

Yatton Schools Newsletter



Grow - Celebrate - Make a Difference

27 March 2024

Dear Parents,

Another busy month has whizzed by! It was lovely to celebrate World Book Day together in both schools. The Junior children gave me a very tough challenge to judge their advert to get people reading – my own Simon Cowell moment! It was very hard to decide but Panda Class and their Reading Rap were the proud winners of the £100 prize money for books – well done! (You can find it on our Twitter)

Your children have benefitted from some excellent learning adventures over the past term, from the Reception classes expanding their knowledge of animals and farming on their Court Farm trip to Year 3 diving in to the ancient times of Egypt. As you will read below, it has also been super to watch the breadth of talent in our annual Yatton's Got Talent competition; I am always so impressed by our children who show their talent and with such great confidence.

Thank you to YSA who have put on two lovely events this term – Film Night and the fantastic fun Easter Bingo! We are grateful for everyone who helps out.

You can see that the infant children have been enjoying some new equipment outside and plans are afoot for a very exciting project for the juniors!

I'll leave you with that as a cliff hanger (!) and wish you all a wonderful Easter break. I sincerely hope the weather is better than forecast and we are able to enjoy this time together.

With warm regards, Jo Keeble

Junior Uniform

Shorts! Please can you ensure that shorts on <u>non-PE days</u> are to just above the knee and look like uniform (not cycling mini-shorts). There has been a bit of a lean recently towards clothing that is great for the beach or gym but not for a day at school. This is especially evident in Year 5 and 6. Thank you

RNLI cake sale

Year 1's cake sale raised £223.78 for the Portishead RNLI Lifeboat.

The children re-enacted the story of Grace Darling when the RNLI came in to collect the funds which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Being Grace Darling

World Book Day





Thanks to all parents and carers for taking the time to source the outfits this year - we all agreed it was our best turn out yet! Please consider hanging on to your child's outfit for either next year or passing it down to a child in the year below ready for next year. We all loved the reading with an adult (and the biscuit!), showing off our outfits in the parade and listening to our Mystery Reader at the end of the day.

The winners of the 'unusual outfit' who each won a book to share at home were;

Snowy Owls

Laurence, Sorrell, Avery

Great Grey Owls

Sebastian, Henry, Betsy

Elf Owls

Bobby, Jake, Emmie

Tawny Owls

Blake, Emilia, Robyn

Eagle Owls

Eden, Eric, Harry

Little Owls

Billy, Albie, William





2nd Place for Yatton Junior Mini Marathon runners

Back in September 2023 Yatton Junior School held the annual Mini Marathon at Hangstones, where every student in the Junior school took part running approximately 1 mile.

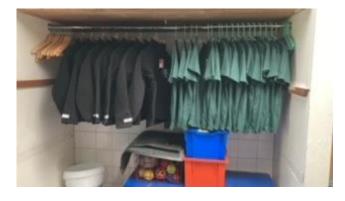
The fastest five girls and boys in year 5 and 6 earned themselves a place at the "Primary Cross Country event" which took place at Bristol Grammar Sports Ground, Failand in October.

Out of the 20 Yatton Junior athletes, 5 of them (Darcey T, Charlie C & Seb K in Year 5 and Eva and Sam in Year 6) came in the top 12, which secured them a place at the finals in the "Inter area primary cross country event" which took place at Ashton Court Secondary School, Saturday 9th March. On the day we had Darcey, Charlie and Eva represening both Yatton Junior School and North Somerset, who also looked very smart in the new kit supplied by YSA.

Darcey and Charlie ran in the year 5 group and Eva the year 6 group, all running fantastically well and earning points for North Somerset to come 2nd place overall. It was a brilliant day with over 240 participants taking place.



New kit provided by YSA



A big thank you to the YSA who have provided fabulous new kit for the school sports teams events. Not only that but they re-organised our storage cupboard to provide hanging space for it!



Tea and Talk



Our next Tea and Talk session for parents and carers, on Tuesday 7th May will be held in the staff room. This is a great opportunity to meet other parent/carers and talk about any concerns/worries around your child's emotional wellbeing. The theme for this meeting is "low mood" and we will have helpful handouts to do with the theme. There is also a Parent Carer Coffee Morning for parents & carers of children with any emerging needs on Thursday 9th May – see flyer below.





PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING

Yatton
Schools

Thursday 9th May 9:30am - 11am

For parents & carers of children with any emerging need, additional need and/or disabilities - no diagnosis needed

Extra curricular clubs

All the information for after school clubs that are available in Term 5 is now on the school website. You can find this by copying and pasting the link below into your browser. Please contact the clubs directly if you require any further information.

https://www.yattonschools.co.uk/page/?title=Extra%2DCurricular+Clubs&pid=112

Medical appointments in school time

Please try to make any medical appointments outside of school hours where possible. If you do need to collect your child from school due to an appointment, please remember to tell the teacher and the school office.

