



'BROADCAST

Newsletter 19: February 23rd 2024

Dear Parents, I hope you all had an enjoyable break. The children have settled back into their tasks quickly and using the term time to focus on their education. It is especially pleasing to see how many families continue to support their children with learning in the holidays. We loved sharing photos of children visiting Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol in support of their Megastructure Topic. It was fantastic to see such high quality PAWS produced too. I was particularly proud of Elsie in Year 5 who dedicated lots of time and patience to creating a piece of Braille artwork. Her task was to be a Coachdog and create a piece of artwork for a blind person. This has been a popular activity and interpreted in many different ways. We've seen 3D models, bead designs and impressive pictures showing a genuine understanding for other people and their different needs.

FRIENDS

If you would like to support the FRIENDS they would really welcome your attendance at their next meeting.

Friday 23rd February
7pm
Castle Hill School hall

Come and make some new friends!

Thank you!

=====

We returned from half term this week to a wonderful number of boxes containing gifts from our amazon wish lists. We also received our first 'birthday book' that was donated by a family of a child celebrating their birthday over half term - what a lovely gift of sharing reading with other pupils! We were also delighted to receive items from our forest school wish list. Mrs Lee will be making great use of the seeds, gardening tools, chalks, tarps and various other items that we have received. With school budgets being so tight, the items donated will make a huge difference to our pupil's learning. If you feel able to donate anything, you can find the wishlists by following these links:

English Wishlist <https://amzn.eu/bnNWVET>

Forest School Wishlist <https://amzn.eu/fkxiP5O>



Come to our School

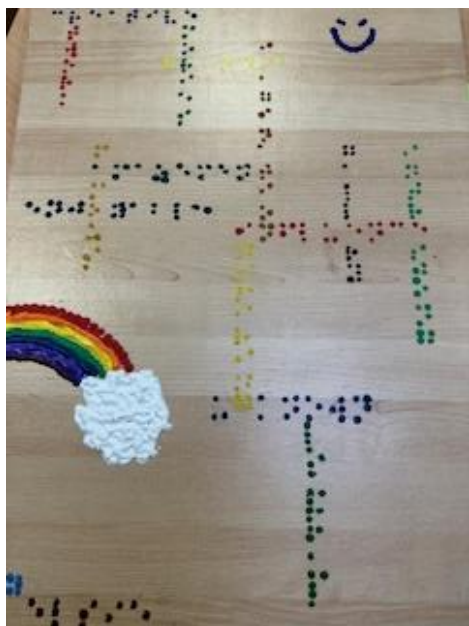
Can you write a brochure or a poster to help people understand what is really great about our school. Can you persuade new parents to want to send their children to our school. What is it that is particularly good? Is it your friendships, the teachers, the topics, the clubs, the sports opportunities.....

So many things to choose from. Maybe you have different favourites.

We'd love you to share them with us.

PAWS

Please enjoy Elsie's amazing picture in Braille. She has fully demonstrated her ability to be a great Coachdog. In this case, this means understanding the importance of including information in a format that can be read by people who are unable to see.



Orienteering

What a great opportunity our KS1 pupils had to participate in an orienteering event on Robinswood Hill. We selected ten keen explorers to take the challenge alongside pupils from other Gloucester Schools. Well done for taking this opportunity to develop your map skills and sense of adventure.

We will be able to offer further chances to join with other schools during the rest of the year.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March.

We have joined other Gloucester Schools to offer our children a 'Literature Festival'.

This means during the week starting on Monday March 4th we will be offering our classes virtual live sessions with chosen authors. Some of our classes will also have the opportunity to be part of a live in person session. We will be joining together with Brockworth Primary School for this.

On Thursday 7th March we invite all our pupils to bring their favourite book to school to share with others. The teachers will swap classes at story time to read a book from our Michael Rosen collection.

We will not be dressing up as characters from a book. We believe this takes the focus away from engaging children with the pleasures of reading. This is what the day should be about. We all know that being a good confident reader unlocks a world of information, knowledge and wisdom.

Tesco Tokens

We have managed to secure one of the Blue token boxes at your local Tesco store. Thank you for your amazing support by placing your tokens in the Castle Hill allocated box. The second box is looking very full. We are hoping that we will be able to raise sufficient tokens to buy new cycles for the Reception class.

Thank you for every contribution.

DATES FOR SPRING TERM

- Friday 23rd February -7pm FRIEND's meeting in school. Please come!
 - Tuesday 12th March-Friday 15th March - Year 6 Residential
 - Tuesday 19th March - Parents' Evening- 3.30pm-6pm (face to face)
 - Wednesday 20th March - 4pm-7pm- Parents' Evening (online)
 - Friday 15th March- PAWS in
 - Friday 22nd March- Easter Service 1pm. School finishes at 2pm
-
- Parent Governor Election – A letter will be sent out in book bags today regarding a Parent Governor Election