



Banwell Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 2023



A word from our new Learning Mentor



Hello, my name is Mrs Parker. I have worked at the school in various roles for 14 years and I am now the new learning mentor. My role within the school is to be there for lots of children to help them overcome any barriers to learning in school. I have a group of young carers who meet once a week where we do lots of fun things! I am also here for parents who may need support. I am on the playground every morning or you can contact me via mo.parker@banwell.extendlearning.org



Sports for Champions, a sports charity, are coming to visit our school on Wednesday 18th October; the pupils will be taking part in a sponsored fitness event that has been organised by Sports for Champions.

Please scan the QR code on the sponsor form to donate via our Crowdfunder page.

We are really looking forward to seeing our EYFS and KS1 children in the new nativity outfits we have recently purchased. We have been able to buy these new outfits thanks to the generosity of Friends of Banwell PTA who have donated funds from fundraising events. Thank you for all your hard work.



Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health day
– Tuesday 10th of October



Every year we celebrate World Mental Health Day on 10 October. The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental health is a universal human right'. World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health. It's also a chance to talk about mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling. We are encouraging to children to wear yellow in support of #hellowyellow a Young Minds campaign. Click [here](#) for more information.



Hi my name is Sammy (She/Her) from the Mental Health Support Team. I work in Banwell School each

week on a Thursday. The mental health support team (MHST) is here to help your school to develop ways to look after the mental health of its students, staff, parents and carers.

I am an Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) and I support your school to understand what you need, providing staff training and offering lessons on well-being. I am also trained to give 1-1 support to students with anxiety, low mood and other struggles with well-being.

Save the date!

Term 1&2

10 October Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

1st November Nasal Flu Spray – Whole school

2nd November Individual School Photos

14th November 4pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening & Book Fair

15th November 3.30pm - 5.30pm Parents Evening & Book Fair

8th December Carol Service

12th December 2pm Rec & KS1 Nativity to Parents

13th December 9.30am Rec & KS1 Nativity to Parents

14th December 8:45 am Y6 Lifeskills

15th December 9.15am Outstanding Certificates Assembly

18th December Christmas Parties

19th December Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

TERM 3 & 4

12th March 4pm – 6.30pm Parents Evening

13th March 3.30pm - 5.30pm Parents Evening



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Staying safe around fireworks

The government has produced a helpful guide to staying safe on bonfire night. Please click [here](#) for information that you may wish to share with your children.



The nasal flu immunisation will be happening in school on 1st November. Please visit <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23> to opt in/out of the immunisation.

Save the date!

28th March 9:15am
Outstanding Certificate
Assembly

TERM 5 & 6

13th – 16th May KS2
SATs week

20th – 22nd May Y6
Camp

7th June 9.15am
Sports Day

3rd July Class / Y6
Leavers photos

10th July Y6 Production
to school & parents

11th July Y6 Production
to parents

19th July 9.15am
Outstanding Certifi-
cates Assembly

23rd July 9.15am
Leavers Assembly

Are you looking for a primary school in September 2024?



BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

We would love for you to come and join us at our open mornings/afternoons. This is an opportunity for you to hear from our reception teacher Mrs Bevan, to meet the team and to take a tour of the school.

12th Oct – 1:30pm-2:30pm

10th Nov – 9:15am – 10:15am

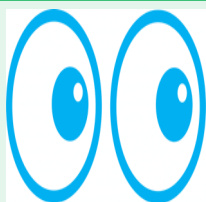
Please can you confirm either by phone (tel: 01934 822498) or email (office@banwell.extendlearning.org) if you would like to attend.

We hope to see you!



If you cannot make these dates or times, please contact us and we will arrange a suitable visit for you.

Admissions window for applying for school places is now open and closes at 11:59pm on 15th January 2024.



**Don't forget to
check out your
child's class
page on our
website where you will find
lots of useful information.**

www.banwell.primary.co.uk

Date for your diary.....

**Provisional Friends of
Banwell PTA AGM**

**Tuesday 17th October
3:30pm**

SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR!
COMING SOON!

We will once again be hosting a book fair on the 14th & 15th November (parents evenings). This is a great opportunity to get ahead on your Christmas shopping! Last year we raised over £300 from the books you purchased—thank you! We were able to use some of this money to buy each new reception child a book to go in their bookbag. The reception bookbags were all kindly purchased by our amazing PTA!

Contact us:

Email: office@banwell.extendlearning.org

Tel: 01934 822 498

Friends of Banwell PTA Christmas Art Project

Hello,

We are the PTA, a Parent Teacher Association, called Friends of Banwell PTA. It is our role to bring together parents, teachers and children to help raise funds for the school and strengthen the school community. Our fund raising goes towards things for the children that the school budget does not cover to help to make the school a better place for the children to learn.

Over the next couple of weeks, your child/children will be completing a Christmas picture in class, which can be printed into Christmas Cards to send to family and friends, or a variety of other fabulous printing ideas as gifts.

The initiative is through a company called Art Projects for Schools and after half term, your child/children will be coming home with their original artwork plus a leaflet on how to go about ordering any items embellished with their artwork.

Once you receive your child's/children's artwork with accompanying leaflet, orders will be open until Thursday 9th November. Any items ordered will be returned to the school and sent home with your child on Thursday 23rd November, in plenty of time for Christmas!

We'd like to ask for your support with this project, if you can, to help raise funds for the school and the children.

Thank you,

Friends of Banwell PTA





**Sports For
Champions UK®**

Community Interest Company

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Dear parents and guardians,

Sports For Champions UK (CIC) is excited to visit your school or club soon! We welcome all young people to participate in a sponsored fitness circuit conducted by an experienced Paralympic or Olympic athlete. Our mission is to EDUCATE - ENABLE - EMPOWER the participants, inspiring them to become the champions of tomorrow.

