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North Star 82° – Summer 2021 Newsletter

A Message from Mrs Garland

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of the academic year draws to end, we can reflect on all the things that we have achieved this year. The COVID pandemic has put a limit on some of things that we have been able to do at North Star 82°, but that has not stopped our pupils from persevering and doing incredibly well.



We have celebrated things such as World Oceans Day and World Refugee Day in our Monday assemblies, producing some superb work on minimising plastic pollution. For Art Week this term, all classes created the most beautiful Art work, focussing on several famous artists. It has been lovely to see this up in the classrooms.

We have had several new pupils join our school the last couple of terms and we are really proud of how well they have settled in. We look forward to welcoming more new pupils in September.

This term we are sadly saying goodbye to a few members of staff. Mr Matthews is retiring after 26 years of teaching with us! We wish him the most relaxing and enjoyable retirement. We are also saying goodbye to Miss Cooksley, Ms Rios, Mr Rostadakis and Ms Harris, who are all moving on to new adventures. We wish you all the best of luck, you will be missed.

It is the time of year when we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6s. This year we have 16 pupils moving on to Secondary School, all very excited about their new journey ahead. We have no doubt that they will continue to do stupendously well in their new schools and we wish them the very best of luck. Please do keep in touch.

We wish you and your family a restful and peaceful Summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Best Wishes,
Jilly Garland

Diary Dates

Wednesday 21st July
2021

Term 6 Ends

Thursday 2nd and Fri-
day 3rd Sept 2021

Term 1 begins—
staggered return

27th and 28th Sept
2021

INSET DAYS

Friday 22nd October
2021

End of Term 1

Monday 1st November
Term 2 begins



Enjoy your Summer Break from all of us at North Star 82° #staysafe





School News from Miss Wilkinson

As we come to the end of the end of the year, it has been fantastic to look back on the brilliant and at times interesting year we have had here at North Star 82°.

The School Council have met regularly and organised a healthy eating challenge for all pupils, rewarding all students for their healthy choices at break and lunch times. I have never seen so many children choose fruit as their desert at lunch time! School Council have also been involved in questioning the contractors who will be building our new play equipment in the new academic year. There were wonderful questions around the safety for all pupils and how environmentally friendly the equipment is.

The Anti-Bullying ambassadors have been working hard to identify bullying through different scenarios and recognising incidents of unkind behaviour. They have been the eyes and ears around school, making sure every child comes to school feeling safe.

Throughout assemblies, children have learnt about Tolerance, Friendship and Resilience. It has been great to see so many personal best pieces of work come from these values and the impact they have had around school.

I look forward to the new school year and wish all our Year 6 students the best of luck in their future schools. Have a brilliant summer all and I will see you in September for another fantastic year!



Miss Charlotte Wilkinson, Interim Head of Key Stages



HAPPY RETIREMENT



Mr Matthews - Oak Class



It has been an amazing year here in Oak class and it has been wonderful to end it with an outstanding final term. At long last we have been back in the swimming pool and the pupils have progressed so well. Many have moved up a level and others have consolidated their confidence in the water.

Added to this we have been studying the topic of Predators. Pupils have produced reports, created stories and improved their drawing

skills and painting techniques. We have also had the end of year assessment and the class has done themselves proud. Their confidence in themselves and support they give to others is a pleasure to see and demonstrates their readiness for year six here at North Star 82 and for those moving on to secondary school.



Oak 2021, a great bunch of kids.





Mr Gibney - Hazel Class



Hazel class have come a long way over the last two terms. With the majority being year 6 students, there has been a great sense of maturity developing amongst all students.

All students have really engaged well and enjoyed our topic lessons on "The Scented Garden" this term. They have had the chance to grow their own plants, identify a variety of plants around the school grounds and really get in touch with nature. They shined through their assessments and I couldn't have been prouder!

With a difficult year for the world, Hazel Class has adapted so well to all changes being made around the school, in their class and have always tried their hardest!

They are a special class to me that will never be forgotten.

Have a great Summer break!

Mr Gibney

Ms Harris - Willow Class

Term 5 and 6 have been very busy in Willow Class! In English we wrote two stories and really got to work on using speech to show our characters thoughts and feelings, along with adverbs to make descriptions even more detailed. We have enjoyed hearing Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, as a class story and this has provided a lot of ideas for our weekly Big Write session.

Our topic this term is The Scented Garden and we started off with a walk around the grounds to examine plants and flowers in more detail. We then started learning more about plant lifecycles and the function of each part of the plant and how it helps this cycle to continue. Our text this term is an explanation text, and we have been looking at the features of this genre and at how we can apply them in an explanation of our own.

