## Friday 29 March 2024 End Term 4 Newsletter



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Value of the term: Loyalty Learning behaviour: Resilience

The end of Term 4 and the Easter holidays are upon us. Many of our families have been observing the holy month of Ramadan during March and this will continue until Eid al Fitr in April Many more of our families will celebrate Easter Sunday at the end of March. We hope you all enjoy your festivities with your friends, family and community. It was so lovely to see so many of you attending parent meetings with your child's teacher. We are sure you were very proud of your child's progress this year to date, and we loved being able to share this with you. There will be more opportunities to come into the school with further open days planned for the next 2 terms. Be safe, have fun and we look forward to seeing you all again at 8.45am on Tuesday 16 April.

We are Resilient



BBC Bitesize provides a parents toolkit—when you are not sure how to help, check this website out.

5 ways to build resilience.

Click on the logo above

We are Loyal



Short animated video to show our children what the meaning of loyalty is.

Click on the logo above

We are Resilient

#### The Children's Society

Mental resilience is how you deal with and recover from challenging life events. Being mentally resilient gives you the strength to get through tough times.

Click on the logo above.

## Get Active for FVA

With the Easter holidays upon us and perhaps lots of chocolate being consumed, now is a great time to start to move a little more, by walking, running, scooting, cycling, jumping, hopping, roller skating, skipping or shuffling to raise much needed funds for the school. The target that has been set is a total of 2000 miles in the 30 days from the 21 March to the 19 April. Please ask family members, friends or neighbours to sponsor you per mile. All money raised however little should be brought to school by no later than Friday 26 April . Please make sure the money is in an envelope with your child's name and class.

Come on FVA citizens—how far can we go and how much can we raise?

Ready, steady go!! Let's get active!

Look out for this booklet in your bookbags and join the 30 day challenge from 21<sup>st</sup> March – 19<sup>th</sup> April to Get Active for Frome Vale! (Don't forget to include your walk to school!)



#### Key Dates for your diary

Tuesday 16 April 2024
Thursday 18 April 2024
Friday 19 April 2024
Monday 6 May 2024

Thursday 9 May 2024

Monday 13 May 2024

Thursday 16 May 2024 Thursday 23 May 2024 First Day Term 5

Year 5 Caerleon Trip

Year 5 Swimming Lessons —remember swimming kit

Bank Holiday—School Closed

Year 3 The Matthew Trip

Year 6 SATs week

Special Menu on this day

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 Mojo Active Trip



## The Big Brush Club Year R and Year 1 Consents Needed

Frome Vale Academy have joined the NHS programme to help the youngest children at FVA access supervised tooth brushing at school. This will begin in Term 5. Our staff are receiving the essential training to provide this supervision. Letters will be sent home shortly to seek parental consent for your child to take part in the programme.

More information about this initiative can be found HERE









We would like to say a big thank you to all our Frome Vale Academy parents and carers for supporting your children to attend school and engage so well with their learning. We know that this reflects the value our families place on children learning in school every day. We are looking forward to continuing to work together, to support best attendance and learning.

The first day and week of term are very important in helping pupils to settle into school and the school routine. We know that children who attend every day during the first week of term are more likely to attend well over the year. They are

also better settled into the changes that happen in new terms, and therefore more readily able to access learning than those who miss out.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child returns to school on the first day of term.

Our first day of Term 5 is TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2024

Frome Vale Academy on the News Again

Welcome to a world of info for kids! FYI: Weekly News Show is an award-winning weekly news magazine show. Broadcast 52 weeks a year, FYI investigates the big issues young people need info on. The show not only puts children in the know but also gives them a platform on which they can be heard. With reports from across the globe, explainers, debates, Fake News or Fact alerts and in-depth reporting, we also get big name interviews - from world leaders to pop and film stars.

You can watch our children presenting to camera and sharing with the rest of the UK how our pupils can earn Penguin Pounds. Click HERE Episode 258 at 5mins 20secs





## Easter Holiday Fun ideas



#### Decorate your eggs

- 1)Grab a bowl of water, and use different colour nail polishes,
- 2) Swirl them around in the water to create a lovely pattern.
- 3) Pop the egg gently in the water for it to grab the design, fish it out and set it aside to dry white eggs would work best for this but any egg is fine

#### Make Chocolate nests for mini eggs

- Add 100g of butter, 1 tbsp cocoa powder, 50g milk chocolate buttons and 75g of golden syrup in a bowl.
- Microwave on high for 1.5mins and mix together.
- Crumble 4 Shredded Wheat over the bowl and mix with rest of ingredients.
- Place a generous spoonful in each of 12 bun case (the nests).
- Press the centre of each nest down slightly to form a dip.
   Chill for 30 minutes before serving, then place 3 chocolate mini eggs in each 'nest'.