We encourage everyone to take part, regardless of athletic ability. All young people possess talent and need motivation to chase their dreams. With 12 years of successfully conducting impactful workshops, we guarantee a memorable and cherished event!

Our events raise funds for schools or clubs, with 60% of the proceeds going towards enhancing students' education and experiences. The remaining 40% supports dedicated professional athletes. As a not-for-profit, government-audited organisation, we are voluntarily registered with the Fundraising Regulator, ensuring your donations are allocated responsibly.

Our athletes share their success stories, life lessons, and personal insights through an interactive assembly, captivating everyone's imagination and promoting healthier, active lifestyles. They discuss resilience, nutrition, and dedication with an engaging PowerPoint presentation.

Physical fitness is vital for young people's overall well-being, and it is proven to boost learning potential and cognitive abilities. Our inspiring event days promote growth in all aspects by showcasing positive, healthy, and community-minded practices in a fun, educational environment.

Many world-class athletes face financial challenges, such as unsponsored training, insufficient support, or lack of funding, forcing them to retire early from their sports. The Sports for Champions model enables athletes to overcome these obstacles and reach their full potential.

As a community interest company, we appreciate that not all families are able to raise funds. We ensure all participants are involved in the event and receive a free sticker, regardless of whether they were sponsored. As a parent you are not expected to raise sponsorship money and nor should you feel pressured to do so. As experienced fundraisers, we suggest you share this form with family, friends, neighbours, people at work, the gym, and your local club. Parents or Guardians should always accompany young people during their fundraising efforts for safety purposes.

Our athletes want to recognise young people's hard work and dedication to fundraising by rewarding them with a personalised thank you reward. In recognition of the participants' hard work and commitment to fundraising, our athletes offer personalized thank-you rewards, reflecting the gold, silver, or bronze medals that all sportspeople strive for.

**SPONSOR
ONLINE**



Crowdfunder

We have partnered with Crowdfunder to provide a secure digital fundraising solution for sponsors who want to **donate with their debit or credit card.**

Just **scan the QR** code and search for the school or club name, this will take you through to the fundraising page. Please leave clear details, including the young person's details so that the school or club can easily allocate the Thank You Rewards.



www.sportsforchampions.com

Meet Your Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)...

Sammy

Hi I'm Sammy (she/her) from the Mental Health Support Team. I'll be working at your school each week, say hello next time you see me!



What is MHST?

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Our logo is an otter because, like otters, we work as part of a team and we use tools! Some of our favourite tools are self-care, challenging negative thoughts, problem-solving and managing worries. We want to share these tools with you so that you can look after your own wellbeing and build your resilience.

If you would like to know more then chat to me or ...



Community Children's
Health Partnership



NHS
Avon and Wiltshire
Mental Health Partnership
AMHCT

Free event for parent carers and professionals across North Somerset!



A Day of SEND



18th October 2023. 9am-9pm. Priory Community School, BS22 6BP

- The largest SEND event we have ever arranged!
- First of its kind to ever be held in North Somerset!
- A fantastic opportunity to gain access to support!

What makes this day different from our other events?

What can you expect to see at the event?

- Keynote speakers all day for some amazing inspiration!
- Over 60 stall holders from organisations across North Somerset that offer SEND support.
- Over 50 training sessions, including: What is autism?, Anxiety & Additional Needs and ADHD.
- Drop in clinics with professionals to get specific 1-1 support.
- Practical workshops for you and your children including a chance to try out the sensory equipment from Gympanzees, and a chilli workshop hosted by Uncle Paul's Chilli Farm.

Drop in anytime, as many times as you want, so you don't have to miss a thing!

Book in advance for quicker entry on the day

Come and speak to Weston College about your young persons' transitions!



Have a question around education? Speak to the SEN team from North Somerset Council, or SEND & YOU!

<https://www.nspcwt.org/events-1/event-a-day-of-send>

Further details will be shared on our social media, @NSPCWT



Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers

CODING WORKSHOP

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# Start code here
from turtle import *
turtle = Turtle()
screen = Screen()
turtle . forward ( 90 )
turtle . circle( 50 )
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For more information and to register:
codingbug.co.uk/turtle-graphics-with-python/

Coding with Python

Unleash creative coders and get started with Python in this fun and interactive Turtle graphics with Python workshop.

The first of a series of Python workshops suitable for children 8 and above.

WHERE

Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN

Tuesday 24th October 2023
From 10am - 12pm

codingbug.co.uk

Email: info@codingbug.co.uk or call 07909226520

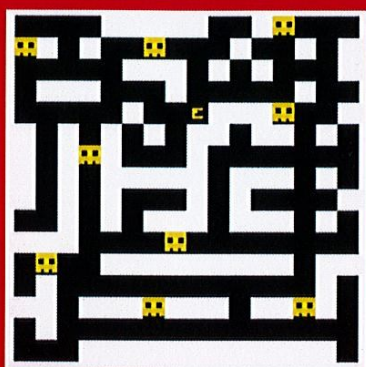


facebook.com/codingbug/



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CODING WORKSHOP



For more information and to register:
codingbug.co.uk/game-pixel-design/

Game Pixel Design

An interactive workshop for aspiring young game designers. Dive into the world of pixel art and game creation.

Suitable for children aged 8 and 12 years old.

WHERE

Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN

Thursday 26th October 2023
From 10am - 12pm

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Email: info@codingbug.co.uk or call 07909226520



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