



Newsletter Date: 25th March 2022

### Volunteer Parent Helpers

We would love any parents who have some free time to come into school to help with the Y3 children’s reading. If you feel you can devote some time, perhaps once a week to come and help in school, please contact the school office.

### Neurodiversity

We have been celebrating ‘Neurodiversity’ with the children, which celebrates our unique strengths and differences. The children have learnt that Neurodiversity is based on the idea that everyone has a differently-wired brain and their own unique way of thinking and experiencing the world. That means that everyone thinks, learns and processes information differently. Differences in the way our brains are wired means that you may struggle to do things that others find easy. You may also find things easy that other people struggle with. Some of the different ways of thinking, learning, interacting and perceiving the world have been given labels, such as:

- ☑ ADHD
  - ☑ Autism
  - ☑ Dyslexia
  - ☑ Dyspraxia
  - ☑ Tourette Syndrome
- The children will be learning more about what these terms mean in the coming weeks and months as part as the ‘**Neurodiversity Umbrella Project for Schools**’.

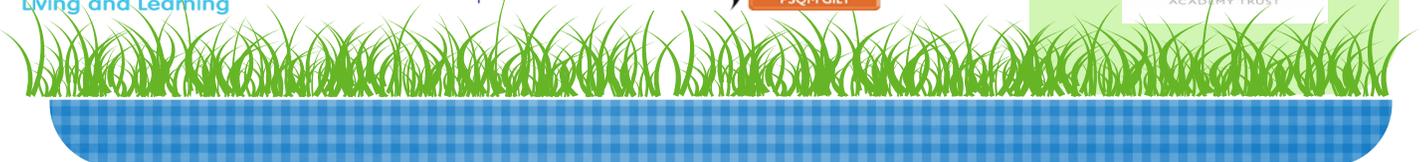


This project is an uplifting visual representation of all the different minds we have here in the UK. This will result in 25 colourful umbrellas being strung together in our school. This display is designed to represent the one in five of us who have a neurodevelopmental condition, such as ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia or Tourette’s syndrome. These conditions fall under the **umbrella** term of neurodiversity. We are changing the perception of neurodiverse/neurodivergent people and celebrating all the many strengths that come from thinking differently.

### Important Dates to Remember—Spring Term

- Friday 1st April—Y5 & Y6 Pupil Celebration 9.15—10.15 am
- Friday 8th April—School Finishes for Easter Holidays at 2.15pm
- Monday 11th April-Friday 22nd April— HALF TERM
- Monday 25th April—INSET Day, School Closed for Children
- Tuesday 26th April—School Re-opens for Children

Further dates to follow





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### Year 3 and 4 Pupil Celebration

We were so pleased to see so many parents at this morning's celebration and hope everyone enjoyed looking around the school and seeing the wonderful work the children have done. It really is lovely to be able to invite parents back into school to share their achievements and look forward to continuing this in the future.

We would really appreciate Y3 & Y4 parents and carers to complete a survey on today's open morning.

<https://forms.office.com/r/rcQfYd4yG5>



### Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Tournament

Mr Hitchman took a Y3 and 4 Tag Rugby team to Dursley Primary Academy on Thursday for a tournament. The team played really well and scored lots of tries over the course of six matches. They represented the school really well and were a credit to the school.

### Celebrating Pupils' Work

We have decided to change the way we celebrate pupils' work and instead of holding class assemblies during this term and the forthcoming Summer Term, we will be inviting parents to come and look around the school and see the lovely work the children have been doing during the year. You will have an opportunity to sit with your child and discuss their work in the classroom and tour the school with either Mrs Bennett or Mrs Wainwright. We would like to give our parents the opportunity to come into school at least 3 times each year and the first visits will be as follows:

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April for Years 5 and 6 classes from 9:15am - 10:15am

Further dates will be published in due course.

We hope parents will enjoy looking around the school to see the wonderful work the children have been doing. Tea and coffee will be provided.

### Rednock—Key Dates

We have received the following key dates for parents of Year 6 children who are joining them in September:

**Meet the Tutor Evening 13/07/2022**

**Y7 Introductory Day 15/07/2022**

Please also note they will be holding an Open Morning on Friday 1st July for Year 5 children interested in going to Rednock next year.

### Special Assembly—Wednesday 31st March

The children will have a fun morning assembly on Wednesday, when 'I Rock School of Music' will be visiting the school.

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### Year 5 & 6 Young Voices Concert

The new date for the Young Voices Concert is Tuesday 3rd May. All money previously paid and previous arrangements are being carried over.

### Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

We would like to make you aware of some of the schemes that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families of Gloucestershire:

This Spring break, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Unfortunately, we are unable to consider college and sixth form students.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £30 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover both the two weeks of the Spring holiday. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider college and sixth form students.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

For parents who have already signed up, if more of their children have become entitled to free school meals since they applied, please ask them to contact us so we can update their amount, as this not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the February half term period is now open until the 4<sup>th</sup> April. Voucher emails will be sent out between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April. Please encourage parents to also check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by then please encourage them to get in contact with us by emailing [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: [the Holiday School Meal vouchers page on our website.](#)

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