



Y5 stunning 'Stardust' performance

I was truly blown away by our year 5 children, whose 10 weeks of hard work culminated in a brilliant performance this Wednesday at St George's in Bristol. The children did an afternoon rehearsal before a picnic and play in Brandon Park appreciating the Bristol views (and the play equipment!). Some explorers even went to visit Cabot tower at the top of the hill. Even though there were a few nerves, the children made us all so proud with their enthusiasm and confidence as they performed on stage for a full hour! It was also great to see so many friends and family in the audience and I think it was truly an experience that they will remember for years to come. Michael has written a great account of his experience (on the next page).

Thank you too to everyone who joined us for the Friends' book sale, tuck and stay and play after school. We raised a whopping £215.90, which the Friends have agreed can be used to purchase a new sound system for our playground at lunchtime, since the last one has sadly stopped working. They will also be in today to decorate the flowers for Mother's Day. Thank you as always to the Friends team!

Mrs Osborne

Next Link Annual Easter Egg Appeal

The next Link Easter Egg Appeal is open again. Please donate Easter eggs and gifts for children spending this Easter in Safe Houses after fleeing domestic abuse. Your support every year has been outstanding, thank you all so much for always making sure they receive these reminders that people care. Donations can be brought in up to and including Friday 22nd of March.

Thank you so much, Mehala and Mkhai (Puffin Class)

Take Ten

How would you like to have a piece of your work framed in our school?

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.

It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion to clarity.

It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow"

Melody Beattie

Above you can see the author, Melody Beattie has given us a wonderful description of gratitude. At CCJ, we would love to have a description of what gratitude means as a school community, we invite you to think about what gratitude means to you.

Design your poster on a piece of A4 paper and give it to your class teacher. The best entry will be framed and displayed in the TAKE 10 room. You will also receive a certificate & your poster will appear in next week's newsletter. Please hand in your poster entry to reception. Don't forget to put your name & class on the back!

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Eatwell



Weekly Celebration Certificate



Each week, one pupil from each class is awarded a celebration certificate for going above and beyond.

This week's winners are:

Starlings	Aimee and Isla
Swallows	Arturo
Woodpeckers	Harper
Robins	Buddy
Wagtails	Arthur
Jays	Harry
Puffins	Whole class
Kingfishers	Zak
Kestrels	Mabel
Falcons	Chester



Newsletter

Learning to live
LIFE
in all its *Fullness*

Our value this term: Forgiveness

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Road Safety Reminder

Unfortunately, we are having reports of unsafe parking near and around CCJ. We would therefore just like to remind everyone about road safety. Please allow a few extra minutes to park and walk and please **do not** park illegally across driveways, in private car parks or in our school gates! As always, we are aware that the vast majority of parents are thoughtful and considerate, but we have a few drivers who still think the rules do not apply to them. If you see any dangerous driving or parking, I would urge you to take a photo and submit it to our local PCSOs via the link below:

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/staple-hill-and-new-cheltenham>

Please also take the time to speak to your children about crossing the road safely, cross with them if you can and ensure that a piece of their clothing or bag is a bright or reflective material.

Lower Band Roman Museum Trip

A reminder that Lower Band's trips to the National Roman Legion Museum are next week.

Mon 11th – Woodpecker, Swallows & Starling

Thurs 14th – Robins & Wagtails

Children will need to arrive at school at the normal time, wearing school uniform (including suitable clothing such as hats or coats) and need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

Year 5 St George's Starburst Concert

It was fun on the stage. At first I was very nervous but as we got into it I felt a lot more confident. Watching the conductor was hard most of the time because there were too many tall people in front of me. At the park it was so fun for tea! I had a cheese baguette, some crisps, a juice bottle and an orange, it was so yummy! Not to mention a piece of cake with more treats. When we were on the stage ready to perform I was excited for it, I felt like I was going to explode with happiness. I was ready! I got myself ready to sing that first song, after all of that extreme work I almost lost my voice but it was fun. Time really went fast.

Michael, Year 5

Red Nose Day Friday 15th March



Do something funny for money!



Please give what you can!

Suggested donation £1 – on ParentPay or cash.

All money going to Comic Relief.

- Wear something funny or **red** to school
- Listen to your teachers telling their favourite jokes in assembly
- Red Nose Day quiz



We look forward to your support and raising lots of money.

CCJ dates for your diary March

Mon 11th – Roman Trip (*Woodpecker, Swallows & Starling*)

Tues 12th – Cross Country Festival

Wed 13th – Y3/4 Tag Rugby festival

Thurs 14th 9am – Jay class assembly (*parents welcome*)

Thurs 14th – Roman Trip (*Robins & Wagtails*)

Fri 15th – Red Nose Day – dress down

Thurs 21st 9am – Robin class assembly (*parents welcome*)

Fri 22nd – Shepton Mallet Prison Trip (Y5)

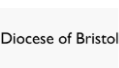
Mon 25th – Easter Service

Thurs 28th – INSET DAY

Thurs 28th – End of Term 4

April

Mon 15th – Start of Term 5





International Women's Day



International Women's Day 8th March 2024

As today is international women's day, we just wanted to give a shout out to all the amazing women in our lives.

*May we know them
May we be them
May we raise them!*

Annual CCJ Easter Cake Competition

We are delighted to announce that we will be running our annual CCJ Easter cake competition once again this year. Children are welcome to make a cake or cupcakes with an Easter theme which need to be brought in on Friday 22nd March.

After school we have our CCJ Easter egg hunt, a stay and play and cake sale. We will be announcing the cake competition winners who will all win an Easter egg! There will be categories of sweetest, funniest, best cupcake, best cake LB and best cake UB. We can't wait to ~~eat them~~ judge them all.

Our Y5s will be going to the prison that day, but can still enter on the morning and will be back for the Easter egg hunt and stay and play. The winners will be announced the following week so that no-one misses out.

CCJ Easter Egg Hunt + Stay & Play

We will be holding our ever popular Easter egg hunt once again on Friday 22nd March. Tickets will be £3.50 for one of the trail maps and everyone who completes it will get an Easter egg prize. We will also be doing a stay and play for an hour after school, where there will also be a cake sale happening. It should be a lovely community event!

Tickets will go live on Parent Pay by the end of today and you are very welcome to buy one for younger (or older!) siblings who are not in CCJ. Any offers of help would be VERY much appreciated. Please let Mrs Osborne know if you are free to help on the cake stool or dishing out the winning eggs.



CCJ University

Let's go on this week at CCJ! Don't forget that Y5 can add **one sticker** for the Brandon Hill trip and **four stickers** for the singing! This week, Caring Crew took part in a Lego club and can earn **one sticker** towards their graduation. Anyone who took part in this week's competitive football matches can also add **one sticker** to their booklet. Our amazing Wellbeing Bees also earned **one sticker** for their tasty cakes. Jay class have earned **one sticker** for doing the book sale.

Remind your child to ask their teacher for a sticker and the whole school will be taking part in the CCJ University Morning on Wednesday 27th March (last day of term 4).