

Heads Up

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to use the opportunity of this first newsletter of the year to welcome all our new pupils, families and staff to our community - we're delighted to have you with us.

I would also like to use this space to raise the profile of an excellent website which offers very high quality advice to families in relation to staying safe online, a matter of great importance and one about which many parents have concerns. www.internetmatters.org has content which will help you to find out more about what your child(ren) might be doing online and give you some simple, practical and easy advice on the steps you can take as a parent to keep them as safe as possible. This advice is provided in a very accessible form and there is content which is specific to the full range of technologies (such as tablets and smartphones) as well as the different platforms (e.g. Apple and Android). There is advice which is age related (although you can draw ideas from whatever category is most appropriate for you) and advice that is topic related (e.g. social networking and gaming). You can also get 'how to' guidance relating to controls you can put on your broadband, mobile and WiFi. Providers offer filters to limit the inappropriate content a child might see. As these typically have to be set manually, you'll find a comprehensive list of control guides that have been created to make this process easier to follow with step by step videos and visual instructions. I do hope you find this site of use, this can be such a difficult area in which to keep children safe.

Best wishes,
Neil

Governors' area

One of the Governing Body's key responsibilities is to set the strategic direction of the school. As you will imagine, this takes up a lot of our time, covers a wide range of issues and looks forward a number of years. A key contributor to the planning process is our self-evaluation i.e. our own assessment of the school's strengths, opportunities, threats and challenges. This is not something we do in isolation but in consultation with the leadership team. The result is a school evaluation identifying a number of key priorities for the short to medium term. These priorities form the basis of our three year School Development Plan (SDP), which also identifies who is responsible for delivering them and over what time period. The SDP is very much a 'live' document, constantly under review and updated to reflect the school's changing circumstances; it is formally reviewed by governors three times during the year and a new three year plan is signed off in term 6 ready for the next academic year. You can see both our summary school evaluation and the SDP priorities on our website in the Whole School Information section under 'How well are we doing?'

Philip Beveridge - Chair of Governors

Our wonderful pupils

Our Brightstowe WOW pupils are Jordan, Sonny and Casey. They've done so well in their Science inclusion lessons the Oasis teachers have emailed to say how fantastic they are! Well done!



Attendance

Congratulations to the 50 students who have achieved 100% attendance for Term 1, what a great achievement!

(See names on back page)

Simon Penrose, Safeguarding & Pastoral Mentor.

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Simon Penrose, our safeguarding Mentor, is available to support parents with filling in DLA/PIP forms, complete Disabled Children's Bus Passes and support with social care referrals for both Adult and Children's services. You can phone or text (via School Gateway) to book an appointment with him.

Important Dates

Kingsweston School Term Dates—2018 to 2019

Term 1

Monday 3rd September 2018 to Friday 26th October 2018

Term 2

Monday 5th November 2018 to Friday 21st December 2018

Term 3

Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019

Term 4

Monday 25th February 2019 to Friday 5th April 2019

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to Friday 24th May 2019

Term 6

Monday 3rd June 2019 to Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Remaining Inset Days

Monday 14th January 2019 Friday 3rd May 2019

Tuesday 7th May 2019

Environments

The summer holiday was another busy period of refurbishment and improvements to the Napier Miles site.

The largest investment was in replacing the antiquated heating system in the school, which now has a completely modern and efficient boiler plant supplying the vast majority of the school with new radiators and underfloor heating.

Utilising grant money from Bristol City Council, the school has also been able to remodel and refurbish the Bewys building. This now houses some of our primary pupils, with two large classrooms, a food tech room and hygiene room facilities.

Post 16 pupils have relocated to the former primary block in the school, and the first phase of the remodelling has been completed to allow for a suitable environment for these pupils. It is envisaged that the Post 16 block will see a phased plan of development over the coming years, providing refurbished classrooms, access to life skills spaces and a common room. The development will also seek to improve disabled access throughout the block.

