



## Newsletter 4—Autumn 2 - End of term review

The run up to the Christmas holiday is always particularly busy and the children have been working hard both academically and in all the extra and cross-curricular opportunities that have been on offer.

### Children in Need & Christmas Jumper Day

The children dressed in something 'spotty' for Children In Need and raised a wonderful £481.75, and for Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper' Day, we raised £245.94. Well done everyone!



### Cobalt Unit Christmas card appeal

This year we are having a Christmas card collection bin delivered to school in aid of charity.

After Christmas, please bring in any old Christmas cards for the collection. Once collected, they will be transported for recycling to raise funds for the medical charity The Colbalt Unit in Cheltenham. Colbalt are a charity, which invest in research, equipment and education to aid medical diagnosis.

The Christmas card collection bin will be at the Waterwells School office entrance until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019, so any finished with Christmas cards would be gratefully received.



### Year 4 Trip

Year 4 visited The National Roman Legion Museum at Caerleon. We visited the amphitheatre,

barracks and Roman baths and found out about how the Romans lived during workshops on the Roman military and on Roman daily life.

### KS1 Nativity

Well done to all the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children on their Nativity performances of 'Hey Ewe'. The children worked incredibly hard and put on a wonderful show. Thank you to all those that came along to show support.



### Year 5 Trip

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Year 5 took a trip to 'We the Curious' in Bristol. The morning was spent in the science museum, playing on the interactive exhibits and learning all about different aspects of science, as well as animation and technology.

However, the main event was in the 3D Planetarium where

we learnt more about space, which is what we have been learning about in topic and science this term. We got to experience space in 3D and learnt about the stars, meteors and different planets. We had a lot of fun and really enjoyed learning more about space!



### Sir Thomas Rich's

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December Year 5 were visited by some sixth form students from Sir Thomas Rich's secondary school. A small group of students visited each Year 5 class and taught us about space. They told us information about each

planet in our solar system and used some visuals to show us the order of the planets. We got to ask them questions and they quizzed us on what we already knew. The sixth form students were really impressed with all the information that we already knew and we really enjoyed them teaching us more about space.

**The children will return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

I am pleased to share with you that I will be expecting my second child in April 2019. All being well, I will be off during the Summer term to hopefully return for September 2019. I, of course, will ensure you are kept up to date with arrangements for cover during my leave and will send a letter confirming these arrangements during the Spring term.

Have a wonderful festive break and I wish you all a very happy new year.

*Mrs Rawlings, Head of School*



## GOOD NEWS!



**Congratulations to the children who have earned themselves an end of term BEST certificate. Well done!**

<b>R Wren</b>	Frank Freya Toby Alex F Daphne-Dori	<b>R Robin</b>	Zack Logan I Amrita Amira Jameson	<b>1 Penguin</b>	Fabian Emily D Jordan Hudson Hugo	<b>1 Puffin</b>	Alfie Harriet Chloe Oliver Edward
<b>2 Kingfisher</b>	Samuel Mia Isabelle Charlie MJ	<b>2 Flamingo</b>	Maya Ethan Corben Cody Syd	<b>3 Heron</b>	Jarrell Kara Lily-May Theo Erin Aidan	<b>3 Crane</b>	Cassie Damian William Thomas H Zoe
<b>4 Raven</b>	Maja Alexandra Genevieve Alec Rosie	<b>4 Starling</b>	Katerina Freddie Wojciech Remae Maya	<b>5 Skylark</b>	Summer Ruby Kiri Ibrihim Tobyn	<b>5 Swift</b>	Leila Nadia Shaun Harry Libby
<b>6 Owl</b>	Kosma Jaydan Leilani Rose-Marie George	<b>BEST REWARD</b>  <b>The house that earned the most BEST points this half-term was <b>WHITLEY!</b></b>  <b>Well done Whitley!</b>					



### Notices

#### BREAKFAST CLUB BOOKING - Reminder

We have a maximum 30 spaces per day for breakfast club, which has to be booked and paid for in advance of the day via the school office. Children who are not booked in and paid for in advance cannot be admitted.

#### PARKING

We regularly send out reminders to parents via text about the importance and need to park and drive safely and considerately in the local area. Please do not park on corners or verges of pavements as this obscures the walkways for pedestrians and those with prams, as well as making visibility difficult, inhibiting safety.

I would also like to highlight that all the housing directly around the school is now inhabited, including the ex-show homes. Please do not block people's driveways and be considerate of our local community.