#### Easter scavenger hunt

Kids will love hunting for some extra treasure, and this scavenger hunt works just as well indoors as outdoors. Now, just decide whether you will include it as part of your **Easter egg hunt**, or keep it as a separate activity.

Click HERE for downloadable sheet

#### Make an Easter Garland

Use Easter egg cut outs, and let your kids paint and colour one each day in the countdown to Easter. We love this idea of making eggs from paint sample cards to add extra colour! String them up into a garland and decorate to your heart's content!





#### Have an egg race

Let all the race participants decorate their own hard boiled egg with paint, glitter, etc. Then hand them all a spoon and let them race off on the predetermined course. The winner will be the one who reaches the finish line first without dropping their egg.

We are starting a series of A to Z for families. This will continue into our next newsletter.





The ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity supports parents and carers so they can understand and meet the needs of their child. With a range of webinars, courses, resources, and our screening service, we help families to know which interventions and adaptations are right for them. Click their logo to access more information.

## SEND Families



Bristol Parent Carers is an organisation run by parents who understand the challenges of raising a child with special educational needs or a disability because they've been there too and they have children just like yours. They are a charity run by parents, for parents. Join them at one of their free events and find the support your family deserves.

Click HERE for more information



Our SEND Local Offer website is a single place of information about services and support for children and young people from birth to 25 years old who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND), and for their families and carers.

Our Local Offer website is for:

- parents and carers
- and young people
- practitioners and professionals

Who live, go to school or work in the Bristol City

## Bristol Autism Support

A website jam packed full of information, help and support for families with autistic children in Bristol or South Gloucestershire.

#### Click HERE



#### Introduction to **Printmaking Workshops**

Have you suffered with anxiety/stress/ loneliness, worsened by the increasing financial costs of the Covid epidemic?

Would you find meeting people with similar problems helpful?

If you find being creative enjoyable and relaxing but perhaps don't have the funds to commit to a regular art class then

please get in touch.

Artintro Workshops are providing a free 6 week printmaking course to help promote the wellbeing of people within our community.

Friday 19th April and each Friday, last one being Friday 24th May 10am-1pm

At The Vassells Centre, Gill Ave, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ Email: artintroworkshops@gmail.com or phone 07966328525 to register an interest









ARTZINTRO











For d/Deaf, Disabled, and Neurodivergent female and non-binary children and young adults

Sunday 24 March

Participants can try different activities in small groups!

Sports include: Kinball, Yoga and Wheelchair Basketball

#### Where:

1:30pm - 4pm Brunel Fitness Centre, Speedwell Road, Baptist Mills, Bristol, BS15 1NU

Price: Free Age: 8+ years

For more information and to





#### Online Safety

#### What Parents Need to Know!

Each newsletter we will provide a helpful fact page on an online game or issue. We know children will want to play online games with their friends and this can be a great way for children to have fun. However as you will be aware with every benefit there is also a disadvantage. Being aware of what these can be will help to keep your child safe.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes.

For further guides, hints and tips, please visit national college.com.

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# ENCOURAGING OPEN CONVERSATIONS AT HOME

With tricky topics and occasional clashes of opinion, it can be challenging to maintain an environment where children feel able to talk candidly and honestly. However, encouraging such conversations helps to develop trust – making it easier to unpack even sensitive subjects as children get older. Here are our top tips for promoting open conversations at home.

## CREATE A SAFE

Criticism, blaming or shaming can all prevent children from feeling emotionally safe – while showing affection, positive attention and an interest in what a child has to say builds their sense of security. These formative years are when children's opinions and values begin to take shape, so it's important to provide a non-judgmental environment in which to discuss them – especially if their opinions differ from your own.

## CONSIDER OTHER

Some children may find it easier to talk while they're participating in another activity such as drawing, writing, walking or sport. If it's possible, taking part in these activities together presents you with an opportunity to communicate while doing something side by side. A child may feel less pressure that way and can be more inclined to open up of their own accord.

