



PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2024

Our Paulton Junior School 6R Values

RESPECT RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE REASONING RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTIVE

Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd July – Break up- Last day of Term 6

Monday 2nd September – INSET Day (school closed)

Tuesday 3rd September – First day back to school Term 1

Friday 25th October – Break up - last day of Term 1

Monday 4th November – Term 2 starts

Goodbye Mrs Shenton

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Shenton, who has been at PJS since September 2018. She has been an invaluable Teaching Assistant and SMSA working alongside our pupils and staff. She is always patient, kind, considerate and selfless. Every day she supports teaching and learning as well as providing activities, group and individual support for social and emotional needs. She has also helped at gardening club.

In assembly, Class 3B recited a poem 'Please Mrs Shenton' and she was presented with gifts and cards from the staff and pupils. Her own words, she shared, were emotional, heartfelt and appreciated by all.

Mrs Shenton is looking forward to her retirement from Paulton Juniors, spending time gardening, crafting, walking her dog and with her family. We really will miss you Mrs Shenton, please come and visit us anytime.



Good Luck Miss Burke



In assembly, Miss Burke received a wonderful send off from pupils and staff. She is leaving us to have her baby. She was given many gifts and we all look forward to meeting the new arrival on our return in September.

GOLD GARDENING AWARD

Congratulations to Paulton Junior School on receiving the GOLD Award from Bath in Bloom. The school gardens look incredible, due to the hard work and hours the pupils and staff have invested into making the outdoor environment so beautiful and inviting. Some of the members of gardening club received the award from the judges. They were also given, gloves, seeds, a trowel and a fork for the club to use.

Mrs Shackleton would like to say to parents and friends of the school, 'Thank you for all your support for the Gardening Club. If you have bought plants or gifts from the stalls over the year, she is very grateful for your purchases and donations. They have continued to raise funds for resources, equipment, seeds and compost for the school club.



'60 years' Bath in Bloom Art Competition.

Whilst the judges were in school, they also presented some children with winning awards. We are so lucky and fortunate, as out of all the children's art entries in the whole of Bath, two children were awarded the first and second prizes. Their art work has been enlarged and displayed in frames, to be exhibited in venues around the city of Bath. Well Done!



Paige has been awarded first place in the Bath in Bloom '60 Years' Art Competition.



Jeanna has been awarded second place in the Bath in Bloom '60 Years' Art Competition

Year 4 Eels project



In Terms 5 & 6, the year 4 pupils and staff worked with Molly from Bristol Avon Rivers Trust (BART) on an exciting Eels in the Classroom project, which provides children the chance to engage with their local rivers and learn about the critically endangered European eel! The children learnt about the lifecycle of the eel, the habitat and its importance in the food web. During the few weeks, the children were responsible for looking after eels in a water tank in the classroom, monitoring the water temperature, growth and development of the eels. The final session involved all of the pupils heading down to the Cam Brook to release them. Lots of children thoroughly enjoyed the experience; they cared for the eels so well and Molly was very impressed by their inquisitive, responsible attitudes.

'I loved it! We released them into the Cam Brook and watched them happily swim away' Lenny 4W.

'We hope the eels have a wonderful journey and new life in the river' Hannah 4W

'Every week, Molly an expert in eels and sea-life came into school to educate us on eels and prepare us for the release day' Tega 4PW.



Year 4 Tennis Festival

The children pictured below participated in a tennis festival at Writhlington Sports Centre, this term. They competed in singles and doubles games against 5 other schools within Norton/Radstock. It was such a fantastic experience for the children and they all improved as the afternoon went on. Jack and Ben, Hattie and Evodie were awarded Gold medals for their efforts and highest points scored in a team.

If you would like for your child to attend a holiday tennis session, please see the details in the link <https://www.dragonflyleisure.co.uk/activities/holiday-activities/>



SATs Results 2024

In May 2024, the Year 6 pupils had the statutory end of Key Stage Two Tests. They worked hard towards them; they were so prepared and had good attitudes and concentration levels. The results (released 9.7.24) are very good- in line with the national data and are a real credit to the children and a testament to all the staff who have taught them over the last four years.

Paulton Junior School results at end of KS2 in 2024

End of KS2 Results 2024	PJS 2024 Result % at EXPECTED	PJS 2024 Result % at HIGHER STANDARD	National 2024 Result % at EXPECTED
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	69% 104 Av SS	32%	72%
Reading	74% 104 Av SS	30%	74%
Writing (Teacher Assessment)	67%	4%	72%
Maths	73% 103 Av SS	18%	73%
Reading, Writing & Maths combined	56%	3%	61%

Av SS = Average Standardised Score

Bath Carnival



On Saturday 13th July, some of the Year 5 pupils attended the Bath Carnival. They were invited to join in the procession through the city, parading their willow & decorated fish sticks that they had made in school with the guest artists. They also wore eagle head dresses, whilst Mrs Goucher carried an eagle sculpture that imitated flight- it was very impressive. The sound of the Samba bands and the numerous dancers, performers and entertainers along the line were such a sight and really provided an amazing atmosphere and occasion for the children to be part of. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and staff who attended on the day.

We wish the Year 6 and a few other children the best of luck, as they leave Paulton Junior School. We hope everyone has happy memories and feel ready for their next adventures.

Have a wonderful summer break; the staff all look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd September.