

“Making the most of every day”

A very happy new year to you all! I hope you all had a very happy and restful Christmas holidays! Term 2 ended with a wonderful tea party which was our opportunity to say a huge Thank You to Fiona for all her commitment and hard work as Headteacher of Baytree School and to wish her a happy and exciting retirement.

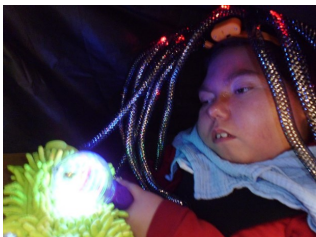
I am delighted to have been asked by the school governors to step up as acting headteacher until the end of this academic year whilst the recruitment process takes place. I am very excited about this opportunity and the journey on which I am about to embark.

I see my role as ensuring the happiness, well-being and excitement about learning for all of our pupils and families. My door is always open and I am here to help and support the whole of the Baytree school community. I hope you feel able to approach me at any opportunity.

I am very fortunate to have Adam Rider an experienced Deputy Headteacher here to support on a secondment basis for the remainder of this academic year, I know Adam is very keen on getting to know you and working with our young people and families. We are both looking forward to working with you.

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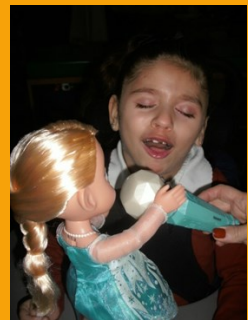
Toby and Ethan have been doing some good independent work recently. Toby was very determined to use both his hands when painting and moved the paper so he could see what he was doing. Ethan was holding a light-up spinner, and wearing silly hair. He was working really hard, opening his eyes and focusing. Well done boys!

This term in Hutton class we are focusing on skills in the kitchen and using the local community facilities.

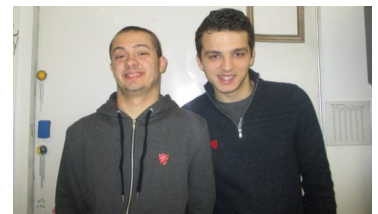
We are visiting the library and the cafe in the campus and working on peeling different vegetables and fruits. We will also be practising opening different containers of food we might find in the kitchen. We will update you with photos as we progress over the term. These are the things we peeled this week.



Our theme in Orange Class this term is “toys” so we all brought in our favourite toys to show and share with our friends. We were all really quiet as we listened to the musical toys bought in by Lily-May, Ollie, Harrison and Alannah, and we enjoyed playing with Kayzee’s spiky balls and Lexi’s flashing skittles. We’ve also explored some “old” toys; a rag doll, some cars, a rather well-loved teddy bear, a skipping rope and some old books but they seemed rather boring compared to our toys!!



Our Topic in Uphill Class this term is “Go for it”. We are thinking about safety and how to keep ourselves safe when we go out. Last week we went for a walk to see where it was safest to cross a road. We all crossed over at the Zebra crossing still checking that it was safe. We all looked and listened to see if we could see or hear any vehicles coming.



Yellow Class have been very keen to get started on their topic this term “Making a Mess”. We can’t wait to do all the fun activities that we have planned, but hope our cleaner doesn’t get too worn out by all our hard work!! Watch this space for more photos of our “mess”.

We have new School Captains in Kewstoke for this term: Aaron and Samuel. They help to set up and lead whole school assemblies on Mondays and Tuesdays. They are excellent role models for the rest of the school and always do an outstanding job.



This week Yasmine, Laura and Jack went to the flat to make their lunch. They chose to make pizza. First they had to prepare a shopping list and buy the ingredients. At the flat, they each made an individual pizza from scratch. They all worked very well to each make their pizza. The pizzas looked amazing when finished- well done! Here is Yasmine finishing making her pizza.