Maths work this term has been on shape and direction. We revisited our learning on 2D shape and were able to describe shapes by properties, including lines of symmetry and right angles. Our work on 3D shapes started with exploring the way they differ from 2D shapes and learning new vocabulary such as faces, edges and vertices to help describe their properties. We have also focussed on clockwise and anti-clockwise turns.

5* U is continuing this term and we are having fun and working as hard as we can to earn our points for engagement and good team work during the exercises, dances and games!





Mrs Redhead - Beech Class

In Beech class this term we have been enjoying our topic 'The Scented Garden'. We have gone on learning walks around the flowerbeds and planted seeds. Children have learned how a seed grows and what its parts are called. We have tried strawberries from a plant and we are excited to see our tomato plants and sweet pea grow in the classroom! In Maths, we have been working with money and learned how to exchange, add and find change. This will be so useful for next time you go shopping! We have also moved on to multiplying and dividing which is helping the children to master the times tables. In PSHE, we're thinking about what we are proud of and our goals moving forward. It's been great to see what the children are planning to achieve next!

Nature Friendly Schools Project - Jo Carr



This year we have been working in partnership with the Sensory Trust and The Field Studies Council as part of the exciting Nature Friendly Schools. The project aims to support delivery of high - quality activities in the natural environment and understand how this can contribute to improved mental health and wellbeing for our students as well as their greater engagement with school.



We are improving our outdoor learning capacity by:

- Further 'greening' of our school grounds
- Working alongside the Sensory Trust to deliver outdoor sessions and building a sensory dome and sensory trail for the whole school to use and enjoy
- Whole staff training to increase confidence in delivering outdoor learning
- Utilising the fully funded learning packs, Field Studies Guides and wet weather gear provided by the Project partners

We have seen huge enthusiasm and engagement from our students so far and as this is an ongoing project we are looking forward to building on its success. Sessions so far have included learning about some of the flora and fauna we share our school grounds with such as birds, butterflies, ladybirds and trees.



It has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm, focus, fascination and joy!





Ms Rios—Juniper Class

This term in Juniper, we have been very pleased with the children's progress. We have learnt lots of new things and we have had lots of fun together. In Maths, students have learnt to add and subtract numbers to 100 using a variety of methods (e.g. dienes, counters, number lines); double and half numbers; fractions (quarters and halves); and have recently mastered their 2x tables. We have also compared height, length and weight of objects and gained the ability to recognise the value of different money and use this knowledge to do simple transactions.

In English, students have created their own stories by adapting scenes from a story board. The stories we started with were 'Toy Story', 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Farmer Duck' and 'Calling All Athletes!'. We have seen some very creative writing which the children have enjoyed, and have shown great commitment and resilience with their writing. Our topic sessions have looked at Housing, where students created their own houses using 2D shapes; Farm Animals, where we created our own animals; and The Olympics, where we discussed different sports, countries and made our own Olympic Torches. This term, we have also read 'The Little Prince' and the 'Fix It Friends' saga, where values about friendship and kindness have been shared.

We have also enjoyed some time outdoors as the weather changes. In PE, children have worked on their team building skills in a variety of activities, played football and basketball, and have been setting their own PBs in our own Juniper Olympics event. In Forest School, we learned about how different animals interact in their environment and the life cycles of different animals. We have made nests, learned how to camouflage, and have been out hunting for insects. We studied some famous artists in History and made sculptures in the style of Alberto Giacometti. The children have really enjoyed practising a choreography for the song Mamma Mia, our project evolved into a videoclip of the song which included our great moves and lots of teachers in school. Children in Juniper have had an amazing term in which we have made many great things working together and learning about kindness.



Art Week - Ms Harris

28th June this year saw the start of Children's Art Week. Each class chose an Artist to focus on, and learned some facts about their lives and some of their more well-known pieces of art. The pupils then got to work on producing art in the style of the artist, using a range of mediums, such as clay, paint, pastel and sculpture. Throughout the week, each class created 2 or 3 pieces of work, taking the art work from design, and imagination into practical skills and onto the final piece.

Everyone really enjoyed their sessions and learned new techniques and styles of work. There are plenty of budding artists at North Star 82. We hope you enjoy looking at these amazing pieces of art as much as we enjoyed creating them.





Elm and Aspen - Miss Hegde & Mrs Woodland

During terms 5 and 6 the children in Elm and Aspen we have been learning about toys, houses and homes, life on a farm and The Olympics and Paralympics. For the toys topic, the children were given time to explore different toys, looking at what they were made of, how they are played with and who might like the play with them. We also looked at different toys from around the world and toys from the past - the children couldn't believe games consoles weren't always around!

