

Wick CE Primary School

Newsletter 15.9.2023

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"Wherever the river flows,
life will flourish"

Head teacher's message

Good afternoon everyone,

After a much cooler week, the children have worked incredibly hard. They have settled back into the routines of school and our Badgers are spending more time with us. We are so proud of how they have adapted to life at primary school.

Throughout the week, we have been lucky to welcome in several guests to support our children. Our Woodpeckers have been lucky to welcome the Oldfield science department who conducted a heart dissection as part of their enquiry work. It has inspired some amazing writing and I cannot wait to see the finished pieces next week. Additionally, some of our Year 6 children have been completing their level two cycle training with more due to complete this during the upcoming week. Owls have been exploring their enquiry 'what is sound?' and today created their very own windpipes which they were delighted to show off.

We look forward to another busy upcoming week. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Nesbitt and Mr Cockle

Team Points

No team points this week, but we'll double up next week to see the children's efforts!

Team points

Can you help?

Do you have any buttons you can donate to us? Any size or colour would be wonderful, just pop them into the school office.

If you have a mini trampoline that you have no use for and is in good condition, we would love to take it off your hands.

Maybe you don't have a need for a weighted blanket anymore? If so, it would be great for us to have in school.

We would very much appreciate Children's play tunnels if your children have no use for them.

Lastly, if you have any space hoppers, we would love for children to use them in school.



TIMES TABLES

WHY ARE TIME TABLES IMPORTANT?

Having a secure grasp of the basics of maths, including the fluent recall of times tables, is crucial for children's success in moving on to more complex maths. By the end of year 4, it is expected that all children will have learnt to recall all multiplication facts up to 12×12 . This is crucial for moving in to upper key stage 2 as nearly all of the new mathematical concepts introduced are underpinned by multiplication and division. Beyond the subject of mathematics, learning times tables can boost talent in other subjects such as engineering and science and can also make adult life easier.

HOW WILL WE TEACH TIMES TABLES?

Each year group has certain times tables that they will learn and each term the children will focus on one of these new times tables. Everyday, children will have a short 10 minute session on times tables as this is the best way to learn them.

Initially, children will step count the sequence forwards and backwards eg 7, 14, 21, 28 using Funkey Maths PowerPoints.



Once they are confident at this, the times table facts will be associated with a card. Also the cards will be turned over gradually so that the children are beginning to recall the information. When we are saying a times table fact, we will use short phrases for example two sevens are fourteen, three sixes are eighteen.

Children who pick up their times table knowledge quickly will not be pushed onto the next one but will be challenged to master this learning. This may be through increasing their recall speed, applying it to different types of problems and reasoning with the focus times tables.

To celebrate children's success in their times table learning a short test will be given and children showing good progress will gain a certificate.



HOW WILL ROCK STARS SUPPORT TIMES TABLE LEARNING?

Each class teacher will manually set the times table that your child is learning and may also include previously taught ones.

To ensure that children are then practising these focus times tables, they will need to complete a 3 minute Garage game before choosing how they want to use this learning platform - they should be automatically prompted to do this. In school, each class will have at least one session using TTRS.

For homework, we encourage children to play a 3 minute game on a daily basis rather than one longer session as this promotes learning 'sticking'.



In school we are currently using the Funkey Maths PowerPoints, alongside this they sell packs of playing cards and these may be of use at home.

<https://www.funkeymaths.com/>



Will your child be starting primary school
in September 2024?

Or maybe you know someone who has a child starting?
If so, please take the opportunity to attend one of our
tours:

Tuesday 3rd October - 9.00, 10.00 or 11.00

Friday 10th November - 9.00, 10.00 or 11.00

Saturday 11th November 9:30 to 10:30

Friday 1st December - 9.00, 10.00 or 11.00

During the tours, there will be an opportunity to hear about
what Wick CE Primary has to offer and to ask any questions.

On Saturday 11th November, your child can
'stay and play' with our reception team in the classroom whilst
you tour the school. We look forward to seeing you!

FOWs is starting the new year with a bang and hosting a Bingo & Prosecco night
on the 29th of September. For £10 you can enjoy half a bottle of Prosecco (or
Nosecco) with nibbles and a great evening's entertainment. Please
email friendsofwickschool@gmail.com to buy tickets or for more information.



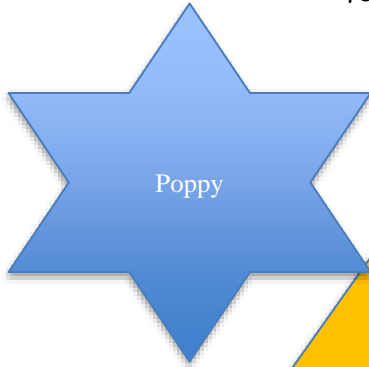
We also have the following events happening soon and will be sharing more
details about them shortly:

- FOWs AGM on the 4th of October
- Disco on the 13th of October
- Fireworks night on the 3rd of November

Organising Fireworks night requires a large team effort so if you would like to help us please come along to
our first meeting about it, which will be straight after school on Thursday 21st September outside the
Deer/Foxes classroom area. Any help is much appreciated, thank you.

