



# MINERVA NEWSLETTER 9

## 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

We have had another exciting and joy filled week of learning across Minerva.

Year 1 had a visit from a former pupil who shared what school was like in the 1940s. As historians, they asked questions so they could compare school life then and now. To support their learning of chronology, children discussed key events in history and added them to their class timeline.

Some of our Y4 musicians were chosen to have their violin lessons filmed so it can form part of a Bristol Beacon promotional video. This is a result of our partnership work and the Earthsong programme. We are looking forward to seeing the finished film.

In pre-school, children have been immersed in learning the story of Goldilocks and the 3 bears. They have all enjoyed the pots of porridge, masks and other props to retell and act out the story.

In our Friday celebration assembly, we have re-introduced our 'Minerva super owl'. When you notice someone from Team MPA demonstrating one of our learning powers or ELLI skills you can nominate them. The senior team then have the difficult job of choosing only five to share with the rest of the school. We look for nominations where children and adults exemplify a learning power and exceed our expectations of being 'safe, respectful and learning'. It will be amazing when we can start having our celebration assembly back in person, all together in the hall with parents and carers also invited.



Next week we continue a week of enthusiastic learning, as lots of year groups go out for local area trips. Our local community has many opportunities for our children to continue learning beyond the classroom. Thank you to all those that have offered to support.

Enjoy your weekend

Jenny Harvey                      Principal

### PARENT ACADEMY COUNCIL ROLE

If you are interested in the parent Academy Councillor role previously advertised in the newsletter, please submit a paragraph about yourself, your skills and experience for the role by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February to [info@mpa.cdf.uk](mailto:info@mpa.cdf.uk). This information will be shared with the academy community as part of the election process.

### SMSA ROLE

We are looking for a passionate School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA) to join our supportive and talented team supervising and supporting students during the lunchtime break at Minerva Academy

If you are interested please click on the following links for more information and to apply:

[Cabot Learning Federation- Role details](#)

[Eteach- Role details](#)

The closing date for applications is 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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Thank you and goodbye to Mrs Armstrong & Mrs Crossley who are leaving us at the end of this term.

We wish them both every success for the future. We know they will be missed!

### BUG HOTEL DONATIONS NEEDED!

Our Eco-Schools group are currently making a bug hotel and nature area in the school grounds. If you have any chicken wire, straw, roof tiles, carpet tiles, logs that you no longer need please could you donate it. A collection box will be put outside the Year 2 entrance for any donations.



Thank you



## SCHOOL DINNER SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who completed the school dinner survey. We found out that:

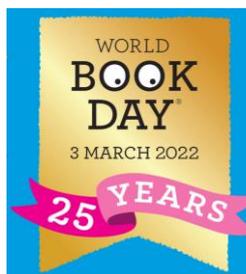
- The most popular traditional and halal meals were fish fingers, sausage and mash and meatballs and pasta.
- The most popular vegetarian meals were cheese and tomato pizza, macaroni cheese and veggie nachos and cheese.
- There were a lot of requests for ketchup to go with the burgers.
- Lots of children would like more options for toppings to go with the jacket potato.
- Pasta dishes were popular overall

As a result of completing the survey we have spoken with Aspens (our school meal provider), and they have worked with us to make changes to the menu for after the February half term holiday. Here are some updates to look out for:

- \*Homemade ketchup will be available to go with the burgers
- \*There are some new dinner choices in the new menu to replace the less popular meals. These new choices have been chosen based on what was popular.
- \*There will be ice lollies in the summer months as a special dessert option
- \*Every day there will be an additional option of pasta in a tomato sauce in addition to traditional, halal, vegetarian, jacket potato and grab and go.
- \*Aspens are going to be reviewing portion sizes to make sure they are appropriate for the different ages across the school

In the coming term the school council will be surveying children to find out what they think of the new menu and what changes we can make to the desserts to improve them further. We have attached the new menu to this newsletter email so you can see the choices. If you would like a paper copy these can be collected from the school office.

Thank you again to everyone who completed the survey and helped us improve our school meal choices.



Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for **World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. We especially love to see your upcycled and homemade costumes! If your child does not want to dress up, they can decorate a potato as their favourite book character and bring it in to class.

Parents are invited into class to read with their child at school drop off until 9.35am.

We will also have a preloved book sale after school with proceeds going to Friends of Minerva.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February:

Friends of Minerva sale

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February:

Yr 6 Lifeskills trip

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February:

Yr 1 trip to St Mary's Church, Fishponds

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February:

Yr 2 trip to Hillfields Park

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February:

Last day of term 3 for pupils

#### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February:

First day of term 4 for all pupils.

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:

World Book Day

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March:

Parents evening for all pupils.

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March:

INSET day- school closed for pupils.

### MPA-WE ARE ARTISTS

With a buzz of excitement across the school, the whole of MPA were artists last week. We all looked at drawing as a discipline with some moving on to add paint or colour using another medium. Shape, movement and tone were discussed along with the work of contemporary and traditional artists.

Yr3 were looking at replicating Chris Mould's atmospheric illustrations for Iron Man.

Why not take time to talk to your children at home about their learning as artists and let them celebrate their success with you?

