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1st April 2022

It has been such a fantastic and joy filled fortnight across Minerva Primary Academy. We have been able to welcome back parents and carers into our early years for a 'WOW Wednesday'. It was great to see so many adults sharing learning with their child. Next week all other year groups will open their doors on Tuesday or Thursday for 'Children Learning In Class'. See the last week's 'What's coming up?' for more details of what each year group is planning to showcase.

Year 3 children had visitors from UWE to raise aspirations and understanding of learning opportunities linked to science, technology, engineering and maths as part of their computer scientist unit. A group of year 6 children have grown in resilience and used a growth mindset when they were set the challenge to learn and perform new circus skills. This is part of our Y6 to Y7 transition work with creative youth network. Our KS2 ECO warriors joined children from across CLF in the first ECO conference. They had to travel to Winterstoke Hundred Academy, a school in Weston Super Mare, to share how pupils at MPA are ensuring a sustainable future. The three priorities the warriors have been leading on are to:

1. reduce the amount of litter in the school playground and our local community
2. reduce the use of single use plastic
3. increase the amount of wildlife in our school grounds with the introduction of a bug hotel and bird feeding station.

If you are in school next week, go and look at their poster.

We are all looking forward to next week and more visitors and memorable learning experiences. The MPA team are busy planning trips, experiences and visitors for term 5 and 6.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jenny Harvey Principal

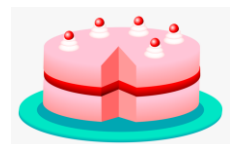
CLF BIG BAKE

The annual CLF Big Bake Competition is back! All 12,500+ children across the Cabot Learning Federation have been invited to take part in the Big Bake. To be in with a chance to win the overall prize you will first need to get through the first round of the competition at Minerva Primary Academy.

To enter the competition, you will need to bring your bake in to school on **Wednesday 6th April** where it will be scored by our specially selected Minerva judges. They will be looking for a creative and imaginative design that links to the [CLF Heart values](#) and that has been professionally executed.

All bakes will need to fit in to a clearly labelled tin with a lid so that it can be transported easily to and from school. The winning MPA bake will need to stay in school overnight ready to go to the final competition. All other bakes will be collected at the end of the day by the bakers and taken home to be enjoyed!

The winner of the Minerva competition will be invited to take their bake to the CLF wide competition held at **Kings Oak Academy** on **Thursday 7th April** and have a chance to be the winner for all of the CLF schools. Part of the final competition will be a short technical challenge! Minerva Primary Academy will provide transport. Have fun baking!



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LUCK!

Mollie Wilson and Miss Stevens are leaving us at the end of Term 5.

Mollie is starting a new adventure working throughout the year and Mrs Stevens is starting her maternity leave. We wish them both every happiness for the future. Miss Lowe will be teaching in Clifton class until Mrs Shannon returns from her maternity leave later in May.

Next term, Claire Westbury will be undertaking her new role in the office and we welcome Mrs Perring who is joining us as a Pre-School teacher on Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Friday.



At MPA, we have been celebrating our differences and learning more about how all our brains work in different ways. We have had whole school and phase assemblies about both neurodiversity and autism, and some of our staff have shared their own experiences of being dyslexic or having ADD/ADHD. We have shared lots of success stories and talked about how these differences are strengths or superpowers!

We want all children to be allies to their peers who may learn differently and understanding what this means is the first step. Hopefully they will talk about their knowledge with you when they get home.

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

Can you help enrich our curriculum or support learning in class? We already have had a team of dedicated parents & carers support our year 4 go swimming weekly. Next term we want to welcome back adults from our MPA community back into classrooms. It may be that you can spare some time as a one off or weekly to share your passion for a hobby such as cross stitch enriching our designers learning, help us learn more about different cultures and religious beliefs or does your job use skills learnt from one of our curriculums? It may be that you can spare time to hear our children read weekly or be an adult to call on for trips.



[Please click here](#) and complete the form to register your interest.

Paper copies of the form are available from the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS IN TERMS 5 & 6

Forms and letters for our free after school sports clubs were sent out this week for terms 5 & 6. This term we are running gymnastics, cricket, athletics and multi sports for years 1-6.

We have also sent details this week of two paid after school clubs run by outside agencies at a cost of £6 per session:

Dance on Tuesdays and Capoeira on Wednesdays.

MOTHERING SUNDAY SALE

Friends of Minerva had fun and raised £162.00 for the school. We hope you liked your gifts!



RED NOSE DAY - FRIDAY 18TH MARCH



We raised a grand total of **£66.05** for comic relief on Red Nose day!

MPA FOOTBALL TEAM

2 teams from MPA had a friendly tournament last week at Kings Oak Academy. They all showed their ELLI skills of the bee working by as a team and the butterfly with a growth mindset.

Unfortunately, they lost in the final but all of them said they had really great day!



CONGRATULATIONS TO YELLOW HOUSE



Yellow house has won the house competition this term with 56 points! They will receive an in-school house treat next week.

(Red have 51 points, green have 48 points and blue have 39 points)

SPRING CELEBRATION

Year 4 are selling the flower seed bombs they made after school today. All proceeds will go to Friends of Minerva.



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2:

Pupils have made or decorated a hat they already own today ready to for our parade in the playground (weather permitting) with parents on **Friday 8th April at 2:30pm**. Reception class will join the parade at 3pm to showcase their bonnets.



Years 3, 4, 5 and 6:

Pupils have made Spring Garden art today using recycled materials for our competition. They can also make posters at home and bring them in to school on Thursday 7th April. Winning art will be shown in assembly on Friday 8th April.

Friends of Minerva are organising an Easter egg for all pupils in school on Thursday 7th & Friday 8th April. They will also be selling pens, egg holders and other stationary items after school on Friday 8th April.



Do you have any outdoor plants you would like to donate for us to plant in our outdoor planters to brighten up of play ground? If you are able to help please bring them to the school office. Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8.40am-9.20am Tuesday 5th April:

Years 1, 2 & Filton class parents invited in to class.

8.50am-9.30am Thursday 7th April:

Redland class, Years 4, 5 & 6 parents invited in to class.

From 2.30pm Friday 8th April:

Reception, Years 1 & 2 Spring bonnet parade

Friday 8th April:

Last day of term 4 for pupils.

Monday 25th April:

First day of term 5 for pupils.

Friday 27th May:

Last day of term 5 for pupils.