. There is so much to do!

We do not want to spoil the big reveal, so will just leave you with this little picture for now.

Next job is to pick a name!



BJS—Health and Fitness Week 2023

We have spent an absolutely incredible last week of term 5, celebrating with our annual Health & Fitness week. Once again, Mr Williams has done an amazing job of organising a variety of fabulous sports and activities for us to all take part in. We have tried sports including:

Athletics and Circuits with Team GB, Brazilian Jujitsu, Boccia, Cricket, Skateboarding Tricks, Fencing, Archery, Gym Games, Tennis, Capoeira, Speed Stacking, Dance, Tri-Golf, Football Skills, Indoor Kurling and Swimming to name but a few!

We have been visited by Team GB Paralympian Katrina Hart, who was very inspirational to listen to and work with. We have been on Woodland adventures to Backwell hill, made healthy smoothies with the team from Aspens Catering, taken part in the Bleep Test and House football matches.

All in beautiful sunshine, which has lasted all week! We all feel incredibly lucky.

We would like to say a massive BJS THANK YOU to all our sports and activity providers that have helped us learn new skills this week, our amazing parents and grandparents that have accompanied us on walks (which could not happen without your support), and of course, all of our BJS teachers and staff for getting 'stuck in ' and making the week so enjoyable.

A special thank you to Mr Williams for organising such an enjoyable week and all the time, organising every element, to bring such a special time together for us all at school.

Well done to each and every pupil for giving everything a go and being very supportive towards all of your peers. We are so proud of you all!

We will update everyone on the amazing amount of Sponsorship money raised by Year 5 and 6 early in Term 6!

We hope you enjoy looking at just a few of the many photographs we have taken this week.



Health and Fitness Week Gallery



BJS Sports Day

Friday 26 May 2023



Another glorious morning today, to round off an incredible week!

Sports Day morning, was such a happy event with loads of parents and carers, PTA drinks and snacks, amazing participation from all of the children and happy faces from all the staff (even after being beaten by the parents in the over/under race again).

The competition was tight, but Beech house won overall and our Beech house captains Molly and Oliver lifted the trophy and did the victory lap of the field!

Thank you to everyone that came along and supported us. Thank you to all the staff, who help make everything happen and of course, to our wonderful pupils, who make it all worth it, whether it is rain or shine!

Congratulations also go to:

Beech house for the winners of Year 3/4 House Football

Willow house for the winners of Year 5/6 House Football

And to Sam R and May K, who are our Bleep Test winners for 2023!



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Nailsea School | Reception - Year 7

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FREE Netball Half Term Holiday Camps

Wednesday 31st May

For school years 3,4,5,6

A day of netball related games, practices, skills and fun for all abilities, from absolute beginners to netball enthusiasts

Weston @ Worle School 10am - 2.30pm
Contact: Michelle.hambley@yahoo.com

Clevedon @ Clevedon School 10am - 2.30pm
Contact: Lynnejg1664@gmail.com

Portishead @ Giordano School 10am - 2.30pm
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