

Paulton Junior School

Newsletter



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Incredible Birds Visit Year 3

On 25th September, Year 3 got to meet Alistair from Hawkeye Falconry and his feathered friends - a number of birds of prey! We learnt lots about the different animals on show including a native kestrel and a range of owls from Siberia, Australia and Peru. Alistair talked about their favourite foods, the different times of day they hunt and the fact that owls have one ear higher than the other. Who knew? Not only did we see most of them fly around the hall we all had the chance to hold some of them! They were quite light but our arms started to hurt after a while.

The Amazing PTA

Carolyn Birch (Chair), Faye Gunstone (Secretary) and Becky Young (Treasurer) have led the PTA to achieve a grand total of **over £4600** for the Junior School last year. This is a superb team performance and on behalf of the whole community I would like to thank them sincerely for the hard work that goes in to raising such a huge amount. And what is even better news is that all three have agreed to continue in their roles. Any help from any parent is always appreciated - they do have a Paulton Schools PTA Facebook page. Just let them know if you can help.

Swimming Gala for Year 6

Year 6 - Wednesday 24th October from 1.30pm at Paulton pool is the Year 6 Swimming Gala. All are welcome to come along and support.

Inhalers and medication/Sickness

Any child who needs an inhaler **must** have it in school with a named prescription. For the administration of any other medicines please see Mrs Pratten in the office.



Mentoring Plus

Volunteer 1-2 hours a week to support a vulnerable child

Could you spare an hour or two a week to support a 7-11 year old struggling with family difficulties or problems in school? Local youth charity Mentoring Plus needs volunteer mentors for primary-aged children in Bath & NE Somerset. Mentors are kind, committed adults who meet up with primary pupils one to one weekly in school hours, have a chat, do fun activities and explore their community together.

No previous experience is needed and full training is given. You'll help a lonely or anxious child to feel more confident, know their own strengths and cope better in the classroom – and build skills and confidence yourself!

Please call Mentoring Plus on 01225 429694 for a no-obligation chat or see mentoringplus.net/volunteer for details. Next training: 6th and 13th Oct 2018 in Bath.

Maths Challenge

Four children from Year 4 took part in the BANES Maths Challenge at K.E.S. in Bath on Thursday.

Freya Manfield, Evie Jordan, Finlay Niemand and Joseph Dando competed against 25 other schools in the fast paced maths event. They did extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed getting involve in competitive maths. Well done to them all.

Small toy donations.

We are asking for any donations of small world play toys for focussed play, including animals, plastic toys, lego/ construction pieces for use in the playground. We are also looking for larger pieces of SCRAP for container. Please drop anything that you can donate at the office. Many thanks.

Special Clothing

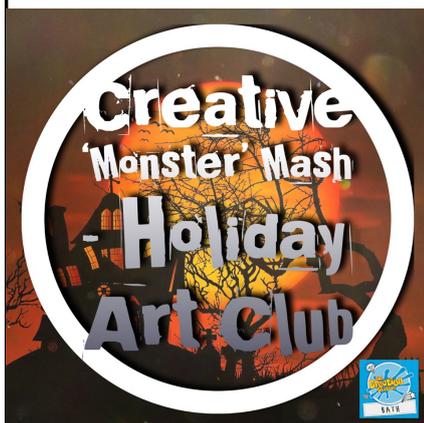
On most days, children will spend some time outside so they will need adequate clothing and footwear, especially for use **in the Playscape** e.g. waterproofs and wellies.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING that comes into School.

And there's more

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Creative 'Monster' Mash

Following the success of this summer's Creative Mash, the Creation Station are back with two mornings of **Creative 'Monster' Mash** this half term. This art club will run on **Monday October 29th** and **Tuesday October 30th** from **9am to 12 noon**.

We are planning lots of autumnal arts and crafts, with a slight nod to Halloween and Bonfire Night. We are also excited to confirm that we will be running **'SLIME MAKING'** on both days! Classes will be held at Paulton Junior School and cost £12 per morning (£10 for additional siblings). Children must be aged 5 or over.

For further details and bookings contact Nicki by email on nickismith@thecreationstation.co.uk

Mothman Returns to Year 3

On Monday 18th September "Maurice the Mothman" returned to school to share his passion for moths and butterflies to Year 3. Over the previous weekend, he had set up collection tubs in the playscape and we were able to look at the different species of moths that live in our own school grounds that had flown inside. There were so many more than we ever expected! Maurice talked about the habitats of our native species and discussed how climate change and the destruction of butterfly habitats are affecting where certain breeds are found. We are very lucky because Maurice is going to come back in the summer term to see what different insects we will find in the collection tubs. The adventures continue next week as Year 3 will be flying back in time to the Stone Age when they visit the ancient site of Stonehenge.

Sponsored Walk With Reception Children

On Thursday 4th October, nine Year 6 students went over to the Infant School to help the reception children with their sponsored walk. Rowan, Vicky and Archie helped Jade class; Amber, Ben and Woody helped Ruby class; Oscar, Ryan B and Eleanor helped Opal class. We walked up Plumpton Road and down to Paulton Park. Then we had a break for a biscuit and set off back to school. We all hope they raised lots of money and enjoyed themselves. We certainly did!!!! *(It was wonderful to receive an email from Mrs Hogan, Headteacher of Paulton Infants, passing on her sincere thanks to the nine fantastic children.)*

Open Door Friday

Open Door Friday (ODF) returns this year where each and **every Friday at 3.10pm** you are invited into your child's classroom to share with your child what they have been learning that week. Its purpose is for you to see what your child has been doing in their books. Teachers will try to be on hand to answer questions but this is not always possible and it is not the primary function of ODF.

Dates for your Diary

There are a huge number of up coming events (too many to list here) which are on the calendar on the home page of our website. Please take a look. Some important dates are;

Wednesday 24th October and Thursday 25th October from 3.15pm we are holding **Parent Teacher Consultations**. **Fri 26th October Term 1 ends. Mon 5th Nov Term 2 starts.**

And Finally...

- **Fruit Stall** is open every morning break. All items of fruit are **20p each**.
- **Toasty Friday** runs once a week, (on a Friday - clue is in the title), where toast can be purchased for **10p per slice**.
- We operate a **Blue Box system** in each class. This is where any letters, forms or messages are to be placed by your child in the morning. It will then go to the office.
- Congratulations to the 20 children who represented PJS at the BANES Cross Country Championships this week. A special mention to **Archie Alexander** from Y6 who finished in an incredible second place overall and with it won the silver medal.