



MINERVA NEWSLETTER 14

17th July 2020

The past two weeks have been busy but a joy.

Despite education still looking very different, with some children in school whilst others continuing their learning at home, we have still managed to organise and implement a number of key events.

Across our school community we have had a virtual sports day with children at home and school having the opportunity to join in a variety of interesting and engaging sporting activities.

All of our year 6 children were invited to school to say goodbyes to friends and teachers. This year they all received gifts from our 'Friends of Minerva' group and from the Cabot Learning Federation. Friends of Minerva collected pictures and messages from the year group and put them on a gorgeous cushion. The book they received from the CLF is to enjoy reading over the summer and act as a transitional object leading into year 7.

Our reception children had the opportunity to join friends and teachers for a socially distanced picnic. During each session staff presented the children with an end of year certificate to celebrate their year in reception.

Although this year has been very different to what was originally planned, children have made progress and enjoyed different learning opportunities throughout the year. This has been not only due to the hard work and dedication of staff but also due to the support and hard work of all parents and carers at home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your continued support throughout the year and wish you all a fantastic summer. We look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school in September 2020.

Jenny Harvey (Acting Principal)

ACADEMY COUNCIL

Minerva Academy Council are looking for a parent councillor to join our diverse team of councillors. We are responsible for overseeing the management side of the school: strategy, policy, budgeting and staffing. We enable Minerva to run as effectively as possible, working alongside senior leaders and supporting teachers to provide excellent education to the children of Minerva.

Being part of the Academy council is a commitment to attending academy council meetings termly which consider issues such as setting the school vision, and scrutinising educational outcomes. You would bring your skills to the school and be involved in school visits to ensure children are achieving to a high standard and are safe and happy in the school environment.

If you would like more information or an informal chat please email your name and number to info@mpa.cabot.ac.uk and I will contact you.

Bridget Suitters
Chair of Academy Council

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20th July:

INSET DAY school closed to pupils

Tuesday 1st September:

INSET DAY school closed to pupils

Wednesday 2nd September

INSET DAY school closed to pupils

Thursday 3rd September:

Years 2, 4 & 6 in school only
(Years 1,3,& 5 learning from home)

Friday 4th September

Years 1, 3, & 5 in school only
(Years 2, 4, & 6 learning from home)

Monday 7th September

Years 1-6 in school

E-SAFETY TIP

This BBC site has really good advice about staying safe when using a mobile phone/tablet

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhqbxyc>

VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY

Well done to all the children who participated in our first ever virtual sports day - either at home or at school! It was great to see so many of you having so much fun!



SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

As school staff will not be working, if you need any support for your family, or have concerns about a child, here are a list of contacts who can help:

1. **First Response (for Bristol residents) - 0117 9036444 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm / 01454 615165 out of hours and at weekends**
2. **Access Response Team (for South Glos residents) - 01454 866000 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm (4.30pm on Fri) / 01454 615165 out of hours and at weekends**
3. **NSPCC 24 hour Helpline: 0808 800 5000 (free from a landline)**
4. **Police (non urgent calls): 101 - our local PCSO is Ryan Dark**
5. **East Bristol Children's Centres - keep up-to-date on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/eastbristolchildrenscentres/> or call 0117 3532899**
6. **Barnardos are offering a special support service to families for the summer holidays. Call 0800 157 7015 Mon-Fri 9am – 9pm / Sat & Sun 10am – 6pm for more information.**

The **Minerva well-being blog** will still be online at <https://wellbeingminervaclf.wordpress.com/> where you can find lots of links to more support for the whole family, as well as activities to keep you busy and ways to help you keep your mind and body well. We wish you a safe summer holiday and are looking forward to seeing you all in September!



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This year's Challenge is called Silly Squad and is all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh! The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck into all different kinds of funny books.

Sign up for free

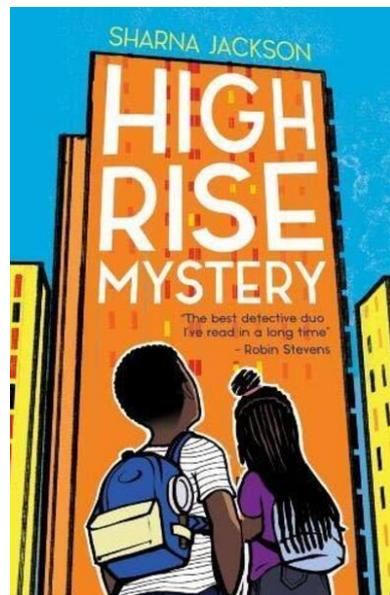
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

MEET OUR NEW PCSO

Introducing our new PCSO Ryan Dark. He will be meeting the school community when we open after the Summer holidays in September.



MISS RODEN'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION



Meet Nik and Norva, the detective duo everyone is dying to meet! They are armed with curiosity, home-turf knowledge and unlimited time - until the end of the summer holidays anyway.

