

Newsletter ~ Term 3, Week 3



Congratulations to our year 4 'Dodecathlon' participants who not only performed amazing well at all the PE activities provided but who were without exception great team players and great representatives of our school in their behaviour and attitude during the sporting event.

The children are pictured here wearing the new school PE strip and looking very smart.

Merit Certificate Awards

From last week... Jack, Keira, Sloane, Uri, Valentina, Samson, Scott, Amy, Gabe and Izzy

And this week... Reuben, Scarlet, Keira, Mia, Elena, Daisy, Evangeline, Poppy, Zoe, Aoife, Nicola, Liam, Liam and the year 6 cake sellers

Well done to you all!

Australian Bush Fires

Congratulations to our year 6 pupils who have managed to raise a spectacular £392.88 for the Red Cross Bush Fire Appeal.



One of our parents with Australian relatives told her brother what our children had been doing. He had to evacuate his home, which was thankfully saved, but he knows of so many people who were not so lucky.

This is his comment:

Wow, that's really cool, it's weird to see that fundraising has reached that far and that our community will benefit from these sort of activities. We have heard horrendous stories over the last couple of weeks of how people have suffered and lost. Lifts the spirits to see that people are doing things all over the world.

Governors News...

from our Chair of Governors and the Bristol Street Pastors

The presents you donated at Christmas were very well received and some went to the shelters which were open over the Christmas period. Thank you to all who contributed.



Playtime Snacks

We have been reviewing our policy on playtime snacks. Children in Reception and years 1 and 2 are offered a free piece of fruit each day. We would encourage parents and carers of children in the juniors who wish to have a playtime snack to choose a healthy and environmentally responsible energy-boost, bearing in mind the importance of 'five a day' and balancing the intake of sugar and fats.

I came across two children in the playground yesterday – one had her cheese sticks in a reusable container and the other child was very proud of the fact that her cereal bar was in a compostable wrapper. Brownie points to them!

Congratulations

To Mrs Cataldo who is expecting her second child in June this year. She will be with the children until May half term so will see them safely through their SATS. We will be advertising to replace her and will let you know further news when we have it.



Coming Up...

Fri 31 Jan: Year 1 class assembly 10am and Year 3 Museum

Wed 5 Feb: Year 6 mass at Clifton Cathedral

Fri 7 Feb: Space Dome (year 5 and 6), netball competition (team of year 6), Reception Kite Display

The teachers were joined at their staff meeting last week by the prayer team, who had been reviewing how our classroom prayer tables are used. They are pictured here giving their feedback to the teachers. They were very positive about the prayer tables and how they are relevant and well-used, but also gave us some 'even better ifs' to work on.

We will do our best, prayer team!

And Finally...

We have been thinking in assembly about the Baptism of Jesus and the change it marked in His life. It was after His baptism that He began his ministry, collecting His disciples around Him and going out to the people, teaching and performing miracles.

We are not all called, perhaps, to make the huge changes Jesus made in His life, but we have been thinking about the little changes we can make in ourselves to help - in a very small way – make the world a better place.

These are some of the year 4 children's ideas:

Play with someone you don't normally play with – Marley

Do chores to help Mum and Dad – Alice

Recycle cardboard and paper – Alessio

Show respect to those around you – TJ

Put waste food in the compost – Amy

Don't carry on playing if someone falls over but stop and help – Zoe

Help someone with their work – Xanthe.



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Tornado in a bottle Challenge

This challenge can be completed independently, adult supported or as a whole family. We are then encouraging you send in photographs and comments via Class Dojo to your child's class teacher, who will then give time to discussing the challenge photographs and your children's discovery at the end of Term 3.

The brief

Create a water vortex in a bottle.

The method

1. Fill the plastic bottle with water until it reaches around three quarters full.
2. Add a few drops of washing up liquid.
3. Sprinkle in a few pinches of glitter (this will make your tornado easier to see).
4. Put the cap on tightly.
5. Turn the bottle upside down and hold it by the neck. Quickly spin the bottle in a circular motion for a few seconds. Stop and look inside to see if you can see a mini tornado forming in the water. You might need to try it a few times before you get it working properly.

Materials

- Water
- A clear plastic bottle
- Glitter
- Washing up liquid



How does it work?

The water is rapidly spinning around the centre of the vortex due to centripetal force. This is an inward force directing an object or fluid such as water towards the centre of its circular path.

Did you know?

Vortices found in nature include tornadoes, hurricanes and waterspouts.





ST. FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Priority Sports are excited to deliver it's first ever after school Striker Academy to St. Francis Primary School throughout Terms 3 & 4!

STRIKER ACADEMY TUESDAY

KEY STAGE 2 (YEAR 3 - YEAR 6)

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Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

Monday - Nerf Day
 Tuesday - Tournament Day
 Wednesday - Multi Sports
 Thursday - Football or Multisports
 Friday - Gymnastics

Standard Days: 9.30am - 3.30pm
 Early drop off and late pick up available:
 8:45-9:30am & 3:30-5:00pm (£5 per session)

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You will need...

- ▶ A packed lunch
- ▶ Plenty of water or fruit juice
- ▶ Weather-appropriate clothing
- ▶ A change of footwear
- ▶ Shin pads (for contact sports)
- ▶ ...and loads of energy!

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