



OFSTED

As you are all aware, OFSTED visited our school at the beginning of this term. We were very proud of the fact that we have maintained our 'Good' status and that OFSTED recognised our many strengths, including the fact that we are a 'warm and welcoming school' and that our children are 'polite and well mannered'.

The inspector looked at a few subject areas in depth during the visit. These were reading, maths and geography. The findings for reading and maths were extremely positive and there were no areas for us to consider for development.

The only areas that we have been asked to develop further are a very small number of subjects taught in the afternoon, where we have recently started using new schemes of work to deliver subject content. It is recognised that children's short term knowledge in these subjects areas is secure immediately after the subject has been taught, but we now need to work on children securing this subject knowledge over the long term so that children can further develop their ability to link concepts and ideas from different topics they have been taught previously.

Alongside looking at these subjects OFSTED also inspected our provision for child protection, attendance and behaviour. All of these areas were secure and there were no points raised for development. We were particularly pleased that OFSTED recognised the quality of our SEND

provision and that the opportunities that children have to enhance their personal development are real strengths of the school.

We would like to thank all of our parents who took the trouble to complete the OFSTED online survey and for everyone's positive comments and support during the two days of the inspection itself.

Our successful OFSTED report is a reflection of the huge team effort that everyone connected to our school has put into helping to develop our children and ensure that they feel secure and happy. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who strives so hard to make our school such a success.

A Day with Alex!



Yesterday, we were very lucky to have Alex Gichohi visit our school for the day. Alex is a singer/songwriter and having led a whole school assembly in the morning, he spent the rest of



the day running workshop for children in Year 4 and 5. These workshops were hugely inspirational and gave the children the opportunity to listen to songs written by Alex and also to work as a class to write their own music. At the end of the day, another whole school assembly was held to give the children the chance to perform their music to the rest of the school. The outcomes were truly wonderful, so much so, that we are hoping to invite Alex back in the near future to work with different year groups.

Important Cyber Workshops for Parents

We have teamed up with Avon and Somerset Police who will be coming into school to run two 'Online and Cyber Safety' workshops with parents on **Friday 26th April**. These workshops will take place in the school hall at 9.00am and 2.30pm and are aimed at helping parents find out about the risks faced by children when using their phones and computer devices and what can be done to try and keep their children safe. We have run similar sessions in the past which have always been very informative. We would try and encourage as many parents as possible to attend one of these sessions.

Year 5 Geography Project at Severn Beach

On Wednesday 20th March, Year 5 went to Severn Beach as part of their Geography



learning 'Why do oceans matter?'. They went to see how litter/human activity has affected the marine environment. They spent time observing the amount of litter that had been scattered or washed up along the shore. They kept a tally of all the pieces of litter that they had found, so they would know which type of litter was most and least common. The children found that the most common piece of litter found was food packaging. They think this is because people walk along the beach and drop their litter and that is light enough that if it had been put in the bin, it could be easily taken away by the wind. The least common rubbish item found was a disposable barbeque, probably because it was too cold to have barbeques outside at the moment. The children thought this may be different when it is summer.

Advice from the children for preventing litter would be to make sure there is easy access for people to dispose of their litter in bins and to have posters put up showing the effect of litter on marine life such as fish swallowing it and dying

Year 4 Go Climbing



During Term 4, Year 4 were very lucky because they had the opportunity to enjoy some climbing experiences at The Church in St Werburghs. At the beginning of the first session, the children were put into their harnesses and were then given a safety briefing where they were 'shown the ropes' before they were then able to have a go at climbing one of the many walls.

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While climbing, the children at the bottom of the wall had a very important job: they would belay their classmate so that if they slipped, they would stay safely on the wall. Because of their diligence and close attention, they didn't have any accidents and they all enjoyed ourselves tremendously. And... just to put anyone's mind at ease, the instructors also had hold of the ropes!

All of the children achieved great things during their three sessions, whether that meant them getting to the top, overcoming their fear of heights or getting higher on a wall than they did previously. All of the staff were very complimentary about our children and Mr Anderton and Mr Stephens were very proud!

Year 5 STEM Project

On Monday 25th March, Year 5 were visited by Scott and Matthias from Thales Alenia. Below is a short report written by two of our Year 5 children:

'To start, we were talking about why space is important and what it does for us back down on Earth. We were also talking about if we could live on any other planets and how that would be possible. We were challenged to play an advanced but fun game. The objective of the game was to get the ball on the tube using a lid with 8 pieces of string attached. Eight different people would hold 1 piece of string each: we would pull our string out and lift the lid up with the ball on top. Finally, you need to tip the ball in hopes that it will land on the tube!

We also found out about the Mars Balloon. The Mars Balloon is a massive balloon that they send up into the sky. Each school decides what to put inside an egg capsule (only if it fits). After that, each student will come up with an idea of how to decorate the egg capsule. Last time, the Mars balloon reached a massive height of 30 km, taking one and a half hours to reach that height and taking half an hour to fall back down to the ground. Finally, the people collect up the Mars Balloon to check on the difference of being up in the sky and down to the ground.

