

Head Teacher News

Appreciate art. It's all around you. From Only One You by Linda Kranz Most of us think of art as a masterpiece on the wall in a gallery and whilst this is to be admired I am also a big believer that genuinely it is everywhere.



From the painting your child has presented you at the end of a busy day to the sky on such a beautiful morning as today. Appreciating anything takes just a small amount of reflection time and it is amazing once you start how much you notice and the difference it makes to your own wellbeing - give it a go!

To get you started here are a couple of examples- teddy bears coloured in for me by a wide age range of children ready for a wall about feelings, our very own "gallery" of staff portraits and a photo of Calton in the snow a few weeks ago (yes we really did have a day of snow, hard to believe today!).

Sarah Bunce



Class Attendance Figures

Mrs Short is our School Attendance Officer. Each week, in whole school assembly, the class/es with the highest attendance percentage and the most improved attendance are praised and presented with an award to keep in their classroom for that week. Mrs Short would like to say keep up the great attendance and a big **WELL DONE** to each of the following classes:

Week 11.02.19 - 14.02.19

Sapphire Class, Year 3 for achieving best attendance with **100%**

Blue Class, Reception for most improved attendance, achieving 99%

Week 25.02.19 - 01.03.19

Indigo Class, Year 2 for achieving best attendance with 99%

Red Class, Reception for most improved attendance, achieving 97%



Momo - as you will be no doubt aware there have been national concerns raised this week about "Momo". As a school, based on guidance from reputable agencies we sent information via text message and teachers have tackled any issues which have arisen through our school social media policies.

It has become more evident today through the news that Momo actually became bigger due to a sense of panic which was generated through the widespread reporting of it. However whatever the reason we remain vigilant in school to anything which causes children reason to be concerned and would recommend that by using guidance from the NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk> and the National Online Safety agency <https://nationalonlinesafety.com> we can all be confident that we are helping our children to be resilient to online issues and know how to protect everyone.

Dates for your diaries



2019

15th March

Indigo Class assembly, 9.10am

15th March

R/KS1 Disco

18th March

Y4 Residential Meeting for Parents, 6pm, Garnet Hall

22nd March

Magenta Class assembly, 9.10am

22nd March

KS2 Disco

25th March - 5th April

Big Pedal

29th March

Turquoise Class assembly, 9.10am

3rd April

Class Group Photographs

5th April

End of Term 4

23rd April

Start of Term 5

25th April

Coffee Morning, 9-10am

29th April - 1st May

Y4 Residential to Croft Farm

3rd May

Purple Class assembly, 9.10am

10th May

Green Class assembly, 9.10am

24th May

End of Term 5

4th June

Start of Term 6

6th June

Coffee Morning, 9-10am

14th June

Orange Class assembly, 9.10am

21st June

Red Class assembly, 9.10am

24th June

Wellbeing Week

27th June

R/KS1 Sports Day

28th June

KS2 Sports Day

5th July

Blue Class assembly, 9.10am

5th July

R/KS1 Disco - wear bright colours

11th July

Coffee Morning, 9-10am

12th July

Yellow Class assembly, 9.10am

12th July

KS2 Disco - wear bright colours

16th July

Y2 Production (times to be confirmed)

19th July

School reports

22nd July

Y6 Production (times to be confirmed)

23rd July

End of Term 6

2019 / 2020

13th November

Individual Pupil Photographs

Whilst we welcome siblings into school to watch assemblies and other performances we will also provide a crèche facility and would like to encourage parents and carers to use this. Younger children are very welcome to attend performances and assemblies however we appreciate that sometimes it is difficult to occupy them whilst watching the children. If you choose not to use the crèche facility and your younger child/ren are causing a disruption you will be kindly asked to leave the performance. Thank you.



No Smoking!

Polite reminder that no smoking/vaping is allowed on school grounds.
Thank you

Calton Coffee Mornings , 9-10am

Parents are warmly invited to come along to any or all of the following coffee mornings in the Onyx building:

Thursday 25th April

Thursday 6th June

Thursday 11th July

Just turn up on the day.
We look forward to seeing you.



Zig zags. Thanks to everyone who comes in a car ensuring they do not park on the zig zags for the protection of all Calton Community members. However, if you are still ignoring the expectation please be aware that we will be taking car registration numbers in future which will be alerted to the police. It is a violation of traffic laws and should NOT happen.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2019

To celebrate World Book Day this year we would like the children to have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character to come to school. This is an ideal opportunity to discuss characters from books and develop your child's love of reading further. This event will take place on Thursday 7th March. Be creative- you don't need to buy a costume! Children can wear non uniform and be a child from a story i.e. Jack from Jack and the beanstalk. They can come dressed in normal school uniform or own clothes with a book of their choice.