Teaching and Learning

Napier Miles Primary- Moon Class

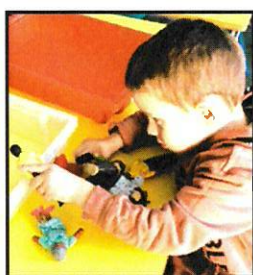
'All About Me' was an ideal Term 1 topic for getting to know each other in Moon Class! Our focus story was 'What I like about me' which we used as a starting point for recognising and describing different features.

In Science our learning was focused on identifying body parts, stages of growth and using our senses. In cookery we practised making choices, expressing likes/dislikes and exploring healthy eating.



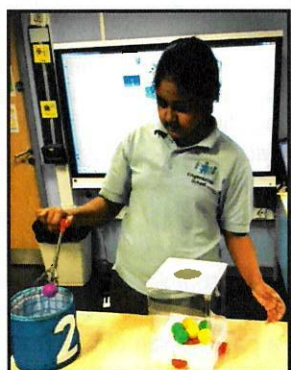
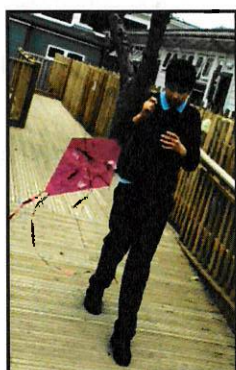
Napier Miles Primary - Galaxy Class

In Term 1 our topic was 'Families'. Pupils enjoyed doing several activities related to topic, for example; reading stories about different families, playing with family puppets and animal family figures, listening to and singing familiar songs, using Makaton signs and words to label family pictures and sharing their wow moments from home.



Napier Miles Secondary - Comet Class

In Term 1 pupils in Comet class have been investigating electricity and different forms of natural energy. They have investigated wind power using windmills and made a kite and flew it around school. They have investigated solar power and used solar powered calculators. They have sorted items into electrical and not electrical such as an electric piano, an electric fan, a drum, a drum machine and other objects. They all really enjoyed using the drum machine and electric piano!

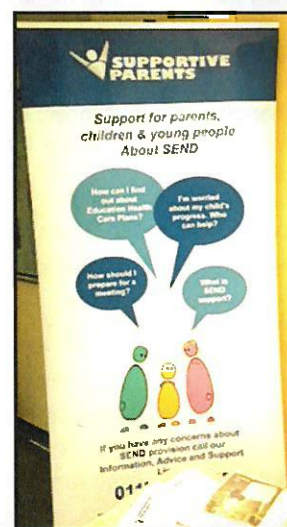


Community Links

Hello! I'm Kat Bradford and I'm new in post at Kingsweston. I am available to help young people and parents with the transition into the next phase of life whether that is education or care. I will be working with teachers and young people to find work experience placements and will be chairing the annual reviews for most of those in Y9+.

On October 10th we held a mini transitions event alongside parents evening for our Brightstowe pupils. It was great to meet so many parents and also to have City of Bristol College, SGS College, Supportive Parents, SilvaCare and Shared lives with us.

If you require any advice or support with regards to work experience or transitions I am available on K_Bradford@kingsweston.bristol.sch.uk



I hope to meet more of you soon and I'm looking forward to getting stuck in here at Kingsweston!

Kat.

Teaching and Learning

Napier Miles Secondary - Sun class

We have been learning about different leisure activities in cities, towns and villages. We tried out some of the activities!

Kingsweston Centre @ Shirehampton

This term pupils at Shirehampton have been learning about 'Amazing Italy'. We have enjoyed finding out about what Italy is like as a country, the places to visit, the foods to try and the historical stories.

Amethyst class had a great time tasting different Italian foods and thinking about their favourite flavours.

Sapphire class have been learning about the Romans. We loved finding out about the different armour the soldiers used, and have been creating our own Roman shield designs.

Diamond Class have been designing and creating mosaic art work.



Topaz Class have made simple comparisons between England and Italy. We can all recognise the Italian flag!

Next week we are all heading to Pizza Express for a cookery lesson in pizza making; a favourite food from Italy.



Post-16 class @ Ashley Down College

The Post-16 class in Ashley Down College received some news about the graffiti they sprayed on an old train station and no, it was not from the local police!!

