



Cherry class visit Mama's Hub



Cherry class experienced their first visit of the year on Tuesday with a visit to Mama's Hub in Bradley Stoke. The centre provided the children with the opportunity to explore and use all of their senses and to play together.

They thoroughly enjoyed all that was on offer. They had the chance to be builders and try out being a

shop assistant in the role play area.

The SEN den and the sensory room were very popular and the children loved exploring the lights and sounds on offer. A particular hit was the bouncy castle

Having the opportunity to step out of familiar surroundings together and explore a new space is very beneficial and the children made the most of this opportunity.

Thank you to the cherry staff for providing this opportunity and to Isla's mum, Kelsey, who volunteers at the Hub and made this visit possible.



The Grand Appeal non-uniform day



On Friday 13th February we are holding a non-uniform day to mark children's Mental Health week whilst raising money for The Grand Appeal.

The Mission Masters would like the children to celebrate their uniqueness by wearing something that represents their individuality and interests. This

is part of a series of activities and events they are planning to mark the week. A minimum donation of £1 per child to take part is requested and can be paid by visiting our [Just-Giving page](#).

Managing Online Information



This term the focus for our E-Safety learning is Managing Online Information and the children have received age related lessons to support their understanding of how information is presented on the Internet and to develop their critical thinking skills about the validity of information presented to them.

In assembly this term the children discussed the information they find online and were asked to consider the reliability of what they find when they are searching for information.

Using a scenario in which Captain Champion was researching animals for a homework task, the children discussed whether what he had found on the first site he visited was reliable. Successful



Samda took a little more time and care with her research and checked with an adult at home to help ensure the information was reliable. In class, children in Upper KS2 have been learning about the differences between misinformation and disinformation

Internetmatters.org have produced guidance for parents on how to tackle misinformation. This contains [resources](#) for older children to support their critical thinking including an interactive story about [Harlee-Gamez](#) and his favourite streamer. [BBC Bitesize](#) also offer a range of content, videos and quizzes to enable children to evaluate digital content. [The NSPCC](#) have useful tips on helping to spot misinformation.

Congratulations



For the second week in a row we would like to send our congratulations to a member of the teaching team who has announced they are pregnant.

Laura Jenkins and her husband Jon are expecting their first child in June. This is a very exciting time for them both and we are delighted for them.

We have started the recruitment process to find a teacher to cover Laura's maternity leave .

Term 3 Diary Dates:

Fri 6th Feb: Rec & KS1 Achievement Assembly 9:15

Mon 9th Feb: Rec weight, height and vision screening

Tues 10th Feb: Flamenco Music Concert at Resound

Weds 11th Feb: Y5/6 Author Visit

Thurs 12th Feb: Y2 trip to SS Great Britain

Fri 13th Feb:

Fri 13th Feb: KS2 Achievement Assembly 9:15

Fri 13th Feb: Last day of Term 3

Mon 23rd Feb: INSET Day

This week's Champion...



Pride is our focus this week and Meadow in Yew has been chosen as our Champion.

Mr Denton writes 'Throughout this term, Meadow has worked tirelessly to improve every day. The amount of personal effort she has shown day after day, week after week, is an inspiration to others. Furthermore, the care she shows to crafting every sentence in her writing, puts even Mrs Jenkins' models to shame. Well done Meadow.'

Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have two vacancies to join our team of lunchbreak supervisors. This is a great role for those of you who like working with children and who are looking for a role that fits in with childcare responsibilities. Visit the [Eteach web](#) site for more info.

This week's Champions!

Each week, the staff nominate one child per class who has been a model pupil, demonstrating the values which we look for in Champion Learners!

This week we have been focussing on the school value of pride. This week our Champions are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	Jack & Rufus
Reception	Zayan & Lily
Year 1	Ben & Tilda
Year 2	Phoebe & Cerys
Year 3	Archie & Kacie-Mae
Year 4	Jack & Jonah
Year 5	Arlo & Avesta
Year 6	Esme & Meadow

Attendance Champions

Year 4 are our attendance champions this week with very impressive attendance of 98.3% Year 1 and Reception are joint second with 97%.

For the second consecutive week Cherry have achieved the perfect 100%. Very well done Cherry. Willow are next with 99.6%, another fantastic percentage. Oak are in third with 98%. In a time when winter bugs and colds are prevalent this is great to see.

PE Uniform Reminder



We are starting to see branded items of clothing being worn on PE days. Can we politely remind you that this is not permitted.

PE uniform consists of : Black Blackhorse PE tee-shirt; Black PE shorts; Blackhorse branded hoodie and Blackhorse branded leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

All non Blackhorse branded items need to be plain with no logo. Thank you for your co-operation.