Finally please keep an eye out for us selling treats on Fridays after school, we take cash or card.

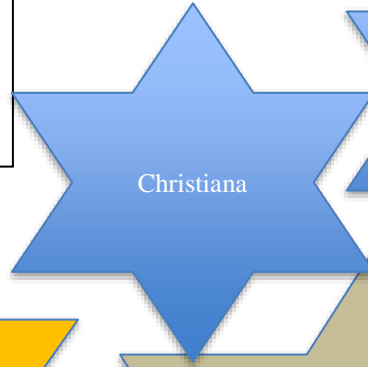
Our teachers have been so impressed with the quality and quantity of work produced by all of the children, but felt some were worthy of a Head Teacher's award this week



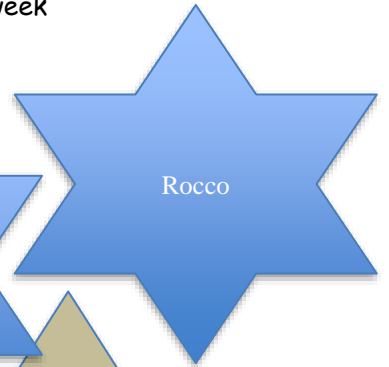
Poppy



Headteacher Awards



Christiana



Rocco



Stars of the week this week awarded to:

Ava Freddie A Boston Alice
Lyra Cora Ronnie Olivia
Olivia Br Noah Kourtney Poppy



Value certificates this week awarded to:

Alfie L Logan Flynn
Mia H Issy P Illia

Children proudly showing their certificates



	% Attendance Last week
Deer	97.2
Foxes	91.4
Magpies	99.2
Owls	98.7
Peregrines	98.1
Woodpeckers	98.2
Whole School	96.9



A big well done to Magpies class for achieving the highest attendance last week.

Diary Dates - Dates in bold indicate newly added this week

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th September - Y6 Level 2 Cycle training

Friday 13th October - Individual photos for children

Wednesday 6th December - YR-Y6 Flu vaccinations (information emailed 12.09.23)

2023/2024

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Friday 1 September 2023	Friday 20 October 2023
Term 2	Monday 30 October 2023	Friday 15 December 2023
Term 3	Tuesday 2 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024
Term 4	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024
Term 5	Monday 15 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024
Term 6	Monday 3 June 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024

INSETS 2023/2024

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 9th October 2023

Friday 8th December 2023

Monday 29th January 2024

Friday 22nd March 2024

Monday 8th July 2024



**St Mark's
School** BATH

**A School full of
pride and ambition**

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 19th September 6:30 - 8:30pm
Presentation at 6:30pm
Doors open at 6:00pm

OPEN MORNING

Friday 29th September 9:00 - 11:00am

Let your light shine

Website: <https://www.st-marks.org.uk>

Email: info@st-marks.org.uk

**OCTOBER
FOOTBALL
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FOR CHILDREN IN
RECEPTION - YEAR 7

£16.50
PER DAY
FOR A WEEK

£18.00
PER DAY
FOR 3 DAYS

£20.00
FOR ANY
SINGLE DAY

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October
9:00am - 3:30pm
@ Chipping Sodbury School
(Bowling Road, BS37 6EW)

To book a camp day, visit:
www.proformance-coaching.co.uk
or contact us:
info@proformance-coaching.co.uk

10% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT AVAILABLE UNTIL 24th SEPTEMBER USE CODE **GHOULS** DURING CHECKOUT



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Sports
PROJECT

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£12
A DAY

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HALF TERM SPORT CAMP

MINERVA PRIMARY ACADEMY
THE GREENWAY, BRISTOL BS16 4HA
RECEPTION - YEAR 6 - 9:00 - 3:00

TAG RUGBY, FOOTBALL, DANCE, CIRCUS SKILLS, FENCING,
CHEERLEADING, STREET HOCKEY, ULTIMATE FRIZBEE, CRICKET,
MUSICAL THEATRE, DODGEBALL, ATHLETICS
AND MORE

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

THE-SPORTS-PROJECT.CLASSFORKIDS.CO.UK/CAMP/34

CLICK ON THE LINK OR COPY IT INTO YOUR BROWSER
TO BOOK.

EARLY BIRD INDIVIDUAL DAYS £16

DISCOUNT

5 DAY BLOCK £60

AVAILABLE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15TH

INDIVIDUAL DAYS £18

5 DAY BLOCK £80

The PE & Sports Project uses elite level coaching practice, to provide the children with a fun, engaging, successful and positive experience.

We use our advanced 'exploration-discovery-competition' model to give the children the independence and responsibility to think and to solve problems for themselves whilst supporting and encouraging their development in a wide range of different sports.

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