They were told that a project they had been involved in has won a national award from the The Association of Community Rail Partnerships (ACoRP). This is a national charity that works with national rail franchises to support and improve local and community railway lines and stations.



The class spent some cold days, dressed like something out of a post nuclear computer game, helping with the community project (see Callum and Marcus as they spray the paint onto the wall). The groups enthusiasm from the word go was faultless, as were the results which can be seen here.



An amazing project, created by the Severnside Charity, that we were able to be part of, so a huge thank you to Faye Joines and her team.



Our wonderful pupils

Our Shirehampton WOW pupil this term has been John A! He has been really respectful towards all adults and staff, his manners are amazing! He has been taking part in every lesson and trying his best at all times, Well done John!



Our Napier Miles secondary WOW pupil is Cameron. Cameron is always helpful and friendly and is very good at helping other pupils (and adults!) with their IT skills in the classroom.



Our Napier Miles primary WOW pupil is Dalha. Dalha has been a very good friend. He has been helping his new friends during transitions by holding their hand and guiding them to different places in school. He has also been using his kind words to greet and praise his friends and encouraging them to join him in play.



Forest School & Horticulture

What a great start to our first term. Students have been working very hard to help harvest all of the fruit and vegetables grown over the summer.

We have been picking apples and pears from the secret garden, which staff helped make into jams and pickle to sell at the Autumn Fair.

Jade class collected apples and made them into apple juice to share with their friends!

We are enjoying watching the pumpkins grow bigger and bigger! They will be ready to harvest very soon—just in time for Halloween.

We have all done some great exploring on our scavenger hunts, looking for signs of Autumn. We found conkers, pine cones and orange and yellow leaves.



Our bug hunt led us to newts and frogs in the woodland area where the students had great fun using magnifying glasses for a closer look at these creatures.

Many classes have been involved with making bird feeders and mini beast hotels in the preparation for the colder weather.

A great start to learning and exploring outside! Well done everyone!



Teaching and Learning

Napier Miles Primary - Stars Class

This term in English the pupils have been working on increasing their engagement and one of the ways in which we have been doing this is through the use of sensory stories. During the story "Lost in London" the pupils explored many exciting sensory resources. In Maths pupils have been discovering some of the many things that we can do with Numicon. The pupils have used it in sensory trays and also to make marks in play dough. During a forest school session the pupils had fun decorating their own hedgehog with coloured paper.

Term 1—100% attendance

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| 1. Callum B | 26. Jessica |
| 2. Marcus | 27. Toby |
| 3. Ciaran | 28. Renee |
| 4. Zakaria M | 29. Georgia |
| 5. Jay | 30. Victor |
| 6. Sion | 31. Diaz |
| 7. Casey | 32. Lailand |
| 8. Kayzen | 33. Jesse |
| 9. Csongor | 34. Johnntae |
| 10. Yug | 35. Tyler P |
| 11. Isaac | 36. Lucas |
| 12. Erin | 37. Dominik |
| 13. Ruben | 38. Jake |
| 14. Gina | 39. Mayank |
| 15. Lance | 40. Brandon Lee |
| 16. Olivia | 41. Moiz |
| 17. Flynn | 42. Ibrahim |
| 18. Benoit | 43. Lenny |
| 19. Dan B | 44. Richard |
| 20. Charlotte | 45. Shammus |
| 21. Lee | 46. Bobby |
| 22. Ben W | 47. Zachariah |
| 23. Alfie | 48. Euan |
| 24. James | 49. Leah |
| 25. Adriane | 50. Jack H |



This term we welcome the following Teaching Assistants:

Elizabeth Caswell
Holly Trebble
Jorge Perez-Jimenez
Naila Waseem
Kyriakos Chalkidis

Lorraine Hawkins joins us as a teacher in the SLD Strand.

We say goodbye and good luck to Rebecca Sposito, our administrator at The Kingsweston Centre @ Shirehampton and welcome 2 new administrators; Joanna Dearson and Jayne Applebee to Napier Miles.