#### NORMALISE CHATS ABOUT FEELINGS

incorporate mental health and emotional wellbeing into everyday conversations, using age-appropriate language and examples to help children understand their emotions. Ask questions like "How are you feeling today?", "What was the best and worst part of your day?", "If you could start today again, what would you do differently?" and "Is there anything you want to talk about?"

#### 4 LISTEN ACTIVELY

When children express themselves, make it obvious that you're listening closely and giving them your full attention. Maintain eye contact and validate their feelings without immediately trying to solve the problem. It's not helpful to dismiss their issues as childish or 'teenage angst' or to assume that they'll simply 'get over' whatever they're feeling. Children don't have your life experience; their resilience is still developing as they learn to push though difficulties and handle problems.

#### 5 ASK OPEN QUESTIONS

Encourage children to share their thoughts by asking open questions about their feelings and experiences. Closed questions (such as "Did you enjoy school today?") are more likely to elicit a simple "yes" or "no" response. Instead, you could ask things like "Who did you spend time with at break?" or "Who did you sit with at lunchtime?"

## RESPECT THEIR BOUNDARIES

If a child isn't ready to talk to about something yet, respect their boundaries: this reinforces that their feelings are important and worthy of consideration. Ideally, you're aiming to let them know you care without smothering them, so just make it clear that you're there for them whenever they're ready to chat. Gentle, regular check-ins can sometimes be the best form of progress.

#### 7 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Model open, honest and healthy communication in front of children and young people. Try to demonstrate kindness when talking about others and yourself, because if children hear adults being overly horsh, critical or judgmental, or see them having unrealistic expectations of themselves, it makes them more likely to adopt and repeat this behaviour themselves as they grow.

#### HAVE REGULAR CHECK-INS

Check in with children periodically to discuss how they're feeling and what's going on in their lives. This could be a weekly or monthly conversation, where the child has an opportunity to share whatever's on their mind. For parents and carers, getting away from the house and other distractions might be productive here: you could consider regular trips to a coffee shop or a cafe, or just a weekly walk.

#### 9 PROVIDE RESOURCES

it's often beneficial to let children know about other support that's available to them if they're struggling to talk to you specifically. Encourage them to talk to school counsellors, trusted adults or even a therapist, if necessary – while normalising this route and dispelling the harmful stigma around asking for help. Older children could engage with resources such as Kooth or Youngkillnds.

## 10 CELEBRATE EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION

It's beneficial to praise children for expressing their feelings honestly – emphasising how important it is to talk about their emotions and how proud you are of them for doing so. This can be especially pivotal for boys, who often experience more of a stigma around talking frankly about their feelings and their mental health – a barrier that can be overcome, with enough love and support.

#### Meet Our Expert

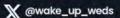
With 30 years' experience as a teacher, trainer, consultant and interim executive board member, Anna Bateman has a superb understanding of what works in pedagogy, school improvement and leadership. She has also advised the Department for Education on their mental health green paper.

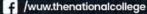




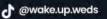
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You can stay in touch with what is happening at the academy by logging onto our Twitter feed.

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EASTER 2024 2 - 12 April

We offer funded and private spaces

Easter egg hunts Chocolate experiments Mousse making



www.bizzykidzclub.com

After a successful launch during the February half term, Bizzy Kidz Club returns for another fun filled holiday club over the Easter holiday

It is a paid holiday club, however there is HAF funding for those children who are entitled, through receiving free school meals.

This is an independent holiday club and is not run by Frome Vale Academy, however we feel that with the club being based at our school, that the children will feel at home during the days that they attend.

If you are interested in booking or if you just want more information at this time, please click the logo below

Bizzy Kidz Club are an Ofsted registered club. Click the logo below to find out more.





As many of you will know the school lunches are provided by Aspens.

Their team have put together a recipe card with instructions to enable you to feed your family for £5.

Simply scan the QR codes to watch one of the chef's cooking the meal or simply get the menu card for the ingredients and method.

Aspens will be providing more of these recipe ideas in the coming months.

We hope you enjoy!





## EASTER HOLIDAY **OPEN ACCESS PLAY SESSIONS**

led by Children's Scrapstore

What is open access? Children are free to come and go as they please so

they need to be responsible for themselves.

Children aged 8 and over can come on their own if they are allowed out unsupervised. Under 8's need to have an adult with them.

Fully funded lunch will be provided for children

## FREE 10:30AM - 2:30PM EASTER HOLIDAYS

Week 1 - Make your own fidgets! Week 2 - Make your own puppets! Come and get creative and imaginative at these regular play sessions. Expect arts and crafts, sports kit, construction materials and much more!