By Emilia and Ella

Woodland Nurturing

We would like to say a very big thank you to all of our parents and grandparents who have supported our Woodland Nurturing sessions at Hortham Farm this term. Woodland Nurturing is something that we greatly value at Bailey's Court and something that all of our children gain a great deal from. We are always on the look out for parents to help out. If you would like to help out at any future sessions please can you let your child's teacher know.

Aerospace

Year 2 were lucky enough to kick start their 'How did we learn to fly?' History unit with a trip to the Aerospace Bristol Museum. They did a workshop, where they learnt about some local history of flight and also created their own paper aeroplane Concorde! After that, they visited Concorde and were able to walk inside to see what it was like on board. As well as this, the children looked at other vehicles that have been designed and built in Filton. It was a fascinating day and one that everyone enjoyed despite the weather not being very kind!

Sad Goodbyes

We are very sad that Mrs Thomas, Mrs Hussey and Mrs Mirreh will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Thomas has worked in the school for the last three years, this year covering for Mrs Warner who has been off on maternity leave and has just returned.

Mrs Hussey is retiring, having worked in the school for over twelve year's, supporting many children with their learning and helping to cover classes during staff absence. Over the last few years she has also been a member of our enrichment team running classes for children in the afternoon linked to DT and computing.

Mrs Mirreh has worked in the school for seven years supporting children with SEND. Many children have benefitted from Mrs Mirreh's expertise during her time with us.

We would like to wish all three members of staff every success for the future – they will all be very sadly missed!

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Hear My Voice Singing Festival

In Year 2 this term, the children enjoyed a fantastic singing festival with Mr Parker from the West of England Music Association. They gathered with 4 other local schools and sang a variety of enjoyable songs. Mr Parker warmed up the children's voices and helped them to keep rhythm in a 'rhythm warm up', before moving onto the songs that the schools individually learnt. By the end of the morning, the children had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had beaming smiles on their faces! The children, Mrs Thomas and Miss Winward couldn't stop singing for the rest of the day!

Reception Are Visited by The Police

On Tuesday 26th March, Reception were lucky enough to have some police officers and a police car visit them in school. The children learnt a little bit about the role of a police officer and had the opportunity to explore inside their police car. They were shown some of the



equipment that police officers carry and even got to try on some of their hats and jackets. The highlight of the visit was listening to the police cars sirens. They were very loud!

Year 6 Grow a Pound

We would like to congratulate all of the children in Year 6 and their families for all of their hard work over the past two terms helping to raise funds for their 'Grow a Pound' project. The Friends of the school, kindly gave each child £1 and set them the challenge of using it to raise money to go towards their end of year leavers booklets and leavers events which are organised in the summer term. As in previous years, our children showed great

entrepreneurial skills organising events such as sponsored walks and cakes and jewellery sales. They have managed to raise over £2,000! Well done to all of our children in Year 6!

The Wild Place



Earlier this term Year 1 visited the Wild Place to support their Science topic on grouping animals. During their time there, the children took part in a workshop where they learnt which groups animals belong to. Following this they then had the opportunity to wander around the Wild Place and have a go at grouping the animals they saw. This proved to be a very popular visit with the children. We would like to thank all of our parents who supported the children by helping out on this day.

101 Things to Do Before ...

Each year the children are set a range of challenges to complete at home throughout the year which are specific to their age and stage of development. Once completed, children are encouraged to complete their '101 Booklet' and bring it back to school so that they can be awarded with a special badge and certificate.

Details as to what is needed to complete the challenges can be found in the 'Learning' section of our school website. Children have until the summer to complete this year's initiative.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Our breakfast club is open from 7.45am and our after-school club is open between 3.30pm and 6.00pm.

Bookings for the clubs will be made on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to book

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a space for your child, please contact the school office.

Diary Dates

Term begins 15th April

MOJO Active – Year 1 18th, 19th April

Forest school Year 4 22nd – 26th April

MOJO Active – Year 3 29th, 30th April

MOJO Active – Year 5 1st, 2nd May

Forest school Year Reception/Year 1 6th – 10th May

Parent forum 9th May 2.45pm

Year 4 swimming 13th – 17th May

KS2 SATs 13th – 17th May

Year 5 camp (camp on Friday 17th – 18th May)

Sports Days 21st and 22nd May (reserve 23rd)

Birthday Friday 23rd May

INSET 24th May

End Term 24th May

INSET 3rd June

Children arrive back 4th June

MOJO Active – Year 6 6th, 7th June

Forest school Year 5 10th – 14th June

New reception parents meeting 10th June 6pm

Forest school Year 6 17th – 21st June

New reception meet the teacher visits (after school) 17th June – 21st June

Forest school Year 2 24th – 28th June

Parent forum 27th June 2.45pm

Forest school Year 3 1st – 5th July

Reception stay and play visits 1st – 5th July

Summer fair 6th July Reception teddy bear picnic 5th July

MOJO Reception 8th and 9th July

Year 4 swimming 15th – 19th July

Parents' evening 18th July 3.30 – 4.30pm

Birthday Tuesday 23rd July

23rd July End Term

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