



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019



## An exciting world of learning

**This week some of our pupils have been out and about exploring Bristol whilst others have been developing their skills in drama and music.**

**On Monday, Year 6 pupils went to Ashton Court for an Archeological excursion: "We worked on an archeological dig on the south lawn. We were lucky enough to find, pottery, clay pipes, broken glass and roof slate pieces which will be cleaned up and dated. We were given a tour of the house, including the derelict first floor. We were then asked to work on our own designs for what we thought Ashton Court could be used for once it's been renovated. These designs will be shown, along with other school's designs, at an exhibition, later in the year."**

**Elsewhere in the school, year 4 pupils went to visit Pizza Express as part of their wider curriculum learning and Y5 pupils have been busy practising for the Y5 performance next week. Also coming up... Please don't forget that it is KS1 and KS2 Sports Days next week on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July and KS2 Sports Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. We look forward to you joining us!**

## KS1 and KS2 Sports Days

As mentioned, it is KS1 Sports Day on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Both events will begin promptly at 1.30pm.

A message from Miss Forkin (P.E. Lead):

"Children will need to wear: black shorts or leggings, trainers and their coloured t shirt from last year.

Red: Wales

Blue: Scotland

Yellow: England

Green: N Ireland

Things will run slightly differently to last year:

Children will be expected to sit in their house teams for the afternoon. The house team leader will call children up and send them to the pre-race area before they are due to race. There will be events taking place on the field and playground so children shouldn't be sitting around for too long! If they are not racing please encourage them to cheer on their team mates.

Parents will be allowed into the school playground at 1:30pm on each day. The gates will shut at 1:40pm No one will be allowed in after this time (to make sure that the playground is secure). "

**Important:** As we have had some really hot weather lately, please ensure you provide your child with water and consider applying suncream!



### Halal meal options

Many of our children require Halal meat and we have always made sure that Halal meals are available; a traditional option is also offered. In our Reception area, you will find certificates to show our suppliers provide us with Halal meat. Please ask if you would like to be shown them or if you have any questions. We enjoy serving our community and will continue to ensure all beliefs are respected.



### Healthy reminder

Please send your child in with a drink of water each day. Some children have brought in sugary juices and energy drinks - these are not healthy and can cause tooth decay. A bottle of water helps children stay hydrated and helps concentration levels - thank you for your support with this.



## Parent Forums

As many of you will be aware, parent forums take place in the Family Room at 9:00am on Wednesday's (unless otherwise stated). If you wish to attend, please visit the main office once you have delivered your children to school. Upcoming parent forums:

Wednesday 10th July: No Forum - Wind and The Willows Performance

Wednesday 17th July: Ofsted update - Senior and Middle Leadership Team

## Social Media and E-Safety

Very recently, we have had reports from staff to say that a minority of pupils are trying to "add them" as friends on Facebook. The pupils concerned (and their parents/carers) have been contacted and advised. Please can we ask that all parents/carers monitor their children's internet usage. Facebook is a social platform for adults and teenagers and it is not appropriate (and potentially dangerous) for pupils to be contacting staff or other adults via the internet. All staff have been advised to ignore friend requests and inform Senior Leaders.

## Homework

Homework is available on our website each Friday - thank you for your ongoing support with this. It benefits the children to have their education supplemented and prioritised by parents and carers. The link is:

<http://www.bartonhillbristol.org/832/homework?search=homework>



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## **Term dates**

Term 6 ends Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm

## **INSET**

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> July



**INVITATION TO VISIT THE QUEEN GALADRIEL: 27<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 11:00 – 15:00**

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

As you may know, students and teachers from three schools within Venturers Trust have been participating in the Wettest Classroom on Earth 2019, an incredible expedition to sail a boat around the UK coast over a two-month period. Students have each spent seven days at sea - learning, working, eating and sleeping on board the ship.

The Queen Galadriel, which began its voyage from Bristol on 25th May, is a Baltic Trader built in 1937 in Denmark, 32.9 metres long, with a beam of 6.6 metres. We are expecting the boat to return to Bristol on its final leg of the Wettest Classroom voyage on 26th July, where she will remain over the weekend.

The Trust has arranged for the boat to be open between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July to allow friends and family of Venturers Trust schools to visit the Queen Galadriel.

There is no need to reply to this invitation, but if you would like the opportunity to board the ship and look around on 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> July, you will find the Queen Galadriel docked outside the Arnolfini on Welsh Back: 16 Narrow Quay, Bristol, BS1 4QA.

With best wishes,



Gail Bragg  
Chair of Trustees, Venturers Trust

