



MINERVA NEWSLETTER 16

17th June 2022

What a busy but fantastic start to term 6. We have been sent the video that includes our year four violinists from Bristol Beacon. This showcases the 'Earthsong' project that we are part of and starts with our year two children learning to use their voice as an instrument. We have uploaded the video on to twitter, here is the link <https://twitter.com/MinervaCLF/status/1533793665155571717>. The same children then caught the bus into Bristol to perform in St. George's hall forming part of an orchestra to an audience of hundreds of people. Over the year they have all shown they have developed their ELLI learning powers of **self-agency, resilience and growth mindset**. Well done to them all!

In school we have had many visitors – colleagues from across the CLF, specialist advisers who support our children with special education needs, perspective parents, academy council members and teachers from a school outside of Bristol. Whilst we know how incredible team MPA are, it is always brilliant to get the recognition from those who are not in our academy daily.

Over the next few weeks most of our classes will going out on trips across Bristol and beyond, which everyone is looking forward to. School trips are an important part of our curriculum and we aim to increase these opportunities when we start back in September. In addition to this, every class has chosen a pom pom reward. If they are successful in the whole class demonstrating '**safe, respectful, learning**', we will have children going to the park, using the sprinkler, a class picnic and sports activities. Which class will earn their reward first?

Enjoy a lovely weekend
Jenny Harvey Principal

MPA COMMUNITY CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY- FRIDAY 15th JULY



On **Friday 15th July**, children at Minerva will be celebrating **International Day**. This has been planned by our EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) ambassadors and will be an opportunity to learn more about and celebrate the countries which form part of our cultural heritage.

Children are invited to wear any clothing which represents their heritage on this day.

We need your help! Throughout the day, children will have the opportunity to visit tables which have been set up with information, music, clothing and food from different countries represented by our children and families.

Can you help? If you would be willing to bring in something from a country which is special to you, or be available to set up your own table, **please speak to Mrs Campagnaro or Mrs Hodgson** in the playground



RECEPTION -WE ARE SCIENTISTS

Week commencing the 27th June we start our 'We are Scientists' unit with a WOW Wednesday on Wednesday 29th June.

We are learning about plants and would like the children to have a hands-on planting experience. We would like to invite adults into the classroom to join in with their learning.



PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH EDUCATION

'Changing me' is a unit from Jigsaw that includes sex education. It revisits and extends learning from previous year groups. Within a safe environment and with trusted adults' children will be introduced to new concepts, knowledge and skills in an age appropriate way.

Children learn about the changes in their body from being a baby and what may change in the future. This will include naming parts of the body and their function. Children are taught that change is a natural and normal part of growing up and the range of emotions that can occur are explored and discussed. Children practise a range of strategies for managing feelings and emotions. They are also taught where they can get help if worried or frightened. A parent workshop looking at and discussing what is taught within science, health and sex education was held last term with Mrs. Dymmock-Morgan. If parents would like to see the progression of learning including the vocabulary used it can be requested from Mrs. Harvey

YEAR 1- WE ARE STORY MAKERS

In Year 1 we've been learning the story of 'Lights on Cotton Rock' and have created freeze frames and actions to help us remember the story.



YEAR 6- WE ARE JOURNALISTS

Year 6 journalists are interviewing some witnesses for their newspaper reports on the disappearance of Tristan from 'The Viewer'. They are currently interrogating their teacher from his local school!



ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPORTS DAY

Years 1 to 6 Thursday 30th June see letter to follow

Pre-school (for pupils who attend Wednesday mornings) 29th June 10.45-11.45am at MPA

Kingswood Class Wednesday 29th June 9.00-10.20am onsite at MPA

Fishponds Class Wednesday 29th June 2.00-3.00pm onsite at MPA

Pre-school (for pupils who attend Wednesday afternoons) 29th June 2.00-3.00pm at MPA



SUMMER CAMP 2022

We are pleased to offer a fun filled 2-week holiday camp run by MPA staff during the school Summer break. Weeks beginning 25th July and 1st August
The cost is £25 per pupil per day.

There will also be some limited free spaces available to families in receipt of Pupil premium
More information, including sign up and how to pay to be sent next week



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 22nd June:

Year 5 trip to S.S. Great Britain & ALL class photos

Tuesday 28th June:

Year 2 trip to Wild Place

Friday 1st July 2.30-5.30pm:

School Fayre

Monday 4th July:

Year 1 trip to Slimbridge

Friday 8th July:

INSET DAY –School closed for Pupils

Tuesday 12th July, 8.45-9.15am:

Years 3-6 parents invited into class (C.L.I.C)

Wednesday 13th July 8.45-9.15am:

Reception parents invited into class (C.L.I.C)

Thursday 14th July 8.45-9.15am

Years 3-6 parents invited into class (C.L.I.C)