

NEWSLETTER

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INSET Days 2020/2021

- Wednesday 21st July 2021

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- Thursday 2nd September 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Monday 28th February 2022
- Friday 24th June 2022
- Friday 22nd July 2022

Friday 9th July, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your cooperation this week with the issues we have encountered. Sadly, I guess, bubble closures were inevitable, but it is not easy for anyone when they happen – especially the children. We are continuing as best we can with quite a number of staff isolating and hope that next week will run as smoothly as possible for everyone, staff included.

We are hopeful that in September school life will be as normal as possible. We are awaiting information as to when bubbles will cease and will likely be notified of this at the same time you will.

I remain determined to reach the end of this term and the end of the school year, for everyone, and again ask for all of your support in following all of the safety advice.

Close contacts of a positive case of Covid-19

Please can I ask that all identified close contacts of a positive case of Covid-19 follow Public Health advice and isolate for the required period. Please also refer to this guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infectionout>

Breakfast Club and After School Club - cancelled

Due to continued staff shortages, we are not able to operate Breakfast Club or After School Club for next week. Again, I am very sorry for the inconvenience this will cause.

Activities to the end of term

As I mentioned earlier in the week, we are aiming to run the remaining year group sports events, when we can. The Meet Your Teacher session has been moved to Friday 16th July and we are looking at how we can offer this to any isolating year groups. However, just in case the meetings cannot happen, we have today uploaded a short video to your child's current Google Classroom Stream, from their new teacher(s). The Year 6 activities, such as recording the Production and the Leavers' Assembly, remain in place, and the children are doing brilliantly with all of the rehearsals. I recognise this is a time of great uncertainty, but we are committed to completing events when possible.

Extra-Curricular Activities in Term 5 and 6

Well done to all of the children who attended extra-curricular activities in Term 5 and 6. It was so positive that we could get these up and running again. We absolutely hope this will again be the case in September, along with starting peripatetic music lessons again.

Thank you to very willing parents

Thank you very much indeed to parents who helped the school on Sunday afternoon. Sadly, our playground equipment in many places is rotten, and along with safety matting, needs to be removed. Mark Brownlee, Mim and Nick Wharf, Matt Brooks, Helen Slade, Jesper Knapton, Dave Hirst and Neil Clews with Barney, Max and Seb were a fantastic help in completing a great deal of this work. The workforce was very kindly organised by Mark Brownlee who is one of our parent governors on the Premises Committee.

Thank you also to Amy and Glynn Williams who had organised the Fun Run for last Sunday, only to find the wet weather had to put a stop to it. I really appreciate their planning and efforts.

School Houses

You may have heard recent discussion around the city about of some schools' house names being associated with the slave trade. With this, we will be coming away from the use of the names of our current houses, and PE T-shirts going forward will only display the school logo. We certainly do not expect all T-Shirts to be replaced and please know it is parental choice as to whether you wish to do this.

Year 6 complete their Couch to 5K

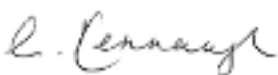
Our Year 6 pupils have been building up their stamina and fitness over recent months by training for the Couch to 5K and yesterday, they completed it with a 5K run around the site. Usually, this event would take place on the cycle path but this year it was more difficult, as the run involved laps around the site, including the uphill climb of the field. Well done to every single pupil and the staff who took part – they were all deservedly awarded a medal.

NPSA AGM

Please find time to join the NPSA AGM on Thursday 15th July at 8pm. To be involved with the NPSA is a great way to meet more of the school community and to be able to give back to the children and our school. We are really hopeful that live events will take place next year, bringing our community back together along with raising much needed funds to support identified projects. Everyone is very welcome to join the Zoom meeting, we would love to see you.

I hope you can have a good weekend and a brilliant Sunday evening...!

Yours sincerely



Gill Kennaugh



Bee Whole Class

1K Leona K & Charlie R

2T Whole Class

30G Sophie E & Ruben T

4C Ryan S & Mina M

5B Ellie M & Otis G

6B Kenzie H & Ruben H

Ladybird Whole Class

1R Hayley M & Billy F

2G Whole Class

3KR Chloe W & Matija P

4H Astrid G & Thomas P

5H Ethan P & Sydney W-H

6A Albie F & Elodie B



SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK

RECEPTION CLASSES enjoying Sports Morning.



YEAR 2 have been writing letters about themselves for their teacher next year.



30G have been learning all about measure in Maths. They took their measuring skills outside and estimated, then measured the capacity of a variety of household items.



3KR have been investigating forces in their Science lessons. They have been using force meters to test friction and investigate magnetism.



