



## NEWSLETTER 11

12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to be working with children in typical ways again. Everyone is enjoying being able to mix fully and interact again. The Y6 well-being leader are doing a great job of leading activities at break time and lunch time for children, Class 4 are tending the garden area and have planted many seeds/seedlings and Class 1 and 2 have enjoyed pond dipping with in Mr Dougan's garden.

Especially well done to our Y6 children who have undertaken their SATS this week. They have concentrated well, worked hard and supported each other brilliantly. I am proud of them all.

### **Making a Difference!**

It started off with Shay and Lola taking a bit of inspiration from Shay's little sister Mila, who had a couple of weeks ago made and sold a few loom bracelet's with friends Sophia and Sakura around the estate to raise some money for Ukraine. Soon it turned into a fantastic cake sale being held at The Badger - with friends Laila and Phoebe helping too. The children did all the organising, setting up and selling of all the cakes. They made £201.80 from the cake's which was then matched by Mother Goose. The children then received a further £150 in donations from parents. So the final total came to a whopping £553.60!!!

Well done to everyone involved for taking action to make a difference.



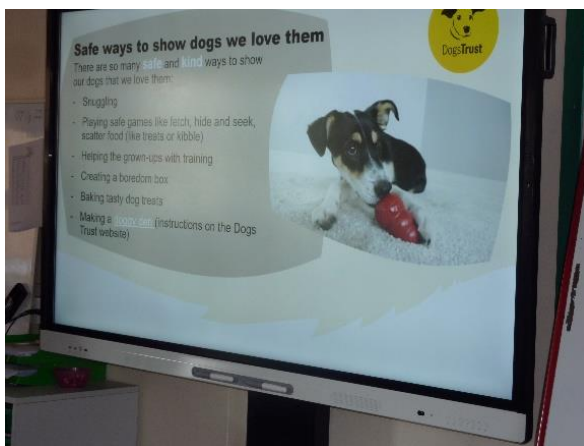
### **Jubilee Day**

As you know it is the Queen's platinum jubilee this year. We will be celebrating this special occasion on May 25<sup>th</sup>. All children are invited to wear clothes to school that are red, white and blue and the teachers will prepare some special activities too.

If it is a dry day, we welcome parents to join us for a picnic lunch on the grass behind the school hall so families can sit together. Lunch is between 12.30 and 1.30pm.

On this day, Caterlink are providing a picnic Jubilee Menu **instead of the usual hot lunch menu**. Please complete and return the order by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May that is being sent with your children (so please check their bags please.) You can of course provide your own packed lunch for your child if that is your preference.

# Be Dog Smart Workshops



## Dog Trust Visit

All classes enjoyed a wonderful visit from the Dog Trust at the end of last term. The enthusiasm of the dog trust trainer to support dogs and humans living well together was infectious and the children were really engaged through-out the sessions. The trainer helped the children to think about kind attitudes and behaviours towards dogs. We learned safe and considerate behaviours around dogs so humans and dogs can be happy.



In Class 5 session, the became detectives! An accident had happened and the children worked together to puzzle out what could have happened. There were lots of ideas and it was fun. Along the way the children learned how to be around dogs so they feel safe and lots of dog stereotypes were challenged.

It was lovely that the leader of the sessions commented how well behaved and knowledgeable our children were too.

## School Structure for September 2022

Mrs Redpath will be returning to teach Class 2 next year. She will return part time for four days so we are recruiting a new part time teacher presently.

We are delighted that Miss Smith has taught and led the children in Class 2 so well over this year. Her heart for children is clear, as are her strong teaching skills. We wish her well in her teaching journey and know we will remain in contact and offer support.

We welcome Mrs Southcott and Mrs Hunter to the school. Mrs Southcott will work part time in Class 5 and Mrs Hunter in Class 2 until the end of this year. Both have backgrounds of working with children and we are delighted they are joining us.

Mr Dougan has just retired from working for school. The children shared their thoughts of Mr Dougan in a special assembly this term. Maude in class wrote a lovely letter of thanks to him on behalf of us all and one of the children called him our 'David Attenborough'! The children thanked him for his help with sketching/pond dipping in his garden, forging the link with Langa-Langa School in Kenya, helping with trips, as well as the digital art teaching in KS2. He has made a significant contribution to our school and we thank him sincerely for his time and expertise. We are really pleased Mr Dougan will remain a friend of the school.

### **Nut Allergies**

We are a healthy school and children enjoy a range of healthy snacks that can be eaten easily at break time: fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese, bread sticks. As many schools do, we ask that nuts/nut products are not brought to school for break or lunch – this is because we have children who have an allergic reaction to nuts. Thank you for your support in this.

### **Governors**

We are delighted that our school Governors have been visiting our school again to meet with subject leaders and monitor. Mrs Kemp, has recently met with our Computer Leader, Miss Smith, to discuss the review of the computing curriculum and the next steps. This week Mrs Kemp has visited the school to monitor that Y6 assessment procedures are being undertaken correctly too. Mr Combes has met with our Mathematics Leader, Mrs Mifflin, to review the developments we have in place this year – it was a useful meeting. Mrs Hussey has met for a school update with the Headteacher. Mr Combes will meet with the Headteacher to monitor safety on the school site soon too.

### **Families Gloucester**

This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including starting school resources, times tables resources, Father's Day gift ideas, adventures at home and much more.

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiesgloucestershiremayjune22>

### **Dates for your Diary:**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022: First day of Summer Term 5 for children**

April 26<sup>th</sup>: Mathematic workshops for Y2-Y6

May 2<sup>nd</sup> : Bank Holiday

May 9<sup>th</sup>: SATS week for children in KS2

May 18/19<sup>th</sup>: Life Education Workshops for all classes

May 25<sup>th</sup>: Quad Kids at Stratford Park - TBC

May 25<sup>th</sup>: May Queen – Parents welcome to join us for a picnic lunch – 12:30-1:30

**May 27<sup>th</sup>: Last day of Summer Term 5 for children**

**June 6<sup>th</sup>: First day of Summer Term 6 for children**

June 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> : Creative dance days for all classes:

June 13<sup>th</sup>: Writing Workshop with Bill Church: Y5/6

June 13<sup>th</sup>: C3 educational visit to STEAM

June 17<sup>th</sup>: Dodgeball Tournament Festival at Stratford Park

June 20<sup>th</sup>: Into the Net play at Park Junior: Y4 –

June 21<sup>st</sup>: Beat Officer PC Weedon with Y6: Peer Pressure

July 11<sup>th</sup>: 15<sup>th</sup> : PGL – Y6

July 18<sup>th</sup>: Sports day – pm at the school field

July 20<sup>th</sup>: Railway Children Production for all classes

**July 20<sup>th</sup>: Last day of Summer Term 6 for children**

July 21<sup>st</sup>: INSET for staff