We want the area to be a safe place for the whole community but need everyone to buy into this to make it work.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### PLAYTIMES

Children will be outside in most weathers and where possible we use the field to allow greater space for play. Unfortunately, at times, this may mean your child may get mud on their clothing. If you would like to provide waterproofs and wellies for your child, please do. If so, these should be named and sent in a named carrier bag, which your child can then keep on their school peg.

#### Change for Summer Term from original Key Dates letter –

#### SUMMER TERM SWIMMING

Swimming in the Summer term, Wednesdays 10.45 -11.15am at GL1 (01/05/19 – 17/07/19), will now be with year 5 and not year 4 as originally planned. We have taken the decision to change this so we can pick up upper key stage 2 children that are not meeting the National Curriculum requirements in Swimming before they leave us at the end of year 6.



It's been an exceptionally busy, yet successful half term of sport at Waterwells – the cold weather and darker evenings haven't put our athletes off. They all deserve a rest over Christmas, that's for sure!

Girls' Football

Two league matches in two weeks saw Waterwells Girls put in an exceptional performance away at Field Court Juniors, coming away with a 0-9 victory! Well done to Kelly and Nevaeh who scored their first goals. We then welcomed Beech Green and played out of our skin once again, to win 7-0. This placed us top of our group and sent us through to the League Finals...



This was played at Oxstalls on a very chilly November evening, against the other five group winners. We knew it would be tough, but the girls dug deep and performed superbly as a team. The result of their hard work – a fantastic 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall! We came within one point of top spot – so close. But the girls should be incredibly proud of their achievements; 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, from 35 schools in the Gloucester Girls Leagues is a wonderful achievement. Well done girls!

Team: Kathy-Kay, Simona, Leilani, Nevaeh, Summer, Ibhalukho & Kelly.



Sportshall Athletics

An exceptional performance from our indoor athletics team saw us come back with an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> place! This event sees children compete in two track and two field events, with their scores and times contributing to an overall team score. Ace work guys!

TEAM: Kathy-Kay, Leilani, Nevaeh, Kelly, Summer, Simona, Leon, Lloyd, Jaydan, Kornel, Olivier and Harvey.



Cross Country Championships A huge 'CONGRATULATIONS' to all the children who represented Waterwells at the Gloucester Schools' Cross Country Championships in November. The standards we incredibly high, with 150 children competing in each race. Some exceptional performances are highlighted below, and an additional 'congrats / good luck' to Nevaeh, Kathy-Kay and Leilani who – having finished in the top 15 (Year 5 and 6) - have been selected to join the Gloucester City Cross Country Training Squad.



	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Boys</b>	Loughlin – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Archie – 49 <sup>th</sup>	Reece – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Harvey - 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Leon – 16<sup>th</sup></b>
	Adrian – 34 <sup>th</sup>	Lucas – 54 <sup>th</sup>	Romeo – 63 <sup>rd</sup>	Lloyd – 39 <sup>th</sup>	George – 88 <sup>th</sup>
	Callum – 40 <sup>th</sup>	Leo – 81 <sup>st</sup>	Jayden – 67 <sup>th</sup>	Matthias – 49 <sup>th</sup>	Jaydan – 91 <sup>st</sup>
	Corben – 42 <sup>nd</sup>	Kai – 82 <sup>nd</sup>	Olivier – 71 <sup>st</sup>	Charles – 61 <sup>st</sup>	Roman – 103 <sup>rd</sup>
	Kacper – 57 <sup>th</sup>	Josh – 83 <sup>rd</sup>	Sam – 108 <sup>th</sup>	Kornel – 71 <sup>st</sup>	Henry – 105 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Girls</b>	<b>Eghonghon – 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Faith – 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Shantiana – 39 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nevaeh – 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Leilani – 4<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>Pixie – 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Natasha – 56 <sup>th</sup>	Katerina – 52 <sup>nd</sup>	Summer – 67 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kathy-Kay – 6<sup>th</sup></b>
	Megan – 41 <sup>st</sup>	Taylor-Mai – 77 <sup>th</sup>	Julia – 64 <sup>th</sup>	Izabela – 70 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kelly – 17<sup>th</sup></b>
	Freya – 67 <sup>th</sup>	Macy – 94 <sup>th</sup>	Lacy – 72 <sup>nd</sup>	Leonita – 93 <sup>rd</sup>	Simona – 66 <sup>th</sup>
	Chloe – 68 <sup>th</sup>	Samanta – 110 <sup>th</sup>	Zosia – 78 <sup>th</sup>	Tayla – 96 <sup>th</sup>	Izzy – 73 <sup>rd</sup>