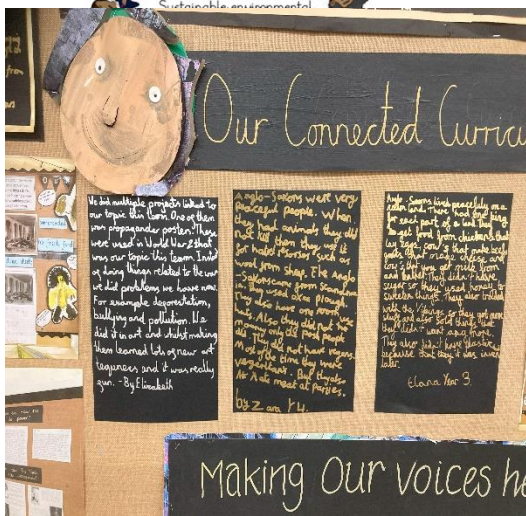


From Mr Chappell: Firstly, can I reiterate the message I put on Class Dojo and say a huge thank you for all the kind well wishes I received from parents/carers and children on my return to school after illness. As you know, it is very rare for me to be absent and I was really frustrated not to be in, even more so when hearing about the issues that we had with the flooding and roof. Not to be there in person to help was hard for me! Thankfully all repairs have been completed, and we hope that this does not occur again. Thank you also, to so many people who offered to help and the positive responses to the decision that had to be made quickly around the closure of two classrooms. What a start to the year!

Term 3 is one of my favourite terms as children tend to come on leaps and bounds with their progress across this term and Term 4, something I have seen in Maths and English this week. I've seen several books from across the school in these subjects and it's apparent that children are putting an effort to improve some aspects, whether it's handwriting, spelling, multiplication work or the quantity they produce. Thanks to you all for continuing to support your child/ren's progress at home – it really does make a huge difference! Have a great weekend.



Brave Change-Makers Curriculum: Our topics across the school for Term 3 and 4 is based around the theme of Rights and Responsibilities. This week you should have received via Class Dojo, the topic plans for this term, which gives an insight to some of the things that your children will be covering in Spring. A reminder that the whole school will be 'open' on 26th March after school for our Curriculum Showcase event. Last term our topic was Peace and Conflict and children right across the school have come up with some lovely thoughts about what they learnt.



Parent / Carers in Partnership Forum: There are lots of great things about our school and some things that could be improved. With this in mind, I would like to consider starting a new parent/carers partnership forum. The ideal behind this, an informal meeting over coffee and biscuits, once a month, to discuss anything that you feel you want to raise and to see how we can make improvements. Some things we may be able to do quite quickly, some areas will need to be considered more carefully. The reality is if we don't get your opinions on things, then we don't know how to improve. Good or Bad! If you would like to be involved in this, please email the school office to register your interest. The first meeting is scheduled for Friday 31st January from 9 am to 10 am.

Bullying and Friendship Survey: Thank you for all the responses to this survey, we had 71 responses, which was a great number. The survey has been attached alongside this newsletter so that you can see the overall responses. It was great to see that in your judgement most children feel safe and have strong friendships. As always, we will endeavour to do our best to support all children so that we can develop their friendships.

Christmas Reading Challenge Assembly: On Monday Miss Paul will lead our very special Reading assembly to celebrate the Christmas Reading challenge.

Class Attendance overview:

Year R	95.3%
Year 1	95.78%
Year 2	95.79%
Year 3	97.03%
Year 4	96.66%
Year 5	96.33%
Year 6	96.5%

Thank you everyone for a great start with attendance to this term. There have been some really positive increases with whole class attendances. With only four weeks left before the next half term, we hope to see this attendance continue to rise further. On Tuesday next week we will be visited by the local authority EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) who will be monitoring our attendance. Once again can I reiterate that everything we do on attendance is in a supportive manner, and we want to help all families where persistent absence is still the case, with attendance below 90% for random reasons not related to illness.

Staffing Update: We have already written directly to parent/carers of children in Year 2 and 5 but we wanted to let you all know of a few staffing updates for the start of Term 4. Mrs Prichard, formerly Miss Hurd and Mrs Derrick, formerly Miss Adams (they both got married whilst on maternity leave) will be returning to work in Year 5 together at the start of Term 4. Miss Mason who has been covering maternity leave in Year 5, will sadly leave us at the end of this term. We wish Miss Mason all the best wishes and thank her for doing a brilliant job in Year 5. Mr Bartlett will continue to work in Year 2 and has joined us on a permanent contract working 3 days a week Wednesday to Friday.

A huge well done to Edward B and April C in Year 6, who took part in the South Glos Music Guitar ensemble alongside lots of other children across the area. Well done both of you.



Key Dates: Term 3 and 4

Wednesday 22 nd January	Year 6 Lifeskills Trip
Friday 31 st January	New Year FOSH Discos - timings to be confirmed
Wednesday 12 th February	Dance Club - South Glos Schools Stages Performances all day.
Monday 24 th – 28 th February	Travelling Book Fair
Tuesday 4 th March - Thursday 6 th March	Parents / Carers Evening
Friday March 21 st	Inset Day #3
Wednesday 26 th March	Curriculum Showcase
Friday 4 th April	FOSH Break the Rules Day
Monday April 7 th – 21 st	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	Term 5 Starts
Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATs assessments week.

Well done to those children who were awarded a Celebration Certificate last week and today:

- Holly Class: Navy & Freddie James & Lainee**
- Beech Class: Amber-Rae & Olivia C Berry & Jacob**
- Oak Class: Hallie & Liliana Rocco & Louie**
- Ash Class: Archie & Holly Flora & Marley**
- Sycamore Class: Sienna & Oliver Chloe & Logan**
- Elm Class: Chloe & Lucia Emily B & Abigail**

