



MINERVA NEWSLETTER 8

17th January 2020



ART CONTEST!

Open to all year groups;
new or practised artists

Use any medium (paint, pencil, chalk, charcoal, collage etc) to express your interpretation of the theme '**Aspirations**' (our value of the term).

All entries to be submitted by the 31st January and winners' art will be shown in the very first MPA Art Exhibition in our hall. (For mounting the finished pieces, please make your artwork 15cm x 20cm.)

Go get creating!

PARENTS EVENING

TUESDAY 25th & THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Letters have been distributed this week to book your 10 minute appointment with teachers. We would like all parents/carers to make an appointment with class teachers to discuss their child's progress and receive their report.

(Reception classes please use sign-up sheet available on Monday on classroom door)

Please return the form to your child's class teacher.

We have heard from many of our students about the exciting presents they received over the holidays, including games consoles. Here are 5 top tips, which can be read in 5 minutes, for staying safe on a PS4:

swgfl.org.uk/magazine/staying-safe-on-playstation-5-in-5/

Look out for our monthly online safety messages in the newsletter, especially with Safer Internet Day approaching on February 11th.

CALM ZONE

Childline has launched 'Calm Zone' an online hub of calming techniques and resources for children and young people. There are breathing exercises, activities, games and videos to help them feel better when they feel anxious, scared or sad.

Why not check it out with your child?

www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone

TRAVELLING KITCHEN



Our reception classes, Fishponds and Kingswood, have been working with the 'Travelling Kitchen' this week, learning about cooking and making lots of delicious food: grissini, houmous, vegetable rissoles, pitta bread, crudités and more!

Their parents/carers came into school on Wednesday to see and taste the wonderful food they produced.

Next week, it will be Year 1 pupils in Easton and Speedwell who will have the opportunity to cook, with parents/carers invited into school on Wednesday 22nd January at 2.45pm to see the fruits of their labours!

SPEEDWELL CLASS

After some delays, we are pleased to welcome Miss O'Regan who has started in Year 1 to cover Mrs Massey who is on maternity leave.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20th January 3.30pm:

Year 5 parents meeting re Year 6 Camp Sept '20

Wednesday 22nd January, 2.45pm:

Year 1 parents 'Travelling Kitchen' taster

Friday 24th January:

Wacky Wardrobe Day

Thursday 30th January:

Bags to School collection

Friday 31st January:

Last day for entries to our 'Aspirations' art contest

Friday 14th February:

Last day of Term 3

Tuesday 25th & Thursday 27th February

3.45-5.45pm:

Parent/Carer's evenings for all classes

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AT MINERVA PRIMARY ACADEMY?

Whether it is every week or just as one-off trips, we are always grateful for parents/carers/family members who can give up their time to help us. If you enjoy reading with children or supporting their learning then we'd like to hear from you.

There is a small amount of paperwork that we need from you so please don't hesitate to see the office staff or Sarah Roden (Assistant Principal) who can help.

Thank you for spending your time giving back to our school community, we really appreciate it.

WRAP AROUND CARE

Please give the school office at least 24 hours notice for any changes to your child's sessions. Cancellations made on the day will still be charged.



THANK YOUR TEACHER

If you or your child would like to thank a teacher, why not use the following website to send them a free card in the post with your personal message.

www.thankateacher.co.uk

Top tips to help your child get to school on time!



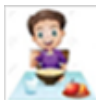
Get everything ready for school in the evening.

Have the same early bedtime routines every night.



Get up early every morning – set your alarm clock!

Eat a good breakfast or join us for a free bagel.



Allow plenty of travel and parking time.

AIM TO ARRIVE AT 8:30 AM!

Friends of Minerva Fundraising event on Valentine's Day!

As a celebration of love for our children we will be selling special 'Valentine Balloons' with messages attached.

Please look out for our text message telling you how you can pre-order a balloon and card with a personalised text.
50p per balloon



WACKY WARDROBE DAY FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY



Come to school dressed in the silliest, craziest outfit you can think of and help raise money for Friends of Minerva. The wackier the better!



HILLFIELDS HOMES FOR HEROES

Hillfields was the first area in Bristol to provide council housing after the 1919 Housing Act was passed in Parliament. We are interested in hearing your stories and learning more about events that have taken place in Hillfields since its beginnings and working together to mark its centenary.

For further information contact: Ruth@locallearning.org.uk

Help to shape a piece of street theatre to be performed live in the heart of Hillfields. Sessions on Thursday afternoons at Hillfields Community Hub off Thicket Avenue (1-3pm) **starting January 16th 2020**

Participate in writing workshops to co-produce a legacy booklet conveying the history of Hillfields on Wednesday afternoons (12-2pm) at Hillfields Library **starting 26th February 2020**

Create a community tapestry map of Hillfields with Bristol artist, Carmen Garaghon on Wednesday afternoons (3-5pm) at Hillfields Library **starting 26th February 2020**

The final celebration will take place in Hillfields on Saturday 6th June 2020.

HILLFIELDS LIBRARY

Free sessions at the library :

Baby Bounce/Story session every Wednesday 2.15pm to 3.15 pm (Term time only)

Comic - Crafternoons every Saturday 2pm – 4pm.

Hillfields BMX club-

Club starts on 11th January 2020 at the Hillfields park pump track (BS16 4EH) 11.00-2.00pm . Please keep an eye on the facebook page for club updates (@BMXBristol1 and HillfieldsBMX)

