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Everyone can learn

Everyone belongs

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Hello,

We enjoyed our Sports Days this week with all the children taking part in the sporting events as part of their GEM teams. Thank you to Mr May who coordinated this year's Sports Day and to all the staff who helped the children practice all the events and supported them on the day.

It was also so nice to be able to invite the parents and carers to our Sports Day again. There was such a lovely and supportive atmosphere on the field and it was great to see (and hear) everyone cheering on the children. There was a real Air Balloon spirit out there!

Here are the outcomes of our Sports Days:

Year 1: **1st** - Venus (79) **2nd** - Mars & Mercury (70) **3rd** - Earth (66)

Year 2: **1st** - Discovery (78) **2nd** - Voyager & Endeavour (70) **3rd** - Apollo (63)

Year 3: **1st** - Saturn (74) **2nd** - Jupiter (61) **3rd** - Neptune (53)

Year 4: **1st** - Pegasus (94) **2nd** - Phoenix (68) **3rd** - Orion (67) **4th** - Aquila (57)

Year 5: **1st** - Capella (94) **2nd** - Vega (68) **3rd** - Polaris (65) **4th** - Sirius (61)

Year 6: **1st** - Aurora (87) **2nd** - Asteroid (75) **3rd** - Meteor (73) **4th** - Comet (52)

Well done to all those children and to all the children who took part in the events. Don't forget to check out our photos of the event on the school website.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely sunny weekend.

Thank you,

Tim Browse

Year 6 on stage

Our Year 6 children performed their end of year production this week to all their parents, carers and siblings. The show, 'Fleeced', was a re-telling of the Greek myth 'Jason and the Argonauts' and it was a triumph! There was drama, comedy, music, shadow puppets, singing and dancing and all of the performances were outstanding. Some of the children also worked very hard behind the scenes, designing the staging, the sound, and making the props.

The feedback from the parents and carers was really positive and I know that the teachers and Year 6 staff team were incredibly proud of the children's work on the performance and the fantastic show that the children put on.

I would like to thank the Year 6 team for working so hard to put this production on. Term 6 – for Year 6 – is an incredibly busy time but all of their hard work really paid off. Well done, everyone!

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Congratulations
CLASS OF
2022

Year 6 leavers' assemblies are being held on Thursday 21st July at the following times:

Comet and Asteroid - 09:00-09:30

Aurora and Meteor - 09:45-10:15



Sarah's Top Tip

This week's top tip is: **Portion Planner**

Your everyday portion planner. This everyday portion planner will provide you with guidance on how much food you need for each person, for each meal. It's simple to use as they've calculated the typical serving sizes for you! For more information click [here](#)

Another great tip from one of our parents Christina - 1000s of free magazines, comics and ebooks, accessible with Bristol Library membership. Please click on the link below for more information:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/libraries-archives/online-newspapers-and-magazines>

How to Join the library can be found by following this link: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/libraries-archives/join-the-library>

If you have any tips that you think other parents and carers would find helpful, please let us know about them and we can share them with the school community. Email - airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk or let Sarah or the school office know.



FAB AGM

The FAB AGM is being held in school on 18th July at 6pm. Everyone is invited to attend.



Jasmine - Neptune Class

Jasmine in Neptune class has just finished her first competition season with Majestic Gymnastics Academy. She competed in three team gym competitions in Bracknell and Crewe and achieved two 4th places and one silver medal 2nd place.



Stratos Galley - Menu Change

On Thursday 21st July there is a change in the lunch menu. Main meal option will be fish fingers and the vegetarian option will be vegan beany burger.



Employment Opportunities at Air Balloon Hill Primary School

We currently have vacancies for the following positions: Clerk to Governors, School Meals Supervisory Assistant, Kitchen Assistant and Playworkers in Space Cadets our After School Club.

Please visit our school website for a link to our eteach page. www.abhps.com/vacancies

Air Balloon Hill Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check is required for these positions.

We particularly welcome applications from underrepresented groups including, ethnicity, gender, transgender, age, disability, sexual orientation or religion.

Co-Opted Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for **Co-opted** governors, formally known as community governors, on our governing board and are seeking enthusiastic, community focussed and committed members of our local community to join us.

There are no particular qualifications required for the role, but following an analysis of our current membership we are particularly keen to ensure the board membership reflects the diversity of the community we serve and would particularly welcome nominations from under-represented and minority groups, who are committed to providing the highest quality primary stage education possible to our pupils.

Additionally, in light of the results of our skills audit, we would also be keen to receive applications from someone with experience in the following areas; **human resources, communications, finance and property management** .

If you know anyone who may be interested in joining our governing body, please visit www.abhps.com/governor-vacancies for more information and details on how to apply.

Road Closure Update

We were hoping to be able to provide you with an update on the current road closure at the end of Hillside Road, however, we have yet to receive a response from the Council. It looks like the current road closure will not finish on Monday as originally advised and may last for some months to come.

If you have limos booked for the year 6 disco, please advise your booking of the road closure.

Message from Nikki Jackson our Chair of Governors

On Monday we held the last finance committee meeting of the school year. In addition to reviewing the schools budget position to date, which I am pleased to advise is broadly as anticipated, we amongst other things also received updates on Health & Safety and property matters.

I wanted to share with you some building redesign work that will be undertaken over the summer. Aiming to improve safety, efficiency and the facilities for our kitchen team, we will be creating a satellite food servery area in the Sombrero hall. As part of the work to facilitate this Miss Liley's office will be relocating to the Reception / Year 1 corridor, which brings the added benefit of an increased senior leadership presence in that building.

I wanted to take the opportunity to remind you that we are currently recruiting governors and are particularly keen to hear from anyone who has a financial or property management background. If you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to visit our governor recruitment page www.abhps.com/governor-vacancies/



Air Balloon Hill Primary School Governing Body are seeking enthusiastic, community focussed and committed members of our local community to join us.

Governors currently meet as a board six times a year (one Monday per term, 6-8pm) as well as once per term as either members of the education or finance committees.

Could you spare some time each term to join us to help ensure our children get the best education possible?

If you are interested in becoming a governor, you can find out more at

<https://www.inspiringgovernance.org>

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact the clerk on clerk@abhps.com who will be happy to arrange for a governor to contact you.

To apply to become a valued member of our Governing Body, please visit our website (www.abhps.com/governor-vacancies) or scan the QR code below to complete an application form



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School Newsletter – Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Get ready for Gadgeteers, arriving in Libraries and online this summer! We're teaming up with the Science Museum Group for a very special science-themed Challenge, to show children that science is all around us every day and inspire them to unleash their curiosity and creativity!

Children will be introduced to many aspects of science engagement, including food, fashion, music, and sport – something for everyone to enjoy!

Gadgeteers will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of creative & fun science!

How to take part -

Children can join at the library from Saturday 9th July and it's completely FREE!!!

To take part in the library, simply pick up a free folder, collect stickers and then read at least 6 library books. At the end the reward is a brilliant Summer Reading Challenge medal!

Children & families can also take part online.

To take part online go to summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/ where children create their own profile with the assistance of an adult.

Children are encouraged to read library books, digital eBooks and listen to eAudio books. With fun digital activities, digital badges & a downloadable certificate when they finish.

Bristol Libraries – opening hours

From 27 June 2022

| | | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|-----------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|
| Central Library | 0117 9037250 | 9.30-5 | 9.30-7 | 9.30-5 | 9.30-7 | 9.30-5 | 10-5 | 1-5 |
| St George | 0117 9038523 | 3-7 | 10-2 | 1-5 | 10-2 | 1-5 | 11-5 | CLOSED |