

Backwell Federation Newsletter Term 6 Federation Value - Celebration



We have had such a fabulous start to Term 6.

This term's value is 'Celebration' and both schools are embracing every opportunity we have to celebrate the achievements of both pupils and staff.

We have celebrated some of our school musicians at BJS with our Summer Music Concert. Year 6 have enjoyed a fabulous week at Morfa Bay camp in Pembrokeshire. Both schools have held Sports Day mornings, with excellent work and participation from both children and parents!

We have also held an incredible Federation Summer Fair, organised by our wonderful PTA's!



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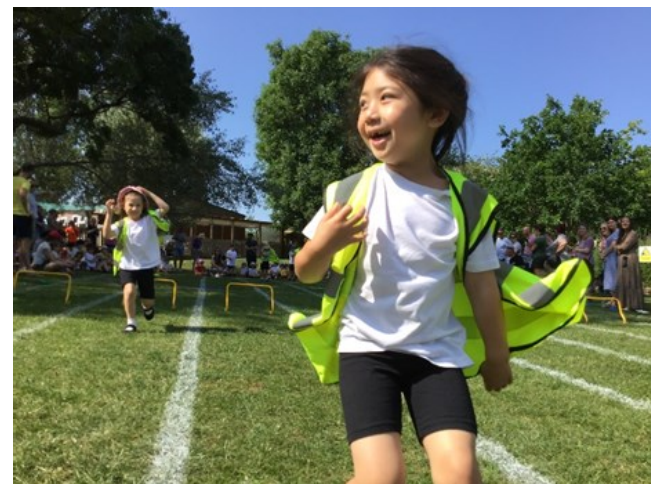
Important Dates - Term 6

- Monday 03 July - 6pm New Year 3 Parents Meeting @ BJS
- Tuesday 04 July - Year 6 Induction Day @ Backwell School
- Tuesday 04 July—Move up day - Both schools
- Wednesday 05 July—potential strike day—more information to follow
- Thursday 06 July—Year 1 trip to Clevedon Pier
- Friday 07 July—potential strike day—more information to follow
- Wednesday 12 July—Year 2 trip to Aerospace Museum
- Wednesday 12 July - Year 6 production of Peter Pan to parents and carers @ 6.30pm
- Thursday 13 July—Year 2 Leavers Disco
- Wednesday 19 July - End of year service at St Andrew's Church @ 2.30pm
- Friday 21 July—Last Day of term

West Leigh Sports Day 2023

What a fantastic Sports Day!

West Leigh had a wonderful morning on Thursday taking part in a range of track and field events. On the track we had a huge range of races including relays, hurdles, football dribble, bouncy hoppers and of course the traditional egg and spoon. On the field, we had a number of throwing and jumping events including javelin, standing and running long jump, and an accuracy throw. All the children were fantastic and took part with enthusiasm and showing great teammanship. A special mention goes to the fabulous parents who took part in the under-over race. Your enthusiasm (and competitiveness) was the perfect final event!

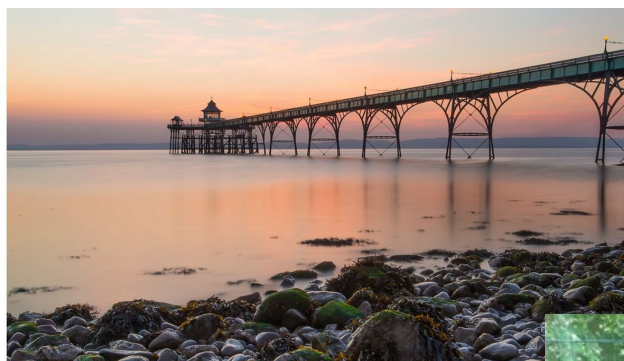


Rabbit Class News—The Victorian Seaside

This term we are learning about the Victorian seaside. To help us with our topic we borrowed a sea-side history box from Weston Museum. The children have really enjoyed dipping into the history box and pulling out unusual and interesting objects to look at. They discovered that Victorian children also liked to build sandcastles when they went to the beach. Their buckets were made of tin and the spades were made of wood. Plastic had not yet been invented.

The children enjoyed finding out that Punch and Judy shows date back as far as the Victorian era. Rabbit Class also looked at some old black and white photographs of the Victorian seaside. They were interested to see that Victorian swimming costumes were very different to the costumes that are worn today. Cold water swimming is nothing new, the Victorians also thought it brought health benefits.