During our topic 'house and homes' the children considered the different homes that people live in, what they are made of and why. We looked at the differences between houses in the city and the country as well as comparing houses that have been built recently to those from hundreds of years ago. We also looked at some famous buildings from around the world. For our topic on farms, the children grew their own cress. They also learnt about all the different animals they would find on the farm, discovering what they and their young are called, what sort of environment they live in and what they like to eat. As we moved into our topic on The Olympics and The Paralympics, the children have been looking at the different events that take place as well as looking at Greece, where the games began, and Japan, where the games are taking place this year. During our PE lessons this term, the children have been learning different skills that are needed by athletes to compete, these have included throwing at a target (a child friendly version of the shot put), running races and jumping (for our version of the long jump). During the last week of term, Elm and Aspen will take part in their own, friendly, version of The Olympics!



During Art Week, Aspen class researched the Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky. We learned that he was an abstract artist that used circles, lines and 2D shapes in his art and was inspired by listening to music and his feelings. We experimented with paint using primary colours and mixing our own secondary colours. We also made our own cardboard and string stamps for printing and stuck pre-cut shapes together in the style of Kandinsky's 'squares and concentric circles. Lastly we moulded clay into circular shapes then drew patterns on them with a paintbrush handle before painting them and displayed them on our very own Kandinsky inspired tree.





Anti-Bullying

How to report bullying at North Star 82°. It is important that we create an atmosphere in school where anyone who is experiencing bullying behaviours feel that they will be listened to, and that action will be taken.

We have three different ways of reporting bullying in our school. Students who have experienced bullying or witnessed it happening to another student can fill in our 'Bullying Behaviour Report Form' either individually or with their tutor. Reporting can also be done anonymously filling in 'Bullying Behaviour Report Slip' available on Anti-Bullying boards in classes and in the main corridor. You, as parents/carers, can also report bullying on our website.

If you would like to report bullying behaviour that your child has disclosed at home please do so on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H5N29LF> or by contacting a trusted adult associated with your child in school.

Relationships Education

This term we have been learning about the importance of relationships education through our assembly and lessons on RSE day, we have focused on the importance of respect and consent in ALL relationships. Look at an example of our relationships pledge [#RSEday](#) [#healthyrelationships](#)



Beech Class Pledge

In any relationship, I have a right to be treated nicely, be shown respect, to feel like I ^{to be} with others, to give consent, to show my personality.

In all my relationships, I have a responsibility to be ^{to be} respect, keep them safe, listen, help, be honest.



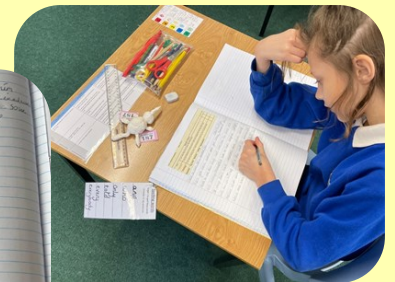
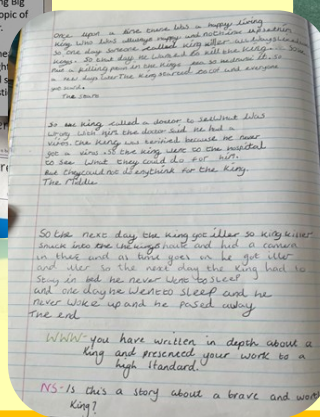
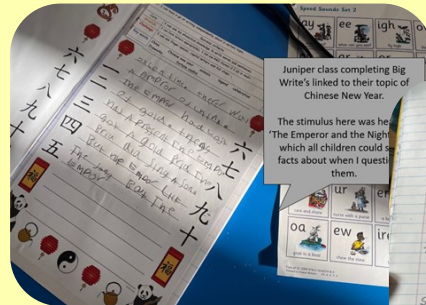


English

This term in English we have had a real focus on writing and developing our confidence to write in a range of creative styles. We now even have a writer of the term competition to celebrate our amazing writing!

On Friday morning's all children in North Star 82° take part in a Big Write, this is a chance for all children to talk about a video, story or picture and complete some exciting writing about it.

Big Write will be a calm lesson with some calm music on or dim lights for you to relax and enjoy writing. Look at some of our writing that has made us proud this term.



We would like to thank The Greggs Foundation for their support of our Breakfast Club and in providing electrical appliances, beds and bedding and food and uniform vouchers to some of our parents / carers.

Not only do they make great cakes and other baked products, but they are generous and supportive in what has been a very difficult year for many people! Their support has been heart-warming.

