



## Newsletter 22

9th March 2018

### Happy Friday!

Welcome to this week's newsletter which, due to no newsletter last week and LOTS going on in school, is a bumper edition.

**Snow closure...** Although it seems like a long time ago now, thank you for your understanding and co-operation with the snow closures last week. Your prompt arrival for pick-up at 12 meant all children and staff were able to get home safely. Between the dress-up morning, early home-time and then day in the snow, I think it will be one of those magical childhood memories that stays with them for many years to come.

**World Book Day...** Was brilliant fun! Such amazing costumes and a great atmosphere in school. More on that from Mr Preedy below but I wanted to say a huge thank you to Mrs Smith, Mrs Young and Mr Preedy for all of their hard work in organising the day.

**Bath and Wells Multi-Academy Trust...** In amongst the snow and Sci-fi fun, we officially became an academy on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We have formed the first half of the Bath Hub with the remaining schools joining us on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Although the most significant changes so far have been in relation to our school admin (Mrs Alderson and the team are doing a fantastic job of getting to grips with lots of new systems) and our assessment software, over the months and years many opportunities for our staff and children lie ahead. Banes Local Authority has historically been a supportive and extremely positive place to work within and we are taking many friends and partnerships with us in to the next chapter.

**Mid-Somerset Festival Success...** Congratulations to our recorder group and orchestra who competed for the first time in the Mid-Somerset Festival last week and did an amazing job, earning a thunderous round of applause and a Merit award for their performance of 'Somewhere Only We Know'! To have the courage to stand up in front of people and play with such control and confidence is something for us to be really proud of, and I must thank the parents who supported on the day and of course Mrs Reid for her ongoing skill and commitment.

**Mixed Football Team...** Just before the snow took hold, in freezing temperatures, our mixed football team played in the first Banes Championship and, showing incredible support, teamwork and resilience, they emerged winners overall! This is quite an achievement anyway, but those conditions added a whole extra layer of challenge. Well done!

**Tag Rugby...** This Monday we were competing again, this time in the Banes Tag Rugby competition. There were several stand-out performances, with individuals emerging as natural leaders but within a really strong team ethos and the result was we won! Thank you to Mrs Newman for her support and guidance for both of these teams and to the parents who helped on the day.

For the Tag Rugby, Football and Orchestra, these successes are something to really celebrate but what excites me most is that the personal qualities that led to these results will take the children far in life. Well done to all involved.

That's it from me - I'm off to find my disco shoes. Have a great weekend, Andy Bowman

**Clubs....**The deadline for terms 5 & 6 clubs is Friday 16th March, please get all your forms in by then to avoid disappointment. We are sad to say we are losing Malena Griffiths from chess club. If anyone is interested in carrying on from where she left off please let me know. It is a lovely well established club that runs twice weekly, Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.25-4.30. We are not asking for a chess master just someone with a love for the game and is willing to share their knowledge with our lovely children. It is a paid club, the school doesn't take anything for the room use and the admin is done for you. All we ask is that you have public liability insurance and have a current CRB certificate. If you are interested please get in touch with me via [ascst-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:ascst-stephens.bathnes.sch.uk) or pop into the office between 3-4.30pm. Liz Flood

**A new Music Club for Years 3 – 6 on Mondays after school.....**Mr Edwards, our guitar teacher and Mrs Reid, our flute/recorder teacher, are starting a new club which we aim to be for anyone in Years 3-6, whether you play an instrument or not, anyone who wants to make music! Make up your own music, learn to play music, perform music! We will also be working towards performing at events and concerts both inside and outside school, such as Bath Abbey Primary Schools' Advent Concert, Monkton Orchestra Day and we hope the children will give us some ideas for new musical events!

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



**World Book Day...** Thank you to everyone who took part and made the effort on World Book Day. Even though the weather was against us, everyone arrived with smiles, enthusiasm and great costumes. Although we only had until lunchtime, there was a fantastic vibe and energy in school with everyone getting involved with the Science Fiction and Fantasy themed books.

A huge thank you to VRstar (vrstar.co.uk) for persevering with the icy conditions to give Year 6 children a great experience with virtual reality. Additionally, thank you to Mrs Young and Miss Downing for setting up our 'Pink Screen Studio' in the library. Many of the pictures look great.

In the coming weeks, all the books from the day will be heading for the library ready for children to take out.

Please be on the look out as there are some great choices on offer!

A reminder that 'Book Fair' starts Wednesday 14th March and finishes Tuesday 20th March.

Many thanks, Mr Preedy.



**Play Reviews...** After their visit to see My Fair Lady, many of the Year 6 children wrote reviews. They were all excellent and these two in particular we felt deserved publishing – what a professional tone!