School Disco dates in March

March 15th Reception, Y1, Y2 3.30 - 5pm

March 22nd Y3, Y4 3.30 - 5pm and Y5, Y6
5.15 - 6.45pm

£2.50 per child

CFA will be in the main reception to take in slips and £2.50 payment as follows:

Thurs 7th March 2.45-3.45pm

Fri 8th March 8.30-9.30am

Mon 11th March 2.45 - 3.45pm

Tues 12th March 8.30 - 9.30 am (LAST DAY)

The tombola and lucky number at parents evening raised £205 which will go towards the OPAL project at school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Funding Letters

Thank you to everyone who signed a letter at parents evening which we will forward to Richard Graham - our local MP. We have over 400 hundred to send in which we stress the importance of education and the need to protect education funding.

Let's see what happens next.

Stranger Danger

We recently received Information from Shire Hall about a possible incident in Gloucestershire. Stay safe when out & about. Remind children not to talk to strangers.

Allocation Day for September 2019 intake

is 16th April 2019.

This is when you find out which school GCC can offer your child. If you have any queries, please contact:

Co-ordinated admissions, Shire Hall

Westgate Street

Glos GL1 2TP

school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Baby News - It's a boy!

We are delighted to let you know that Miss Samantha Letts, Red Class teacher, has had her baby.

Baby arrived safe and sound on

Tuesday 12th February.

Congratulations to Sam and her family.



Governor Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

Letters have been sent to all parents/carers along with a Parent Governor nomination form. Please complete and return the form to the school office by noon on Friday 8th March.

We also have one vacancy for a Co-opted Governor.

Governors generally serve a term of 1 - 4 years and play a full and active part in the Governing Board.

Information for prospective governors can be found at
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/governors

Maths Inter Rail

Thank you for all of your support with our new Inter Rail targets. The children have been working so hard and have been making excellent progress!

As a school we recognise that problem solving and reasoning are as fundamental as the rapid recall of facts to the development of mathematical ability. Therefore, from next term we will be integrating the two.

R – Y3 children will continue working on the Inter Rail targets up to Copenhagen (end of Y4 target). Therefore, the changes will mainly affect Y4, 5 and 6 as once the children have completed the Inter Rail targets linked to their year group they will spend Inter Rail lesson time solving a range of problems (linked to their Year Group objectives) using Doodle Maths, N-Rich problems and SATS paper type questions.

However, when all the children join the next Year group in September the train will return to the station and they start the next journey on the Inter Rail targets for that year group (even if they have previously covered these objectives), this is because the need for constant revision is evident through the Curriculum; once they have succeeded with the year group targets (Y4, 5 and 6) they will move back on to the problem solving content whilst R, Y1, 2 and 3 will continue up to Copenhagen before working on problem solving activities.

Once the children have exceeded their Year group targets we would like them to either complete Doodle Maths for their set homework task or improve their times table speed using the BBC multiplication grid (which can be found online) or use a timer to time and improve their calculations. These activities can be logged in the WOW book in order to continue to earn Calton Credits.

Thank you for your continued hard work. I am sure that you will have as much fun working through the targets and problem solving activities as we will!

Kirstie Norris – Assistant Head

Messy Easter Friday 19th April 10.00am –12.00pm St Barnabas Hall, Stroud Road, Tuffley

Primary school aged children are invited to come with parents or grandparents, and enter into a morning of messy activities as we create our Easter story, and share "Easter Pizzas" at the end. Plenty of coffee for the grown ups.

No charge, though contributions welcome to cover costs.



King's Gloucester

The Headmaster, Mr Davis Morton, warmly invites you to the next

Whole school Open Morning
Saturday 9th March 9.30am- 12.30pm

01452 337337
registrar@thekingsschool.co.uk

Pates Grammar School Open Mornings 2019

Tuesday 26th March

Monday 1st July

9.30 - 10.30am or 9.30 - 11.00am

Telephone 01242 523169 / www.patesgs.org
Princess Elizabeth Way, Chelt GL51 0HG

Denmark Road High School

Denmark Road, Gloucester GL1 3JN Telephone: 01452 543335 www.denmarkroad.org

Open Morning

For parents/carers and current Year 5 students

Tuesday 23 April 2019 - 8.50-10.45 am

8.50 am and 9.50 am Welcome by Miss Giblin

8.50-10.45 am

Tours of the school site with current students
Refreshments and the opportunity to speak with Miss Giblin, senior staff, sixth formers and governors.



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