Shakye and Mr Wellington enjoy a refreshing glass of Elderflower Cordial as they lock horns in battle over the chess board. White Queen in commanding position.





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Free School Meal Vouchers – Important Information

Bristol City Council has allocated a £90 Free School Meal voucher for each eligible child to cover the 6 week summer holiday - these will be sent via email, please check your junk/spam folder if you have not received yours by Tuesday 20th July 2021

If you have any questions, please contact the Hawk Select help line telephone number 03446939901 first or email the school northstar82@northstar-academy.co.uk (we will reply as soon as we are able)



Engaged

ERIC's Parents & Carers Support Group in Bristol

A group for anyone caring for a child or young person under the age of 19 who has a bowel or bladder condition.

Zoom Parent Support Groups

Date:

Time:

11th August

7pm

26th August

11am

For information and to join,
go to: www.eric.org.uk/engagedinBristol
email: engaged@eric.org.uk or call 0117 9805938

Thanks to funding from the National Lottery
Community Fund.



Enjoy your Summer Break from all of us at North Star 82° #staysafe





Short breaks

Short Breaks are sessions for disabled children and young people, aged 4 to 18 who live in Bristol.

Please contact individual providers for details on how to register and for details of any costs per session. All activities require pre-booking.

Out and About Consortium including **WECIL**, **KHAAS**, **SENSE** and **National Autistic Society** run regular groups and fun trips for different age groups (aged 5 to 18).

wecil.co.uk/services-support/services-for-young-disabled-people
Email: outandabout@wecil.co.uk
Call: outreach workers on 07835 611 651 or 01179 479 911.

The Inclusion Service (part of Disabled Children and Specialist Service at Bristol City Council) support children and young people to access clubs including out-of-school provision, holiday clubs, sport, dance, drama, Scouts and Brownies and other activities in your local area.

Email: InclusionService@bristol.gov.uk
Call: 01179 038 250.

Bristol Autism Project has holiday activities run by **FACE** for children and young people with autism, their siblings and families. Parents or a trusted adult must stay with children at all times.

facecharity.org.uk/our-work/bristol-autism-project
Email: bap@facecharity.org.uk
Call: 01179 691 938.

Find out more
bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-local-offer/short-breaks-summer-2021



Your Holiday Hub



Your Holiday Hub will help rebuild our children and young people's confidence and social skills through play, sport, adventure, and friendship. We aim to make this summer a memorable one for Bristol's children and young people, for all the right reasons.

Activities including sport, drama, and cookery, will be taking place in schools, community centres and open spaces across this city this summer.

Who is eligible?

Your Holiday Hub offers school holiday activities for children and young people who are usually in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. Over 80 organisations and providers in Bristol have already received funding to deliver over 1,500 sessions across the city.

Background

The programme is funded by the Department for Education through the Holiday Activity and Food grant. Bristol City Council is working closely with the Bristol Association of Neighbourhood Day-care, Children's Scrapstore, Feeding Bristol and FareShare to coordinate a summer 2021 programme of fun and engaging activities for children and young people in Bristol.

We're encouraging more inclusive activities, but please contact providers to check suitability for specific needs or disability.

Find activities in your area:
bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/find-a-holiday-activity



Summer holidays 2021



Things to do

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Things to do

Please contact the provider to check the suitability for the child and register.



Bristol Bears Community Foundation
Summer camps
Development camps and skills masterclasses during a jam-packed summer programme.
bristolbearsrugby.com



Flamingo Chicks dance classes
School's out Bristol. Holiday classes and more.
flamingochicks.org



Elly Shearman Tennis Coaching
Accessible Summer Holiday Tennis Camps.
26 to 29 July, 3pm to 4pm
9 to 12 August, 3pm to 4pm
ellyshearmentennis.co.uk



Gympanzees Summer Road Show
Specialised gyms and sensory rooms, therapy suites and social cafes. The chance to exercise, play and build friendships for the whole family.
gympanzees.org



Incredible Kids
Inclusive Play & Support for families with children with additional needs. Running at the Vench in Lockleaze over the summer holidays.
incrediblekids.org.uk



The Hive, Avon
Over 18s drop-ins for people with learning difficulties.
thehiveavon.org.uk



Children's Scrapstore
Large warehouse and shop. Varied, colourful and abundant scrap materials for creative play opportunities. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm (Thursdays open at 11am).
childrensscrapstore.co.uk



Nova Sports and Coaching
Holiday activities: multi-sports, tennis, frame running and wheelchair basketball.
novasportsandcoaching.co.uk

Advice and support



FLORA
Families, Local Offer, Resources and Advice.
0117 352 6020
flora@bristol.gov.uk