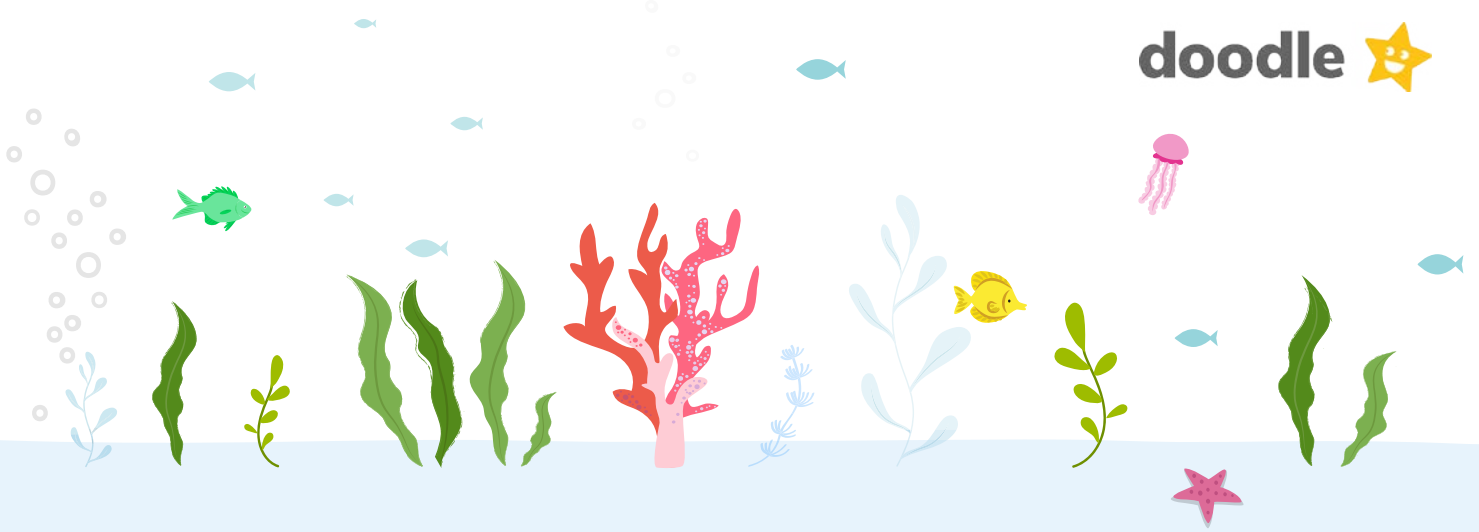
YEAR 5 have been learning about co ordinates in maths.



After weeks of training, **YEAR 6** ran 5K on Thursday morning! What a huge achievement - they have been totally incredible!







The Doodle Summer Challenge

Between the **1st of July and the 31st of August**, Doodle are running two exciting Summer Challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and the DoodleEnglish Challenge!

Both Challenges encourage children to use Doodle for a few minutes a day, helping to **rebuild their confidence** and **maintain their learning** without hours of indoor studying.

Most excitingly, those who complete the Challenge can earn an exclusive **pin badge and certificate!**

How to take part

- 1 Create a parent account or link your parent account to your child's school account. To find out how, please scan the QR code below.



Or visit help.doodlelearning.com and search 'how to link account'

- 2 From the 1st of July, visit parents.doodlelearning.com and press **Register for the Challenge** next to your child's name. Press on the blue plus icon to register for the DoodleMaths Challenge, or the purple speech icon to register for the DoodleEnglish Challenge.
- 3 Then, encourage your child to **earn 750 stars** (or **600 stars** if they were born on or after 01/09/13) and achieve a **14-day streak** in DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish* **before the 31st of August**
- 4 Once they've reached their target, you can claim their reward by visiting parents.doodlelearning.com and pressing **Claim reward** next to their name before **midnight on the 31st of August**.



#DoodleMathsChallenge



#DoodleEnglishChallenge



For more information, please visit doodlelearning.com/summer-challenge

Any questions? visit help.doodlehq.com and click on the green icon to chat to our team.

Good luck, and happy Doodling!

SUMMER BREAKOUT

Monday 26th July – Thursday 19th August

Bath Area Play Project have partnered with Bath Rugby Foundation, Youth Connect South West, FareShare South West and B&NES Council to deliver summer activities to local children and families **who are entitled to receive free school meals across B&NES.**

WHAT IS BREAKOUT?

Working across B&NES at multiple hubs, Bath Area Play Project, Bath Rugby Foundation, Youth Connect South West and partners will deliver a fun and powerful package of summer activities including sports, exercise and creative play, as well as nutritious food, for all attendees to enjoy.

WHO IS BREAKOUT FOR?

BreakOut is specifically designed for children, teens and families and places prioritised for young people who receive free school meals with hub sessions split out into the following groups:

Junior BreakOut is open to children aged 5-12 years of age with hubs available in; *Keynsham, Twerton, Midsomer Norton, Radstock, Peasedown St John, Snowhill, Paulton and Odd Down*. Parents can book to drop their children to one of our morning hubs where the kids will be able to enjoy 4-hours of fun 9 - 1pm, supervised activities followed by a delicious and nutritious lunch

Family BreakOut sessions are available 2-4pm daily in local parks; Twerton, Whiteway, Keynsham, Southdown, Weston, Odd Down, Foxhill, Southdown, Weston, Midsomer Norton, Peasedown St John, Radstock, High Littleton and Combe Down. Family BreakOut is open to all families entitled to receive free school meals, with children aged 5-16 years of age and BAPP Playworkers will offer fun outdoor sessions including play and food, enabling families to enjoy fun and valuable time together.

For more details and to book... go to <http://www.bapp.org.uk/our-play-services/haf2021-family-breakout/>

Youth Connect South West are also running Teen BreakOut: open to young adults aged 12-16, with hubs available in; *Keynsham, Twerton, Paulton, Midsomer Norton, Radstock, Timsbury, Foxhill and Weston*. Teens can book to enjoy social time, music, art and sports activities, as well as health and wellbeing workshops that have been designed specifically for their age group.

Outdoor Adventures for Teenagers If you're a teen after a little adventure, our fully-funded day trips to explore the best of the South West are perfect for you! Sign up to enjoy kayaking, golf, theme park visits and much more.

