



PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Monday 4th December 2023

Our Paulton Junior School 6R values

RESPECT RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE REASONING RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTIVE



Diary Dates

Thursday 7th December – Year 3 Christmas Assembly – Doors open 2.20pm parents invited

Friday 8th December – Year 4 Christmas Assembly – Doors open 2.20pm parents invited

Tuesday 12th December – Year 5 Christmas Assembly – Doors open 2.20pm parents invited

Wednesday 13th December – Year 6 Christmas Assembly – Doors open 2.20pm parents invited

Friday 15th December – Invited to wear **Christmas jumpers instead of school jumpers**

Friday 15th December - Last day of Term 2

Tuesday 2nd January– INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 3rd January – TERM 3 Starts – All children back to school

PTA School Christmas Fair

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the fair last Friday; whether it was to donate an item for a stall, help set up or come along and spend cash. It was so fantastic to see everyone having fun and taking part in the many games: Hook a Cracker, Ball or Brussel, Elf off the shelf. Also, the Cake stall, Tombola and Jam Jar Jingles proved very popular. The Junior children had been busy either making printed cards or beautiful Christmas decorations to sell. If your child was unable to attend and would still like to buy their creation, they can still be purchased from school. The total amount of money raised at this event and for the school PTA, will be shared as soon as it has been counted.

BBC Children In Need



The school council would like to say, 'Well done and thank you' to all the children who raised money for the BBC Children In Need Mufti day. A total of £261.41 was raised and donated to the charity.

Bath Light the Night Festival

At the beginning of November, Year 5 were lucky enough to work with Bath Carnival and create fabulous penguin lanterns. We learnt how to use waxy sticks to create different shapes and make our own penguins! The children were then invited to take part in the Bath Lights the Nights Festival in Bath. This consisted of three processions of lantern carriers (made up of schools, clubs, organisations and children who attended the workshops ran in half term), costume wearers and musicians. These groups then came together at Bath Abbey; serving as an alternative to the traditional Christmas lights switch in Bath. The lantern holders then proceeded into the Abbey, walked down the aisle enjoyed a great musical performance by Bath Rock Choir. It was so lovely to see so many of our Year 5 taking part in this amazing opportunity and huge thank you to all the parents, family and carers that came along to support us as well!





The Benefice Christmas Sing

Our school were invited to participate in the Benefice Christmas Sing at Paulton Parish Church last week, together with children from Farrington and High Littleton Primary Schools. All the pupils sang traditional carols with the congregation and then each school enjoyed performing a Christmas song. Paulton Juniors sang 'Come & Join the Celebration' accompanied by Mr Smith on the guitar. Also, Year 5 and 6 children delivered a Nativity reading with such clear voices and expression. It was a super community occasion and a wonderful way to start the Christmas celebrations.



Road Safety Awareness Week

The PCSO Paul Thatcher and PC Kieran Cox came to visit school and addressed the children in a Lower and then an Upper school assembly. Firstly, they described their police role within the community and shared information about keeping safe when crossing the road, using pavements, riding scooters and how to behave and be a good passenger in a vehicle. **STOP, LOOK, LISTEN. THINK** was the message that all our children were encouraged to use. in order to keep safe when out and about.

Online Safety

The PCSO Thatcher and PC Cox also spoke to the children in Years 5 and 6 about keeping safe on line. Many children have phones and are either using apps that are not age appropriate or are having friendship issues on group chats that then affect their school day. We are sure many parents will want to take some time to talk to their children about the importance of online behaviour, following age guidelines and treating others with kindness. You may find these resources helpful in supporting your child to use the internet safely and in a positive way.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp>



Indoor Athletics

A team of children went to Wellsway School for the indoor athletics competition last week. They competed in several events: mini-field events- javelin, speed bounce, triple jump, medicine ball chest pass, standing and long jumps. Also, there were many running events to compete in against other schools.

'It was nerve racking at the start as we didn't know what to do, however once you began and did a race it was a lot of fun and we tried our best.'



Girls' Football Tournament

On Monday 20th November the Paulton Junior School Girl's Football team took part in a tournament at Norton Hill. The team played exceptionally well and won all the games in the group stage and went straight through to the semi-finals. The semi-final was a close game again St John's which was 1-1 at full time and after extra time so it was down to the penalty shoot-out. The girls stepped up and kept their nerve to secure the win. In the Final, the girls played exceptionally well but unfortunately, they lost to St Vigor and St John's.

Years 4 and 5 Cross Country at Downside School



On Tuesday 21st November, 11 year 4 and 5 children took part in a Cross Country event at Downside school. They ran a 1200m course and did amazingly well with many of the children securing a top 10 position including Tega coming away with a bronze medal. Paulton Junior School are very proud of their achievements.