The first whodunnit in a new mystery series by Sharna Jackson, getting rave reviews! For ages 8+.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE:

<https://minervaprimaryacademy.clf.uk/>

YOUTUBE: Search for MPA Youtube

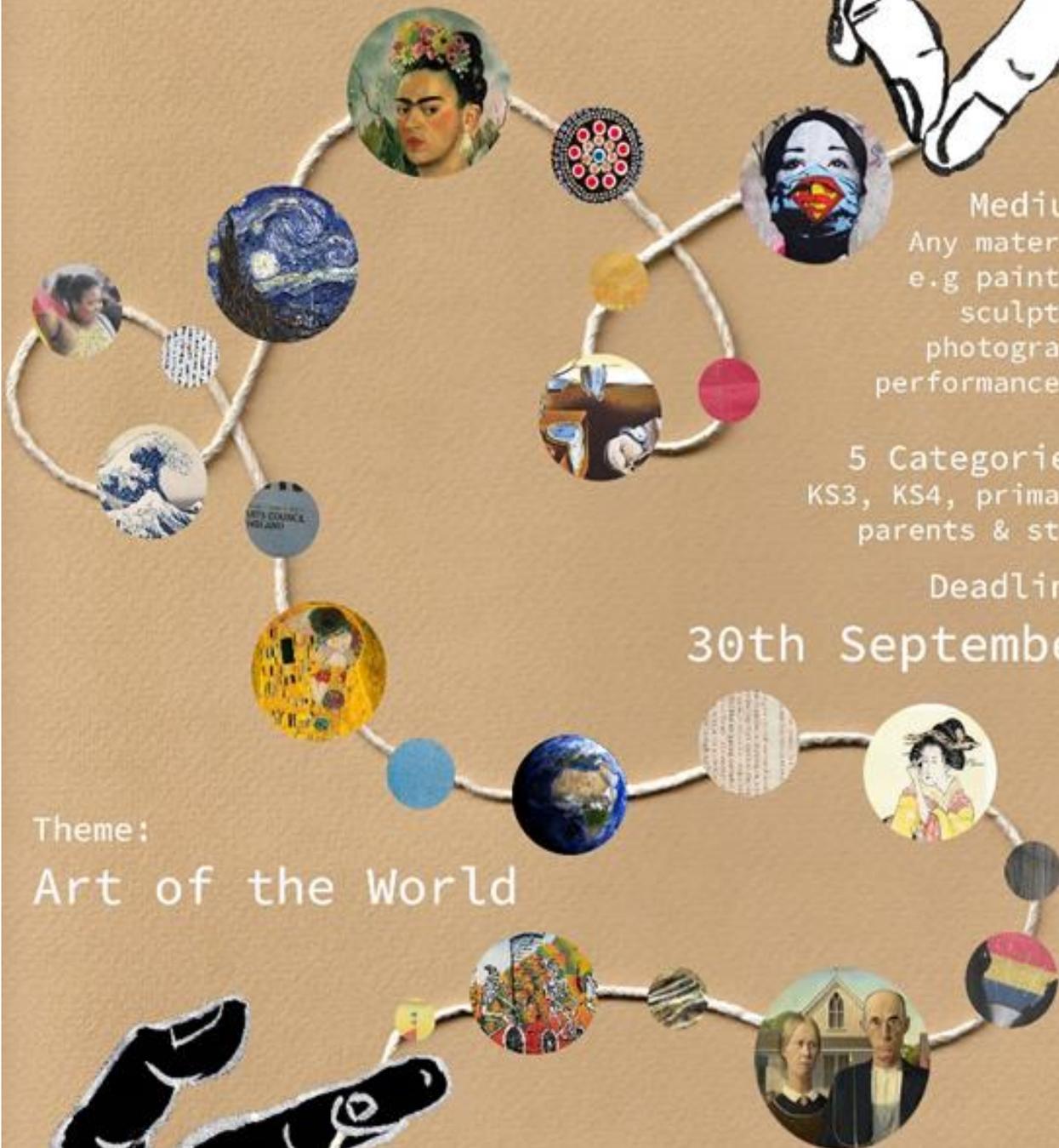
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TWITTER <https://twitter.com/MinervaCLF>



Art Competition

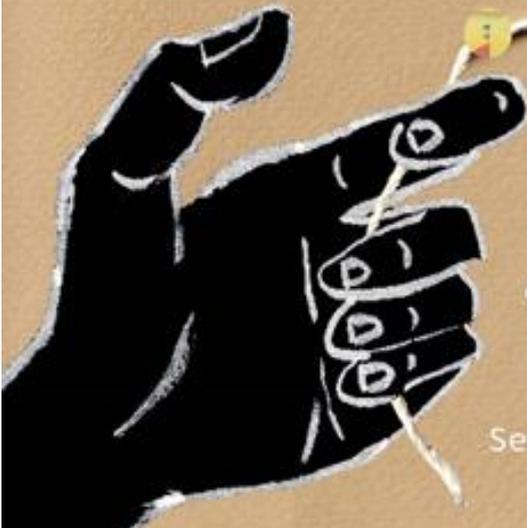


Medium:
Any material
e.g painting
sculpture
photography
performance...

5 Categories:
KS3, KS4, primary,
parents & staff

Deadline:
30th September

Theme:
Art of the World



BMA, BBA, CAB, Snowdon Village
& CLF primary schools come and take part
in a local art trail & exhibition.
Submit artwork inspired by the theme

Send entries to artcompetitioncdg@gmail.com

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CHILDREN'S
CENTRE
FRENCHAY ROAD
BS16 2QS

FRIDAYS

MEADOWVALE
COMMUNITY
CENTRE
42 MEADOW VALE
SPEEDWELL
BS5 7RF

Get in touch to find out more and sign up
0117 3532899
eastbristol.childrenscentres@bristol-schools.uk

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Building
stronger
families



FOOD CLUB

Over the holidays our pastoral care team will not be available to support families, so if over the holidays you are experiencing financial difficulties due to loss of work, reduction in hours, or being furloughed The East Bristol food club may be able to help.

Families can refer themselves via their facebook page,

eastbristol.childrenscentres@bristol-schools.uk

or by calling them on **0117 3532899**.

For **£3.50 per box**, in partnership with Family Action, we offer a food parcel worth approximately £15.

The parcels contain fresh fruit, veg, meat (with Halal and Veggie/Vegan options) we often have milk, yogurts, bread too.