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

## MONDAYS

**GREEN SPACE OUTSIDE OLDBURY COURT** CHILDREN'S CENTRE. **BS16 20S** 

playteam@childrensscrapstore.co.uk for more information

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Girlguiding

17th Bristol Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers - Eastville

## Volunteer with us



Volunteering with Girlguiding is totally flexible.

Any help you can give will make a big difference. There's no commitment too small. You can volunteer in a group or use your skills behind the scenes and you don't need any guiding experience to join the fun.

Contact Jo or Stacy to have a chat to see how you can be involved

stacy@girlguidingbsg.org.uk 07774 631627

jo@girlguidingbsg.org.uk 07774 640229

girlguiding.org.uk/volunteer







Call/Text: 07721589956 or email: sarah.freeman@bristol.gov.uk Eligibility: Adults aged 19+, without a Grade C/Level 4 in GCSE Maths

Multiply







Share your memories of Begbrook & Frenchay 1970 - 2015

Sat 6th April 10am - 4pm

Avon Wildlife Trust and our friends at Action for Conservation warmly invite you to join us to share your memories of how this area has changed for people and wildlife. We will be at Grow Wilder all day and would love to hear your memories and stories! Also on the day you

Explore Grow Wilder and get ideas for wildlife friendly food growing and gardening

> Discover a huge range of spring wildflowers at our nursery

Enjoy hot drinks and cake

Grow Wilder's address is 181 Frenchay Park Road, BS16 1EL. There is a bus stop by our entrance, and parking is available at Begbrook Social Club, 50m away. We have disabled parking, an accessible toilet, and wheelchair accessible paths. To find out more please get in touch with us on 01179657086 or growwilder@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk













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- Gardening/Outdoor Wellbeing/Woodland Skills
- English ESOL
- · Functional Skills English
- . Health and Social Care

Please contact Catherine.landon@bristol.gov.uk 07785 702454 to express interest.

Eligibility: Adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications





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### AGE 18-30 AND WANT TO DO SOMETHING YOU LOVE FOR A LIVING?

Click Start by Bath Spa University in Creative Digital Skills is a free, creative digital programme designed to help you pursue a new career. You'll develop next level skills in digital marketing, UI/UX design and web development through a mixture of online and face to face teaching.

You'll be supported through the course and for six months after by a personal employability coach from Catch22.

> Find out more: www.bathspa.ac.uk/clickstart

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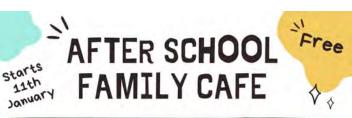














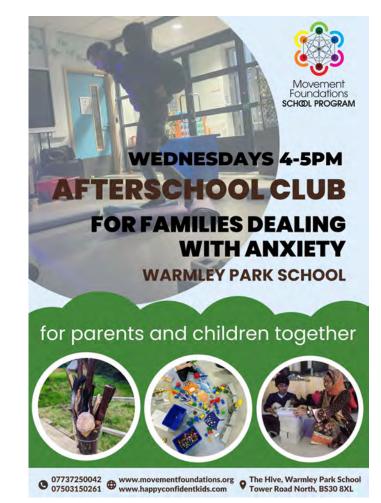
Children must come With an adult. Aimed at primary school children.

For more info what's app/message/call Amy 07749 812131

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# TEA AND TOTS CLUB WEDNESDAYS 9.30 - 11AM THE VASSALL CENTRE

Come along with your little ones to enjoy time together and meet others - with singing, playtime, storytime and games. Ages 0-4, everyone welcome!



Email office@vassallcentre.org.uk, call 0117 930 0301 or drop in with any questions.

FREE

## Nordic Walking

Starting March 2024

#### What is Nordic walking?

Nordic walking is like ordinary walking, but you use two poles to help you walk more confidently. It helps boost your fitness, mood, energy, and strength in an enjoyable way.



## Fridays 10-11am Oldbury Court Estate

A Friends of Oldbury Court initiative through Bristol Impact Fund

- For BS16 residents
- All fitness levels welcome
- Taught by qualified instructors
- Nordic walking poles provided
- Booking essential

Contact Kate Spreadbury for more information and to book: kate@oldburycourtpark.org.uk or please text on 07779 852011

Classes delivered by www.letswalkbristol.org.