Access through the school

Please note that when picking up or dropping off children at the usual times, please do not cut through the main entrance. This may cause a safeguarding issue as groups of children are going through this area from Breakfast Club etc at this time.

Also, we have noticed that the school website stated that the end of the school day for Infants is 3.25pm which is incorrect. This has now been amended to show the **correct time of 3.20pm**, so if you have children in both schools, please collect the infants children first.

Letting the school hall

We have vacancies every evening after 6.30pm for any local groups/clubs who wish to use the premises for community activities. If you are interested in doing this please have a look on our website for futher information;

https://www.yattonschools.co.uk/page/?title=School+Lettings&pid=106

Dogs on the school grounds

Please be reminded that dogs are not allowed anywhere on the school grounds (except for Ozzy and Max, the school dogs). This includes puppies who are carried – sorry!

Please leave your dog tied up safely to the outside railings eg. far enough away so that they cannot reach anyone coming in through the gates, as some children are not comfortable with dogs.

FutureFit holiday club

Please follow the link below to sign up and book a space on our February half term, Easter holiday and May half term clubs running 9:00 - 15:00

https://futurefit.pembee.app/

Alternatively you can email us at admin@futurefit.org.uk or even easier Whatsapp 07746117020

We look forward to seeing lots of you at one of our clubs soon.

To keep up to date feel free to follow our Instagram and Facebook pages

Aspens Price Increase

Our catering provider, Aspens, are committed to providing nutritious menus, catering for a wide range of dietary preferences while also ensuring good value for money and using locally sourced produce. However, after two years of frozen prices we have had to take the difficult decision to increase the cost of our school meals. From 1st April 2024, the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.65. The new price reflects a necessary adjustment to cover continued high food inflation and increasing operating costs.

Aspens wish to reassure you that this decision was made after careful consideration, and we understand the financial concerns this may raise for some families.

As a reminder, all children in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2, are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If your child is in Years 3-6 in primary school or Years 7-13 in secondary school and your circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to free school meals. To find out more please visit https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-schoolmeals. If you are unable to complete the form online, please visit the school office, and a member of our office team will provide you with the necessary support. Please be assured that your application will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and it will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

SEND Newsletter – Youth Matters

The latest edition of Youth Matters is out now, link <u>here</u>.



YAS News

YAS club are looking for a new playworker for the following hours:
Wednesday 15:00 - 17:30
Thursday 15:00 - 17:30
This role will also include sickness cover.
Please email yas@yattonschools.co.uk for more information

YAS would also like to ask for donations of spare clothing for boys and girls, ages 4-8. Also, If you have any any quality games, puzzles or craft items that you would like to donate to YAS please drop these at the school office and let them know it is for YAS.

Thank you in advance!

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A monthly newsletter to keep you updated about the work the pupil voice groups are doing throughout the school.

The Anti – Bullying Ambassadors

The year 6 Anti-bullying Ambassadors have been super busy running Yatton's Got Talent live shows, semi-finals and then a final show this week. We can officially say now that 'Yatton really has got A LOT of talent.' We thank all the courageous children for standing up in front of the whole school, showing off their talent. It has been wonderful!

The Anti-bullying Ambassadors have also been making sure they are visible and easy to find at lunchtimes. They can be found in the Reflect Room every lunchtime now – they are amazing at offering support and advice when other pupils feel they are experiencing bulling behaviours or friendship problems.



The School Council

The School Council lead a very successful Red Nose
Day. It was great to see so many children dressed in red
to show support for the Comic Relief charity. The red
Tuck Shop was a great success and sold out of stock a
few times! The Junior School quiz was a big hit, with 16
teams joining in over lunchtime. We had a tie break
situation and one team won some Easter eggs. It was
great fun and the school council made excellent quiz
masters. The Infant school enjoyed bingo fun
throughout the day with some lucky winners.

The Mini Police

The Mini police have been kept busy by PCSO Rachel. Learning about crime scene investigations, radios amongst other things.

On the 7th May the Mini Police are heading out to the Wilfred Fuller Site for a day of learning about the Police animals etc. A letter will follow for those children involved in this trip.

The Respect Team

The Respect Team are also very busy at the moment. They are currently planning the next litter pick around Yatton and a trip to the care home.

Next term we will be looking at Yatton Schools' impact on the environment and how we can improve this.