### Review of my fair lady

My fair lady is a musical version of Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw. It is a joy to watch with many opposing characters who compliment each other in their ways. The play is directed by Tristan Carter. Eliza Doolittle is played by Madeleine Woolgar, who is an ordinary flower girl at the start, but as the play goes on she transforms into a lady. She plays her part impeccably, and you can see she has put in hard work to try and do the correct accents. The songs are "lovely" and the dances really make you stand up and copy. All the dances are carefully choreographed by Maise Carter (Tristan Carter's daughter). The hair is neatly styled by Lynda Elvin and the make up is by Carol Jones. They make the actors look stunning as they walk out on stage. Tristan Carter has directed amazingly well because the actors are not just in one place talking about one thing, they are singing and dancing and enjoying themselves as they go on stage.

Henry Higgins is played by Steve Huggins, who is a rude man (in the play) but has the heart to help Eliza with her accent. He is an excellent actor who shows a clear image of this character. Genius is not too strong a word to describe this production. I would give it five stars.

By Isla C

### My Fair Lady Review

Be prepared for a spectacular performance at the Theatre Royal this week. My Fair Lady is a delight to watch and is suitable for all ages.

This play is based on Pygmalion and starts with Professor Higgins making a bet that he can teach a common flower girl named Eliza how to speak properly. After a few 'I'm a good girl I am!' they got along very well. Madeline Woolgar plays Eliza Dolittle with such charm and conviction. Woolgar is the perfect choice-by director Tristan Carter-to play Eliza.

The leading male role, Professor Higgins, is played by witty Steve Huggins and he performs his heart out. He sings (Why can't a woman be more like a man) so enthusiastically it makes you want to join them on stage. However, I hummed and bobbed along from the comfort of my chair.

My Fair Lady is a lover-ly performance and is every bit as charming as the film version. Don't miss this outstanding performance by Bath operatic Drama Society-BODS-. They sing and dance with such grace and energy that you wouldn't want to lose this opportunity for an entertaining afternoon.

By Steven C

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**PTA NEWS.....It's Disco time this Friday (9th)!**  
3.30 - 4.30 Reception and Year 1 (accompanied by responsible adult)

4.40 - 5.40 Year 2 and 3 (accompanied by responsible adult)

5.50 - 6.50 Years 4, 5 and 6 (can attend alone but please give permission note if to walk home alone)

Please make sure you pay £2 to office or on the door. The disco will be in the school hall so please enter by the main hall doors not via the school. Please bring some money for pizza, sweets, crisps, glow sticks, face paint, drinks including prosecco for adults!!

Thanks,  
PTA

**The Clash.....**Great news for those families going to The Clash at Twickenham. The children have been invited to join in the Pitch Parade on the day, further details to follow.

We have also won ourselves a signed Bath Rugby Shirt.

How exciting!  
Mrs Newman

**From Revd Philip....**Mothering Sunday! It was a church festival first, you know. So why not return to the day's origins and start the Motheringness with a lovely hour and a bit at St Stephen's. It's a Whole Church service, which means it's suitable for us all to be together. As always, we'll be reflecting on the wider aspects of mothering. There'll be activities, posies and things to discover during the service, and also a chance to light a candle for the sadder aspects of the day - maybe a mother you miss, or someone who finds the day tough. And, Revd Debbie will be showing pictures of the hens' eggs she's going to be putting in the incubator in order for chicks to hatch on Easter Sunday.

After your spirits have been fed you can go and have Mother's Day lunch!

Hope to see you there, 10.45am - Philip

**Diary Dates.....**

**Coming up in March....**

9<sup>th</sup> - PTA Disco

13<sup>th</sup> - Phonic Check Info Meeting 2.30pm Y1 parents

13<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 to Bath Rec

13<sup>th</sup> - KS1 Assessment Eve 6pm Y2 parents

14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> - Book Fair

20<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 to Bath Rec

20<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Sats Eve 6-7pm Y6 parents

23<sup>rd</sup> - Easter Service in Church 9.45am

23<sup>rd</sup> - End of Term 4

**Get Caught Reading...**



Well done for being our 'Get Caught Reader of the Week' George C!



**Mathletic News!....**

The Golds just keep on coming! Well done Millie in Year 5, Lynden in Year 3 and Elias in Year 2 for achieving a gold certificate!

Andrew	Clara
Maria	Izzy
Jasmine	Katie
Millie (GOLD !!!)	
Jules	Sophie
George	Sofia
Sophie	Emily
George	Oscar
Nicholas (Silver!)	
Charlotte	Ava
Zofia (Silver!)	
Kitty	Charlie
Leo	Becky
Sophia	Jasper
Spencer	Oscar
Annabelle Denis	
Amelia	Lily
Lynden	Rufus
Tess	Tom
Babafemi (Silver!)	
Poppy	Fraser
Milo	Jakob
Lynden (Gold!!!)	
India	Ellie
Ana (Silver!)	
Tess (Silver!)	
Zach	Benjamin
Tom (Silver!)	
Finn	Sophie
Elias (Gold!!!)	
Conrad	George
Charles	Isabella
Jessica (Silver!)	
Toby	Giorgia
Oscar	
Tutku	Livi
Kalypso	Madeleine
Harry	Cara
Isla (Silver!)	
Louis	Claudia
Ronan (Silver!)	
Winnie	Daniel