

Dear parents and carers,

What a week it has been! The whole school enjoyed Number Day on Monday, we were impressed with the number outfits the children were wearing and all the children had a great number filled day! This week has also been children's mental health week and all classes have all taken part in Kids Fit workshops as part of the week. The theme for the week has been 'My Voice Matters' children in Reception have tasted a variety of fruit and expressed opinions about the fruit and children in KS1 have created a swirl showing things that are important to them and help keep them healthy and happy.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to the parent consultation meetings this week. We hope you enjoyed hearing about how your child is getting on in school.

It is a busy first week back after half term so please do check over the dates section of the newsletter carefully as we have the South Glos Parents and Carers coffee morning, funky hair fun day, World Thinking Day and Safer Internet Day taking place!

Have a wonderful half term and we will see you on Monday 19th February.
Miss Tumelty



World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March this year, and we are planning lots of exciting activities to celebrate our love of reading. The day will start with the opportunity to come to Broadway hall from 8am till 8.30 for '**Bridgeway Breakfast with a Book**', where parents and children can come and have a bacon roll, and share some books together. You will need to book your slot and pre-order your breakfast so we can prepare enough food – booking details will be shared in the newsletter after half term. We look forward to seeing you!

There will be lots of exciting activities happening on World Book Day – more details about these very soon. As usual, we will be sending home a challenge for families to take part in if they would like to. In the past we have sent home paper to make hats and paper bags to make puppets. This year, we will be sending home blank postcards for you to design, decorate and write (these will be sent home after half term). Children can decide to write to a character in a book, write as if they are the character themselves, write about their favourite book – anything they like! We will make a display of all the postcards in school.

Messages from...

Reception

Our topic next term is about growing.

We will be planting and growing seeds, looking at life cycles of different animals as well as different animals habitats and the countries where they live.

Y1 Next term, Year 1 are doing a DT project all about movable pictures using sliders and levers. We were hoping to share with the children a range of movable toddler books with pages that have push, pull, wheel and slide interactive parts. If you have any of these books which you don't use anymore and are happy to donate to school, we would love to receive them. Please hand into the office. Thank you in advance.

Y2 We are planning on going on a pretend trip to Africa on Monday 19th February to launch our text Meerkat Mail and to link with our Geography topic. Please could the children bring in a small wheeled bag/case or a backpack. They can also pack sunglasses and sunhat if they have one. If they don't have a bag we will have some spare ones in school.

South Glos Parents and Carers Coffee Morning

We would love to invite you to our coffee morning with South Glos Parent and Carers in the first week after half term.

When: Tuesday 20th February 9.30- 10.30am

Where: Broadway school hall.

We hope to see lots of you there - all parents are welcome. It will be a great opportunity for parents to find out about the SGPC service as well as engage with other parents who are facing similar challenges including SEND needs.

SGPC will be talking about anxiety and difficulties attending school as well as sharing information about their service and drop in sessions.

Mrs. Clark

Anxiety and Difficulties Attending School

- Worried or concerned about your child?
- Join us for a chat
- Helping you support your child's needs
- Your child does not need a diagnosis for you to attend

BROADWAY INFANTS & THE RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Drop in 20th February 2024, 9:30am

SGPC South Glos Parent Carers

Creative Club Y1

Creative Club will take place for Year 1 children on Tuesday evenings next term.

There are 6 sessions, and parents will need to pay £6 in advance on Arbor (this cost covers the additional materials needed). There will be a limit of 15 places, so it will be first come first served, and sign up on Arbor will open at 7pm on Friday 9th February. Sessions will be held straight after school in Blue Class, and parents can collect their child from the main entrance at 4.30pm.

Fire Fighters Visit

On Wednesday Y1 had a very exciting visit from the Fire Fighters! The children were so excited, they listened to the fire fighters talk about what they do in their job. They even got to sit in the fire engine and try out the hose!

My favourite part was trying on the helmet - Arlo

The best part was when they squirted the water - Millie-Rose

It was fun to sit in the fire engine - James

The Fire truck is huge so people know they are coming - Dominic

I enjoyed using the hose it was fun - Jack W

I liked the fire fighters telling us about keeping safe - Manha

I liked the fire fighters because they had a big tall truck - Clio

Champion Readers

Daily reading practise helps make your child a better reader. Practising little and often makes the biggest impact on your child's progress.

Well done to Blue Class for being the winners this week!

Red	18	Yellow	17
Green	18	Orange	22
Purple	20	Blue	25

Communication Volunteers Funky Hair Funday

We are always trying to increase the numbers of parents and carers who are reading the school newsletter and receiving the important information included. We are hoping to get a parent volunteer who would be a communication volunteer for their year group and agree to share the newsletter on their year group Facebook / WhatsApp groups and also any reminders relevant to their year groups. If you are interested in supporting us to do this please contact school!

On Thursday 22nd February we will be having a 'Funky Hair Funday' in support of the Princess trust. One of the Reception pupils has decided to have her hair cut and donate it to the Princess Trust so it can be made into a wig for children who have lost their hair due to cancer and other illnesses. She would love for your support on the day and is inviting the children from the Ridge and Broadway to come to school with funky hair in exchange for a donation to this worthy cause. Here is a link to her Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/marnies-little-princess-trust>

Important Dates

Monday 19th February	First day of Term 4
Tuesday 20th February	South Glos Parents and Carers SEN coffee morning. Joint with The Ridge. At Broadway.
Thursday 22nd February	Funky Hair Funday
Thursday 22nd February	World Thinking Day— Brownies and Rainbows can wear their uniforms to school
Friday 23rd February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 27th February	Reception Stay and Play—2-3pm
Thursday 29th February	Reception Stay and Play—9.15-10.15am
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—see today's newsletter
Tuesday 12th March	Y2 Stay and Count—2.15-3.15pm
Thursday 14th March	Y2 Stay and Count—9-10am
Monday 18th March	Y1 Stay and Count—2.15-3.15pm
Thursday 21st March	Y1 Stay and Count—9-10am

Attendance

Our target is 97%

The whole school attendance for this week is **94.3%**

Red	91%	Yellow	88.6%
Green	96.7%	Orange	97.6%
Purple	95.3%	Blue	96.6%

There is a strong link between good school attendance and academic learning and progress.

Please note that holidays in term time are very unlikely to be authorised and may result in a fine from the Local Authority.

Birthdays!

Birthday wishes go to...

Reception: Ella J

Year 1: Molly, Lewis, Ziggy, Olivia S, Isabelle

Year 2: Seya, Jack H, Amber, Leah S, Elsie and Delphie