Supportive Parents
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Independent Advice and Support Service.
0117 989 7725
supportiveparents.org.uk



Well Aware
Find wellbeing services in Bristol.
0808 808 5252
wellaware.org.uk



The Local Offer
bristol.gov.uk/web/bristol-local-offer/advice-and-support-for-parents-and-carers

More information



Creative Youth Network
Youth Clubs, creative courses, performances.
creativeyouthnetwork.org.uk



Young Bristol holiday clubs (open access).
youngbristol.com



Accessible cinema screenings
accessiblescreeningsuk.co.uk



Autism friendly cinema listings
dimensions-uk.org



Parasport search for inclusive sports.
parasport.org.uk



Sensory Walks free maps.
sense.org.uk



Accessible Events in Bristol
Accessible Things To Do in Bristol
visitbristol.co.uk



Bristol Accessibility Guide
accessible.co.uk



Access Sport Inclusive Activities.
accesssport.org.uk



Ignite Bristol Disability inclusive sports.
ignitebristol.co.uk

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bristol.gov.uk/bristol-local-offer



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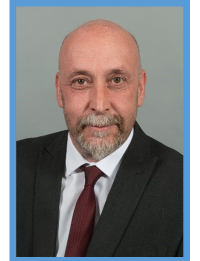


Safeguarding Information

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is
Mrs Jilly Garland, Interim Head of School



The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is
Mr Lucas Wellington, SENCO



Safeguarding

In order to keep your children safe at all times we must be able to reach you so we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of keeping your details up to date with the school office. Please inform us of any changes as soon as they occur so that we can update our contact systems. We are especially in need of your email address' as we will now be sending more communications electronically.

We would also encourage people to self-refer to specific agencies for help:

Online safety

Help setting up parental controls and advice on current issues young people face online and gaming:

www.internetmatters.org

www.saferinternet.org.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

Domestic Abuse

24 hour free helpline 0808 2000 247 or visit online at www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk

Mental Health

<https://www.mind.org.uk/> or call: 0300 123 3393 or text: 86463

Childline	0800 1111
Off the Record	https://www.otrbristol.org.uk/
Kooth	www.kooth.com





Information for Parents



If you need to tell someone in school about a problem click here

Would you like to speak to somebody but feel like you just can't?

The school have now got a new tool called **Whisper**.

What is Whisper?

Whisper is a new tool that allows you to speak to someone at the school absolutely anonymously.

You may be worried that someone you know is being bullied,

You may feel you are getting bullied yourself,

You may be worried about something happening at home or your community.

You may have questions that you need answering from the school.

You may need some advice about social media,

How do I use whisper?

On the school website, you will see that Whisper logo. If you click this, it will take you to a form you can fill in and send.

You can also text us on **07860021584** simply text **BS18** and then **your message**.

We are here to help

Your School Health Nursing Team is made up of School Health Nurses and School Health Assistants who are experienced in working with children and young people. A weekly drop in clinic is held every Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:15. This service provides a relaxed and informal setting to support young people's engagement, supports young people to make informed choices and decisions and to start to take responsibility for their own physical, emotional and sexual health.

The North Bristol School Nurse Team can be contacted as follows: Telephone 0300 124 5816 and email Schoolnursesbristolnorth@cchp.nhs.uk

Further information and support can be found on the following website: <https://cchp.nhs.uk/cchp/explore-cchp/school-health-nursing>





Information from School Office

School Dinners

During School closures please refer to the advice above regarding the voucher scheme

Uniform

A quick reminder that the new uniform consists of

- A blue sweatshirt with school logo
- A white polo shirt.
- Black trousers - girls are also permitted to wear skirts/pinafore in black
- Black polishable shoes.
- Jewellery - a wristwatch and a single stud in each ear are permitted.
- Facial piercings are not permitted.
- Hair must be of standard school style with no extremes in colour, cut or styling.

Trainers are not permitted as part of school uniform

Sweatshirts and polo shirts are available, with the school logo, from the school office.

Prices are £7 for polos and £10 for jumpers

Important Information:

There is funding available to the school to support "Previously Looked After Children" who may now be adopted, have a "Special Guardianship Order" or "Child Arrangement Order". This applies only to those children who have been at some point in care.

If this applies to your child and you would like to access this funding, please

Attendance Information

Attendance continues to be very good at North Star 82° with lots of children achieving 100% on a weekly basis. Let's keep it up!

All pupils achieving 100% attendance will receive a special pencil at the end of each term and are entered into the lucky dip with the chance of winning a prize from the lucky dip bag.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us on 0117 377 2175

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