

Royal Visit!

Children in Key Stage 2 are hard at work again this term learning more about life in the Tudor period. They felt very honoured on the first day back from the holiday to receive a visit from Queen Elizabeth I who spent part of the morning and afternoon with us. During her time in school she very kindly agreed to talk to our Year 6 pupils about what life was like during Elizabethan times. The children were fascinated by her talk and learnt a lot of information from her visit.



Research project to Denmark

During the half term break Mrs Cunningham and Miss Jackson visited Denmark for the week to study the early years education of children under the age of seven. Their particular focus was to look at the way schools used the outside environment to develop children's learning. This was a Local Authority funded visit and provided an ideal time to reflect upon our current practice at Wellesley. Both members

of staff reported that our school compared very favourably with schools seen in Denmark but were able to suggest a few ideas that they had seen that they are very keen to try out with the children in their classes. We will keep you informed about how these developments are going later on in the year.



Donation to Bristol Children's Hospital

The school managed to raise £1,000 from various events before Christmas to donate resources to Bristol Children's Hospital. The hospital was extremely grateful and we would like to thank all parents, children, staff and FoWS for their support in raising such a fantastic amount.



The Big Pedal

Thank you to everyone that have cycled to school this week. This week we reached Bristol from a start in Canterbury on Monday and are doing really well. Nationally, we have an overall position of 24 out of 587! The best in our local area.

Our top classes by stage 3 were Y3, Y4 & Reception.

Please continue to get on your bike next week so we can achieve quicker stage times. WE NEED MORE CHILDREN & ADULTS CYCLING! Next week we start at Derby and need to race to Belfast by the end of the week.

You can check our progress by clicking the 'schools' tab on the Big Pedal website. www.thebigpedal.org.uk/

Thank you again for your support. Mr Hindle

Equality Policy

As a school we have a statutory duty to write and publish a school equality policy which should state how we ensure that all individuals in our school community are provided for and ensure that everyone is treated equally. Our Equality Policy and action plan is now available to view on our school website. We would very much welcome written comment from parents about our scheme. Paper copies of the scheme are available in the school office for those who request them.

Plea for Help

Some of our cookery aprons have lost their neck and waist tape and we would be very grateful to anyone who would be willing to take them home and repair them for us.

Parents' Lunch

Throughout the school year we like to provide opportunities for parents to join their children for a school cooked dinner. This term we would like to invite parents who have children in Years 3 or 4 on Friday 1st April. Letters will be distributed shortly providing parents with the opportunity to sign up for this occasion.

COMIC RELIEF

School Council would like pupils to come dressed as something funny eg. boys dressed as girls, topsy-turvy. There will also be a water fight (from talking to the school council it sounds like they will be targeting the teachers—can't understand why!) Details to follow.

Diary Dates

Comic Relief	18/3
London Visit—Y5	30th & 31st March
Y3/Y4 Lunch	01/04
Last day of term	08/04
Back to School	26/04

Polite Reminder

We would like to politely remind parents that due to issues of health and safety they are not permitted to park in the staff car park, this includes waiting for children following events after school and during the evening.