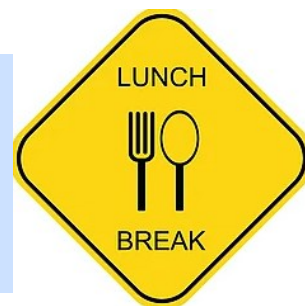
We are now really looking forward to our trip to Clevedon, with its Victorian Pier.



Notices

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Please remember to book your lunches for the rest of the term so that the kitchen can plan ahead. Many thanks.



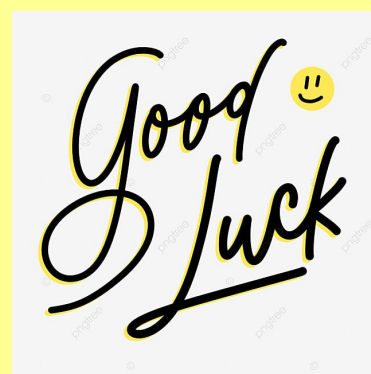
Sponsored Challenge

Starting on 23rd August, Charlie is taking part in an incredible sponsored challenge. As many of you know, Charlie is a huge football fan and an even bigger Southampton fan – he even plays for the Southampton Academy. For his sponsored challenge, Charlie will be cycling an impressive 85 miles all the way from Bristol to Southampton arriving on 26th August. He is raising money for The Saints Foundation which help people of all ages in Southampton lead healthier, happier lives, and supports them to make positive changes to their behaviour and value their physical and emotional wellbeing.

If you wish to sponsor Charlie in his incredible challenge, please donate on his Just Giving Page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/charlie-collis-1686129992075>

Good luck Charlie!



PTA Summer Fair



BISA and West Leigh PTA would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with and attended this year's joint Summer Fayre! We are delighted to share that we raised approximately £4400 on the day.

We hope you all had a fantastic time, it was wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves and making the most of "Soak the Teacher" as well as all the other fun games and activities available.

Here are some snapshots of the day!



Lost Property at Both Schools

As we are coming to the end of the school year, if your child is missing any items of clothing or accessories please check the lost property boxes before the end of term.

Please remember to name all items of clothing so that we can get them back to the right child if they are lost.



BJS—Celebration Award Winners

Friday 16 June

Year 3 - Rosie, Peter & Eliza-Mai

Year 4 - Harry D, Ella M, Lex & Ilya

Year 5 - Nicholas, Grace R & George

Year 6 - Regan D, Orla & Francesca

Friday 23 June

Year 3 - Hugo & Eloise

Year 4 - Molly, Chloe & Emily

Year 5 - Alyssa & Poppy

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our 'Backwell B' awards include:

Be your Best, Be Kind and Be Responsible



Our Unicorn

We are excited to report that our unicorn has left the building!!!! It will form part of the Unicorn Festival 2023 which will be on display around Bristol from 1st July. . For Further details of where to spot the unicorns : <https://theunicornfest.co.uk/> .

We are so proud of how she turned out with particular thanks to the Kenney family for helping with the finishing touches. And of course, to our design winners: Arthur, Arabella, George, Grace and Ivy along with our school council members who helped with the painting!

We look for to the unicorn returning to us in September and finding a permanent home in our secret garden!



Year 5/6 Author Visit

On Friday 9th June, Year 5 and 6 welcomed local author, Cathy Faulkner, who spoke to the children about her first published novel, 'Digging for Victory':

Set in Devon in 1941, Digging for Victory tells the story of twelve-year-old Bonnie Roberts who is desperate to play a valuable part in the war effort. For her, tending the family vegetable patch just doesn't cut it; she wants to be a hero like her RAF pilot brother, Ralph.

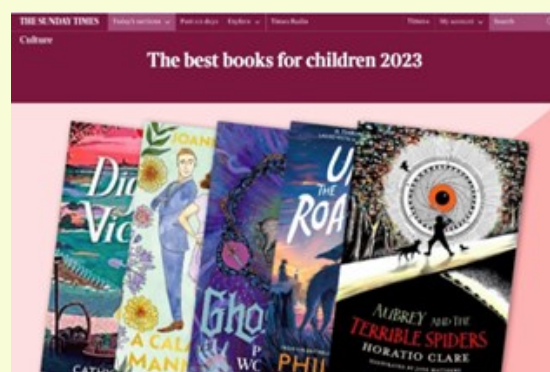


Cathy spoke to the children about her journey as an author from her view on writing whilst at school, through to her teaching as a Year 5/6 teacher herself to being an author now.

The children listened brilliantly to Cathy tell us about the writing process- drafting, editing and then finding a publisher.

