

NEWSLETTER

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Terrific Transition

On Wednesday we had our 'moving up' morning where all children went and spent time with their new teacher. There was a real buzz around the academy as pupils and staff were all excited to get a glimpse of life in their next year group. The staff do not underestimate how daunting this can be for some children and plan a range of simple 'getting to know you' activities. All the children were settled and very excited for their new adventure in September. The children will be talking about transition with their current class teacher to ensure they are prepared and ready before heading off for the summer holidays.

Mrs Cottrell

We'll meet again!

Upper Key Stage Two celebrated the end of their topic this week with some wonderful performances through songs, readings and drama. A special mention goes to Katie and Rosie as they were very brave and sung a spectacular solo each. Well done Upper Key Stage Two!

Super Stars Collaborate

The children in SSC1 and SSC2 worked together this week on a range of activities linked to the Indian Ocean. They have made pictures of sea turtles, jelly fish craft and designed posters to 'Save our oceans'. They have also worked together in pairs across the classes to conduct research using ipads and laptops to create a fact file about sea creatures from the Indian Ocean. They also designed and made container ships, which they tested to see which one carried the most cargo. What a busy week!

The SSC Team

Bikeability

Year 6 completed their Bikeability training this week. They learned how to be safe when cycling on roads. Well done Year 6!

Year 4 Camp

Year 4 had a fabulous time at overnight camp on Friday evening! The children were very well behaved and showed off lots of our Root Values, particularly resilience, independence and working together. We enjoyed setting up our tents, playing with our friends and singing around the campfire and were very lucky to have such wonderful weather! We hope that the children managed to catch up on sleep over the weekend as the children were all awake at 4am asking for their breakfast!

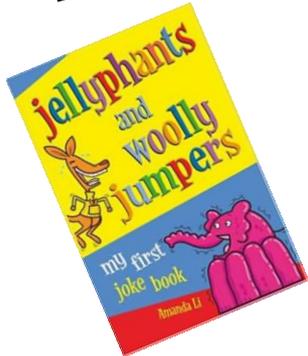
We'd like to say a big thank you to all the lovely staff who came along to help out and also to the lovely parents and staff who lent us their tents.

Miss Lamm and Miss Thomas



Mr Stepney's Book Corner

Issue 4



The other day, I had a spare five minutes with my Year 5 pupils. So I picked up a book of jokes. I was subsequently informed that the jokes I was reading were, "real dad jokes."

I love telling 'dad jokes'. I love reading them too. Whenever I find a really cringe-worthy joke, I make a mental note of it and ensure I share it with my class.

Reading jokes, reading magazines, reading the backs of cereal packets (I think this was a Book Bingo task!) are all forms of reading and should be celebrated.

Why not pick up a joke book and share some silly jokes with your children! You can be sharing the joy of reading whilst having a good laugh at the same time.

What is your favourite 'dad joke'? Let me know on Twitter - @Mr_Stepney #proudtobeDAPA

Book of the week



Recommended age: (Upper) KS2

Tin by Padraig Kenny

I would describe this book as Toy Story meets The Wizard of Oz! I devoured this book as became increasingly attached to the characters. The robots (mechanicals) are so well written that I could help but become attached to each one of them and their differing personalities.

This book contains moments of light and darkness as the mystery behind Christopher's past begins to unravel.

Mr Stepney's Joke Corner

- Six words and a full stop appeared in court this morning - They are due to be sentenced later this week.



- What colour is a burp? – Burple!



Our Superstars of this week are...

EYFS and KS1		KS2	
Klimt	Preston/Chloe/Tyler	Turner	Peyton
Kandinsky	Eva/Lucy	O'Keeffe	Dua
Van Gogh	Zain/Sherlock	Monet	Ashton
Cezanne	Ellie-Rose	Miro	All of Miro
Matisse	Harrison/Riley	Dali	
Mackintosh	Harvey/Riya/Arnav	Hockney	Junior
SSC1		Escher	Katie/Rosie
		SSC2	Luis

Hot weather reminder

Please make sure your child comes to school with:

- A named water bottle
- A named sun hat
- A lightweight raincoat if it is forecast to rain
- Sun cream applied in the morning. Children can bring sun cream in and re-apply themselves if in a named bottle. Please be aware staff are not permitted to help children with the application of sun cream. This is standard procedure in most schools.

Dates for your Diary

July

Week beginning 1st	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 3rd	Transition Day/Moving Up Day
Monday 8th	Sports Day
Monday 8th	Scholastic Book Fair all week
Tuesday 9th	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 10th	Parents Evening
Thursday 11th	Parents Evening
Friday 12th	School Discos and Year 6 Barbeque
Tuesday 16	Year 1 Trip to Wilderness Wood
Friday 19th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly AM
Friday 19th	Bartram's Picnic 12.15 – School closes at 1.30 pm for the summer holidays
Monday 22nd July 2019	Inset Day
Tuesday 23rd July 2019	Inset Day

The Bartram Picnic Friday 19th July 12:15 – 1:30

You are invited to our annual summer celebration where we gather on the field for our whole school picnic. We welcome all members of your family to come and help us celebrate the end of the year together. Children whose parents are unable to attend will sit in a group with their class teacher. Please note that school officially finishes at 1:30 on this day.

Further details to be sent out on Monday via Parentmail.

Parent Evenings

Booking is open for Parents Evening on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July. We would love to see you there.

Please make sure you attend. If you are unable to attend please contact the academy office to arrange a different time to meet your child's class teacher.