YATTON LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following learners for the weeks beginning the 26th

February, 4th, 11th & 18th March

| Yatton Learner Skill | Name | Class |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Responsibility | Finley | Great Grey Owls |
| | Laurence | Snowy Owls |
| | Blake | Tawny Owls |
| | Archie | Elf Owls |
| | Rebekah | Eagle Owls |
| | Billy | Little Owls |
| | Rupert | Panthers |
| | Alice | Pipistrelle Bats |
| | Darcey | Pandas |
| | Jake | Giant Armadillos |
| | Caleb | Jaguars |
| | Bryson | Eagle Owls |
| | Monty | Panthers |
| | Percy | Whale Sharks |
| | Paisley | Eagle Owls |
| | Reggie | Panthers |
| | Mason | Pipistrelle Bats |
| | Sebby | Sea Turtles |
| | Logan | Giant Armadillos |
| | Evie | Eagle Owls |
| | Evie H | Panthers |
| | Gabriela | Whale Sharks |
| | Ollie J | Giant Otters |
| | Ella | Giant Otters Giant Armadillos |
| reativity/ Resourcefulness | Josie | Whale Sharks |
| Creativity/ Resourcerumess | Ed | Black Rhinos |
| | Molly | Great Grey Owls |
| | Ellie T | Snowy Owls |
| | Alfie | Angel Sharks |
| | Seb | Leopards |
| | Hesper | Snowy Owls |
| Collaboration | Elsie & Liv | Giant Otters |
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| | Francesca | Tawny Owls |
| | Alfred | Whale Sharks |
| | Edward H | Jaguars |
| | Sam | Angel Sharks |
| | Tilly Fin | Leopards |
| tesilience | | Black Rhinos |
| | Frazier | Giant Otters |
| | April | Giant Otters |
| | Isaac S-T | Tigers |
| | Toby K | Angel Sharks |
| | Ned | Leopards |
| | Harry M | Black Rhinos |
| | Loki | Great Grey Owls |
| | Sylvester | Elf Owls |
| | Marta | Pandas |
| | Rufus | Black Rhinos |
| | William N | Jaguars |
| onfidence | Rosa | Sea Turtles |
| | Charlie | Angel Sharks |
| | Hattie | Leopards |
| | Gryffyn | Great Grey Owls |
| | Albie | Little Owls |
| | Solveig | Sea Turtles |
| | Neah | Jaguars |
| | Jakub | Tigers |
| | Ted | Pandas |
| | Sara | Tawny Owls |
| | Ella B | Tigers |
| uriosity | Stella | Elf Owls |
| | Rowan | Pandas |
| | Imogen | Elf Owls |
| | Miguel | Giant Otters |
| | Corey | Sea Turtles |
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| | Harry B | Little Owls |



Carnival Updates:

This year's Carnival theme has been confirmed as <u>THE OLYMPICS</u>. They are being held in Paris this year so we thought it would be a good way for everyone to get involved There are so many things that you can dress up as - athletes, flags, or even the Olympic torch so get your thinking caps on!!

Sponsorship -

We will be holding the annual Summer Carnival on Saturday 15th June, which involves a procession of pupils from Yatton Schools and the local preschools down the High Street and will end up in Hangstones Field for an afternoon of entertainment, fun, workshops, music, BBQ, singing and dancing. It is a brilliant annual event, and last year we raised over £10,500 of essential funds for Yatton Infant and Junior schools. Given the cost of living crisis and government budget cuts, this money is used by the school for both essential resources and enhanced learning opportunities for the children. In the past few years' money raised by YSA has been spent on:

- Building an ICT suite, where the children can learn computer skills;
- Building a food technology kitchen, where children can learn about the importance of nutrition and have cookery lessons;
- Paying for coaches so the children can go on fun educational day trips;
- Technology for SEND pupils;
- Creating a gardening space in both schools, where the children can have hands-on learning experiences to understand the nature lifecycle and how to grow fruit and vegetables.

The summer carnival is a FREE community event, therefore we try our best to keep costs as low as possible in order to raise as much as possible for the schools. The only way that we can achieve this is to have local businesses provide sponsorship for the event.

If this is something you would be interested in, we could offer the following sponsorship package:

- 'Sponsored by' + your logo on all promotional materials, including:
 - o Facebook event banner
 - Printed posters
 - o Large banner to be displayed at the school in the run up to the event
- A thank you paragraph/logo/link in Facebook posts, school newsletter
- A full colour advert in the Yatton Summer Carnival programme (worth £95)
- Any advertising boards on the school entrance and at the entrance to the event (provided by the Sponsor)

Ideally, we would be looking at £1000 for the above package. However, we are happy to discuss sharing sponsorship with another local company for a reduced price.

Advertisements -

It's that time of year again when we ask our lovely local businesses or community organisations if you would like to advertise in our Yatton Schools Summer Carnival Programme, donate a raffle prize or know of anyone who might like a stall on the day.

Every year we rely on the generosity of businesses like yours and hope that in return we can provide you with a cost-effective way to promote your business to the local community. Our Carnival Programme has gone from strength to strength with 1,000 colour programmes distributed in every child's bookbag as well as around Yatton and the surrounding villages.