Dear parents, thank you so much for your part in making my surprise tea party at the end of term such a wonderful afternoon. As I walked into the hall I was astonished to be greeted by “a sea of pink and purple”! At such an extraordinarily busy time I really appreciate all of you sending in extra clothes for your children. I’d like to also thank you for all the lovely messages I received as well as your generosity towards the beautiful gifts I received: a stunning Pandora necklace, a wonderful canvas print made from finger prints (pink and purple of course!) from every child which brought tears to me eyes and now has pride of place at home, a voucher to have afternoon tea for two at Bath Spa/Pump rooms, a Baytree “Leavers hoodie”, Costa vouchers and a magnificent bay tree. I was overwhelmed by so many thoughtful gifts and the beautiful cards each of the classes had made too, along with personalised decorated cupcakes from every class! I’d like to add a special thanks to Maria O’Neil, who not only is a fabulous Healthcare Assistant, but also a “Bake off” Queen and had made a spectacular and delicious gigantic cake that fed the entire school! It was a magical end of term and I felt extremely undeserving of all this attention, but very much appreciated the warmth and kindness from everyone.

On a very personal note I am delighted to let you know that my grand daughter Elodie arrived safely on 22 December and that she and her mum are doing really well.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2017.

With warmest wishes,

Fiona

□ Anyone for tennis...?

Clevedon Lawn Tennis Club is launching a new regular tennis session for people with learning disabilities.

The new group sessions will take place on Saturdays, 1 - 2pm, from 14 January at Clevedon Lawn Tennis Club, Princes Road, BS21 7SY.

To find out more details call Head Coach Josh Middleton on 07901 595 252 or email josh@middletontennis.com



Bad Weather alerts

In the event of school closure due to poor weather we will endeavour to contact all parent/carers by text as soon as possible.

Please ensure that you notify the school if you have changed your mobile phone number. We will also update the front page of the school website. You can also check <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/> disruption and listen to local radio stations.



We are delighted to let you know that Kate Prevett’s baby—Sonny arrived safely on December 23 weighing in at 6lb 7oz. Kate and Sonny are both doing well and even managing some sleep! Sonny is already gaining weight and now weighs 8lb!! Many congratulations.

Parent Governor vacancy

There is a vacancy for a parent governor at Baytree School. If you would like to be a governor you will need to put your name forward for appointment. If there are more candidates than there are vacancies, there will be an election by secret ballot.

If you wish to stand for election as a parent governor, you must be proposed by a parent/carers of a pupil registered at the school and the nomination must be seconded by another parent/carers of a pupil registered at the school. A letter with further details has been circulated to all parents/carers.

Date for Diaries

- Tuesday 31 Jan—whole school dental screening
- Monday 20 February—Parents Evening for pupils with autumn annual reviews
- Friday 3 March - World Book day
- Friday 24 March—Red Nose Day
- Friday 7 July—Summer Fayre—2.00 pm
- Monday 10 July—Parents Evening
- Thursday 13 July am —Sports Day
- Friday 14 July 2.00 pm —Celebration Assembly
- Friday 14 July Senior School Prom
- Wed 19 July—Wet Day
- Friday 21 July 11.00 am —Leavers assembly

Term Dates 2016-2017

- THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY—END OF TERM
- **FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY—INSET DAY**
- MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY—START OF TERM
- FRIDAY 7 APRIL—END OF TERM
- MONDAY 24 APRIL—START OF TERM
- **FRIDAY 28 APRIL—INSET DAY**
- FRIDAY 26 MAY—END OF TERM
- MONDAY 5 JUNE—START OF TERM
- FRIDAY 21 JULY—END OF TERM

TERM DATES 2017-2018

- term 1: Monday 4 September 2017 to Friday 20 October 2017
- term 2: Monday 30 October 2017 to Tuesday 19 December 2017
- term 3: Thursday 4 January 2018 to Friday 9 February 2018
- term 4: Monday 19 February 2018 to Friday 23 March 2018
- term 5: Monday 9 April 2018 to Friday 25 May 2018
- term 6: Monday 4 June 2018 to Tuesday 24 July 2018