



Wellow Weekly
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Dear Parents,

I hope you were able to make the most of the extra long weekend...not the best weather on Monday however! I know some of you were setting off for camping weekends by the sea!



We have been through our own assessment this week....it goes on children beyond SATS and GCSEs!! We were assessed this week for ICT Mark.



Thank you to Mrs Sheppard for leading on this award.

There are not many schools in B&NES who can add this logo to their newsletters. It is a real achievement and the staff and children should be very proud of themselves for ensuring we received it. Thank you too to the children who talked to Mrs Wood and showed her around our school.

In her feedback, Wendy Wood, our assessor, highlighted some strengths:

- Good quality resources which are well timetabled and the children have regular and sustained access
- Independence of the children
- Respect for resources
- Staff supported by subject leader - Mrs Sheppard
- Development needs of staff met
- Enthusiasm and clear vision of leadership and especially subject leader
- ICT is embedded into the curriculum.

Of course we can always strive to be even better... and we will.

Reminder

We are hoping we have many budding performers for our EVENING OF DANCE AND MUSIC. If your child has lessons in or out of school we would like to celebrate their talents. If your child would like to perform a short piece of dance or play an instrument on the evening of Thursday 4th June, then **please return the slip overleaf stating the name of the child and the piece they would like to perform, by Friday 15th May**. This will allow me to prepare the programme.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK is from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May (Our Creative Week). Children will receive a grid to fill in for the week to see how

many minutes they honestly clock up walking to school - no walking slowly to make it take longer! Please whenever possible walk to school during that week. If you live too far away, please park further away and then walk further than you usually do. **Please return the grid on the first day after the May holiday - Monday June 1st.**



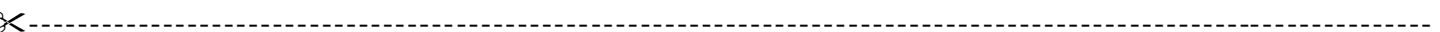
In each class there will be a chart which will enable us to enter a Prize Draw. There is also an opportunity for parents to help the school to win £500 for the PTA just by logging onto www.walktoschool.org.uk/mywalk and letting us know about your journey to school. There will be stickers and book marks and activity diaries too as well as certificates for all who take part in this special Walk to School Week.

The second Family SEAL session will run on Wednesday 17th June from 1330 to 1430. Please note this is a change of date. It will be on the theme of Change...and we will be making Dream Catchers. Do join us if you can.

I really enjoyed the family SEAL session and it was a lovely opportunity to see how the children interact with each other and the staff at school. As I work, I don't spend any time in school and it was a valuable experience and one which I'd definitely repeat. We loved working as a team and had great fun talking about all the things we had brought along to put in our Memory Box.

Jessica said: "It was fun making our memory box and we did lots of fun activities."

Madeleine Waters



Please return by 15th May 2009

Evening of Dance and Music - Thursday 4th June 2009

Name of child:..... Class:

Piece they would like to perform:.....

We have been informed of some wonderful **APEX Summer Holiday Opportunities** for children in Years 4, 5 & 6. The courses run in the first week of the summer holiday and they are **free!!!** So if you are still here in the Bath area on that week why not take advantage of these super sessions. The sessions run from Monday 27th July to Thursday 30th July - 0900 to 1500 for Years 4 & 5 and 0930 until 1530 for Year 6 children. Thursday is a slightly longer day running until 1800 as there is a presentation event in the Forum celebrating the week's activities. If you are interested, please ask in the office as soon as possible as we need to apply for places before 22nd May.

Year Group	Area	Workshop Title
4&5	Science & Performing Arts	Super Science Show
4&5	Science & Design	Engineering Excellence
4&5	Dance & Performing Arts	Steppin' Out
4&5	Archaeology & Communication	Digging Around
4&5	Humanities & Food	A Taste of East Meets West
6&7	Technology & Science	Mini Beasts are Go!
6&7	Maths & Design	It's Just Wallpaper!
6,7&8	Cultural History & Communication	Exhibit Excitement
8-11	Social Science & Business	Making a Difference
8-11	Music & Performing Arts	Songwriting Spectacular!

There are opportunities for everybody here! Do take advantage and enjoy the excellent workshops.



We have had a few rather nice days in the last few weeks and I have been encouraged to see some sun hats and sun cream making their way in to school. We are likely to have (hopefully) more of this weather before the end of term. Please send a hat to protect your child from the sun. Also if you could apply suncream (high factor) before school and send in the cream (named) we will try to ensure the children apply some more at lunchtime (monitored by the midday staff).

*Jane Gascoigne,
Acting Head teacher*

Dates for your Diaries:

6 May	Pedestrian Training Y3
6 May	Mill on the Brue Information Evening 4-5.00 pm
11-15 May	SATs week
12 May	Pedestrian Training Y2
15 May	Duck Race & Maypole Evening (PTA)
19 May	Pedestrian Training
18-20 May	Creative Week
1 June	Science Day
10 June	Family SEAL cancelled
17 June	Family SEAL Session 2 <i>Dream Catchers</i>

Recent Letters (in addition to weekly newsletters).

No.	Date	To/subject
	19.03.09	Pedestrian Training for Y2 & 3
60	23.04.09	Music & Computer Club (Dan Harper, WSBE)
61	20.04.09	Swimming Terms 5 & 6 (C3 & 4)
62	7.05.09	C4 Sex Ed letter
63	7.05.09	Milk Terms 5 & 6
64	7.05.09	Fruit & Veg Terms 5 & 6

PTA News

We would like to express our thanks to Mr Thomas and the Audi Garage for agreeing to sponsor the Cup for the **Duck Race**.

Could parents please remember to fill in the sheets for donating salads by Wednesday 13th May.

Don't forget to **order your tickets** for the Duck Race Evening as early as possible to allow us to cater for the evening.

Apologies but due to a small problem we are unable to provide an Alcoholic Bar for the evening! However soft drinks will be on sale and people are welcome to bring their own alcohol.

If anybody has an old badminton net they could let us have for the Duck Race, we would be pleased to hear from you.

The Invitation Books will be sent home soon - please consider buying one to raise money for the school.

Yellow Moon catalogues will be coming out next week. If you order at *any time* by using the special code provided, this will also raise money for the school - no deadline!!

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