Cathy was thrilled to tell us that the book has also just been included in the Sunday Times' Best Books of 2023 list:

Cathy went on to sign books for anyone who wanted to buy a copy and she kindly donated one to the school- something which will be passed around classes!



Further information about Cathy and the book can be found here:

<https://www.cathyfaulkner.co.uk/books>

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Ready, Set, Read!

It's completely FREE! Register at your library
 Read 6 books; collect a smelly sticker per book!
 Finish by the end of the holidays
 and get a medal and a certificate!









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Children in North Somerset are being invited to get ready, set, and read for this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

Looking for free, fun, summer holiday activities to keep children active and get them ready for a return to school? We're delighted to say that the annual Summer Reading Challenge is back in North Somerset Libraries!

This summer, children aged four to 11 can visit any North Somerset Library to get involved in a sport and play themed Summer Reading Challenge.

Last year:

- 84% of children said the Challenge made them feel happy
- 86% of adults agreed that the Challenge improved their child's reading skills
- 86% of adults agreed that it helped their child's self confidence
- and 77% of children said they learnt a new fact, or found a new favourite story or a new favourite author

It's totally free to take part! Families can sign up in North Somerset Libraries from Saturday 8 July. If they read any 6 books of their choice (of any type including audiobooks, comics, and eBooks), they will collect a special smelly sticker per book; if they complete the challenge by Saturday 9 September, they will receive a certificate, medal and free Rebel Girls book whilst stocks last.

Ready, Set, Read! will help to maintain children's academic achievements over the long holidays, encourage them to keep, and find their favourite sport; we're looking forward to hosting the Challenge in local libraries this summer.

Backwell Tennis Club Summer Holiday Camps Are Back ☐

We are delighted to be running three weeks of holiday camps at **Backwell Tennis Club** during the first three weeks of the school holidays.

Red and Orange Ball Camps aged 4-8 Run:
Monday - Friday 24th July - 11th August 9-10.30am

All Abilities Camps aged 8- 15 run:
Monday - Friday 24th July - 11th August 10.30-12noon

You can book in for a day, week, or all three weeks, places are limited so please book early. If you would like to discuss booking your child onto the Red / Orange ball and all abilities, please get in touch as depending on age mix this may be possible.

The Camps are always great fun and are led by Tommy Simpson, Tom Fowler, Tom Jackson and Andy Gray come and have fun and learn tennis with our excellent LTA qualified and accredited coaching team.

Tommy's Tennis and Tuck Shop will also be open throughout the three weeks!

Use the links below to book on.

Backwell Tennis Club Holiday Camps Aged 4-8 : <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=06d03d49-34e5-40b1-b20e-1ec5016173fa>

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Backwell Tennis Club Holiday Camps Aged 8-15 : <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BackwellTennisClub/Coaching/Camp?courseID=1eaa33e0-60e5-4f7e-b5d6-39a31ee8ebf5>





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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Hannah More Infants & Grove Juniors

Dates: 24th July - 25th August 2023

Times: 9-3:30pm (early drop (8:15-9) & late pick up available 3:30-5)

Price: £20

Ages: 5-11 years, (4 year olds can attend 9-1 sessions)

Additional info:

PLEASE BRING

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Mix it up this Summer with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities – from archery to fencing, dodgeball to cricket, plus much more!

Book now for a Summer full of fun!

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Brockway Road, Nailsea, North Somerset, BS48 1BZ



With a strong emphasis on gymnastic skill development and fun, this club is for boys and girls. All children get the opportunity and autonomy to work on gymnastics fundamentals including handstand shape and correction, cartwheels and round-offs or the more complex skills including somersaults and flics.

- Quality gymnastics coaching
- State of the art inflatable equipment
- Fantastic large leisure centre hall
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Thursday Session Details
7th Sept - 19th Oct
4pm - 4:45pm

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Any enquiries contact Head Coach Bex on 07967 402061
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BACKWELL ATHLETIC JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB NEEDS YOU!



Dear Mum's and Dad's

BAJFC are looking for a volunteer manager and coaches for U6 (including some U5) to run the team from September this year.

No previous football coaching experience is required and full training will be given as well as a coaching mentor.

UNDER 6 SQUAD WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

For this age group it is generally training only at Backwell playing fields Saturday 9am to 10 am and in the senior school sports hall during the winter.

If you are interested or want to discuss then please contact Chairman Andy on 07876 686 519 ASAP as we want to start the player registrations before the end of the school term

Please contact:
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chairman@backwellathleticjfc.org



THANK YOU!