If you would like to place an advert in our Carnival Programme and/or would like to donate a prize for the raffle and tombola (we especially need a 'big ticket' star prize!), please email us your advert in a high-resolution format by Wednesday 3rd April. To book your advert space or to offer any prizes please email WeAreYSA@gmail.com

Stalls at the Carnival -

We also have a limited number of stalls which local businesses and community organisations can hire out on the day. The cost is £20 a stall so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact us on the above email.

Drawing Competition for Reception –

We are looking for budding artists in RECEPTION to design this year's Yatton Schools Summer Carnival programme cover and poster, on the theme of 'The Olympics'. Look out for the sheet in your child's bookbag soon. Please return it to school on or before **Friday 19th April** (first week back after the Easter break).

Pamper Night:

Our adult pamper night has been confirmed for Thursday 23rd May, between 6:30-9pm. This was a great evening last year so if there are any local businesses that would like to be involved by either offering treatments or selling pamper related products, then we would love to hear from you

Please get in touch via our organiser Hannah: hannah@mendipaccounts.co.uk. We hope to offer a glass of wine with every entry ticket (priced at £5 in advance or £6 on the door) and there will be 20-30 minute treatment slots available to book in advance (prices TBC). More information to follow in the next newsletter.

Movie Nights:

The infant movie night has been scheduled for Friday 17th May. Timings and the movie choice will be shared closer to the time.

Movie night for years 3 & 4 has been scheduled for the 26th April. Timings and the movie choice will be shared closer to the time.

Revamp of the Junior Playground:

Can you help us to revamp the Junior Playground play equipment? We are looking for scaffolding planks, plastic crates (the type used in bakeries), cargo netting, and tyres in a variety of sizes. Do you work for any organisations who could donate these items to the school? Do you enjoy painting and want to help brighten up the playground? We will be painting the Junior playground walls and would love some help and ideas from parents. We are also looking for a gardener to help reseed the grass in the Junior playground and erect a low picket fence to keep people off the grass whilst the grass grows back.

If you could spare some time to help with any of this, please get in touch via the below channels 😂



If you have any questions for YSA, message the YSA Facebook page or email WeAreYSA@gmail.com

Thank you as ever for your continued support. YSA

Community News



2024 Holiday Camps

From around £16 /day [including trophy!]*

Somerset Soccer Schools

With Richard Bourton

Reception - Year 8 10am - 3pm

| | Kings of Wessex School, CHEDDAR | BS27 3AQ | 2024 |
|------------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1. EASTER | Tues 9 to Fri 12 April incl | | 4 DAYS for £75 |
| 2. WHITSUN | Weds 29 to Fri 31 May incl | | 3 DAYS for £50* |
| 3. SUMMER | Mon 29 July to Fri 2 Aug incl | | 5 DAYS for £90 |

| CHURCHILL Sports Ground [By A38 traffic lights] | | | BS40 5EL | 2024 |
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| 4. SUMMER | Mon 12 to Fri 16 August 2024 | incl | 5 DA | YS for £90 |

To celebrate 25 years of camps locally, Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are offering more camps from around £16 /day*, including a trophy per camp booking!!!.

I am a well-qualified schoolteacher & coach, with over 35 years' experience and an excellent countywide reputation for bringing the best out of children of ALL abilities. I am classified by OFSTED as OUTSTANDING, a FA Licensed Coach & awarded by the Sports Council.

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Hope to see you soon Richard 01934-876544

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After School Cycling and Friendship Group

Wednesdays 4.30pm

Join our Wednesday afternoon bike rides for young people with SEN. Our ride leader supports the group for an hour of cycling, friendship and fun. Sessions are free of charge and riders can use our bikes or trikes.

Rides start and finish at our base at Yatton Railway Station, will take place along the Strawberry Line Cycle Path and are accompanied by our ride leader. Support available for those wishing to travel by train.



Starting March 6th 2024. Please email us to reserve a place or for further information <u>Strawberrylineprojects@gmail.com</u>

RICHARD DURBAN'S CHARITY

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Are you 25 or under?

Are you in further or higher education or trade training?

Do you live in Yatton, Claverham or Kingston Seymour?

> Did you go to school in Yatton or Claverham?

You may be eligible for an educational grant.

To apply go to

http://www.durbantrust.com

for details.





You get a chance to relax with tea and cake while your children play with our HUGE collection of LEGO and make Lego themed crafts.

Thursday 4th April

10-11.30am 12-1.30pm 2-3.30pm





Somerset County Netball



FESTIVAL

For primary school children years 4, 5 & 6

Skills

Matchplay

STRODE COLLEGE 28/04/2024 CHURCH ROAD STREET BA16 OAB

10 - 12 PM

Book in using the link or contact somersetjuniornetball@gmail.com







Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying







Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Kids can volunteer in lots of roles

FOR 4-14 YEAR OLDS

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8:55 @ Hongstones